



Disaster Relief Committee * Peninsula-Delaware Conference

God's blessings to You, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and your churches,

I am Pastor Lee Andrea Parks of White's Chapel in Milton, DE. Recently, at Annual Conference, I was elected as co-chair for Disaster Relief of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

In August straight line winds went through an area in northern Delaware; Newark, and Hockessin. Approximately 40 homes were affected. Some will be rebuilt, and some will be a complete teardown. Disaster Relief volunteers are in the process of clearing homeowners' property of debris, which includes downed trees. This all takes time, money, and volunteers.

Hurricane season is still upon us, and anything can happen at any time. We pray that with multiple agencies working together, we can get the work done that we currently face.

I was onsite in Newark on September 15th and 16th. I saw a small portion of what took place in this wind event. I was overwhelmed for the families that went through this disaster. I related it to 1998 when I lived in Maine and a great ice storm hit all New England. We had no tornado, no flooding, no snow, but for three days all New England was drizzled on by freezing rain. It brought trees down on houses, roadways and upon power lines. It looked like what I saw.

We depend on volunteers through our churches. We need help to get these families back into their homes as soon as possible. It will take many to accomplish this. We need people skilled in using chain saws and who have all the safety equipment required when using it. We need people that have a pick-up truck with a receiver hitch to move our disaster trailer on site when needed. If someone has a chipper and is skilled in using it and can bring it to the site that we are working at, we need you. Whatever your skill is, or isn't, we need you. If you are willing to get your hands dirty and do what is needed, we need you. If you cannot help physically, you are still needed. We need your prayers, and we appreciate our prayer warriors; it is how miracles happen. The more help we get, the faster we get these families back to "normal" whatever it is for them. Wouldn't it be like God to make that happen faster than the experts predict! We don't know what Delaware will face next. Please keep the work of Disaster Relief in your prayers and all the organizations and agencies that go before us.

Please consider donating to the Conference Disaster Relief Fund. **Conference Office, North State St., Dover, DE 19901 Attn: Conference Disaster Recovery.** To volunteer, contact either me or Rich Walton by phone or email.

Thank you, and in service to Christ,

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