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Greetings, sisters and brothers in Christ!

While we now breathe a momentary sigh of relief in thanksgiving to God that the winds and rain from Hurricane Isaac have dissipated, we realize the difficulty ahead for those hit hardest by the storm. From the island nation of Haiti, where eight lives were lost, to our own Gulf Coast that is still picking up the pieces left by Hurricane Katrina, daunting challenges lie ahead for many of our neighbors.

It is in these times, when the most vulnerable members of our global family are in distress, that God calls us to respond. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) remains in contact with mid councils in the affected areas to help meet the needs of those directly affected by this storm.

As with all response efforts, the ability of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to make a lasting impact relies greatly on the generosity of Presbyterians across the United States—and as the damage estimated continues to increase, so too does PDA's need for your support.

In that spirit, we invite you to stand in the **GAP** for those affected by Hurricane Isaac by **giving, acting, and praying**. Please see the enclosed bulletin insert for further details on how you can personally invest in PDA and its work to provide for the needs of those who must now rebuild their homes and lives, many for a second time. The resource may also be downloaded, free of charge, at www.presbyterianmission.org/pda.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and all Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sara P. Lisherness". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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