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Dear Pastors, Moderators and Delegates:

The Florida general Baptist Convention in collaboration with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Rev. Dr. Jerry Young, President, is asking the great state of Florida to help him reach a \$500,000.00 goal which has been set for our disaster relief effort.

As you well know, the Gulf Coast Region has been devastated by Hurricane Harvey, so he is asking our State Convention, District Associations and Churches to bring or send a generous offering to our National Baptist Convention Annual Session which convenes next week in Cincinnati, Ohio. During our Opening Session on Tuesday morning, September 5, 2017, a special Disaster Relief Offering will be taken up to assist with this effort. In addition, we are asking each Region to gather water, hygiene items, pampers, etc. that will be delivered once the National Baptist Disaster Management Team gives further directions.

We must remember that this effort is not a fifty-yard dash or sprint, but a twenty-six mile marathon! Thank you in advance for your outstanding support and as always, it is my great joy to serve as President of the Great State of Florida.

In His Service,

Rev. Dr. James B. Sampson, President