

Subject: Request Support

Dear St Mark UMC,

It has been nearly nine months since the destructive winds and rains of Hurricane Ida made landfall in New Orleans, LA, and surrounding areas. The gale-force winds ripped the roofs off of homes, uprooted trees, and brought down power lines within our community. While some members of the community were blessed to have their homes and personal property spared, many members of Our community suffered crippling losses from the storm. I am one.

Dillard University Lawless Chapel was significantly impacted. Hurricane Ida forced us to close our chapel doors for the past eight months. The chapel windows were blown out, and the building was impacted by wind and rain. This allowed mold growth to occur because water affected the interior of the building.

My office was decimated due to water and mold. Due to the mold remediation, I was forced to toss my Clerical vestments and 99 percent of my books and material because of the mold that infected and impacted the office suite due to the water flooding the office suite. In addition, we lost our office equipment. We lost choir robes, liturgical dance vestments, the food pantry was destroyed, and the list could go on.

The total cost of Hurricane Ida to the campus, especially the Lawless Chapel building, is still being calculated. Though the chapel infrastructure has been critically damaged, gutted due to the risk of mold. We are a people of faith. Ex Fide Fortis is our Motto which means: Strength through Faith. I believe by faith this fall; we will be able to return to the place of worship because of your support.

We are thankful for the United Methodist connection from across the country that has pledged its support to our Fair Dillard. As a Son of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the UMC. I am currently serving in extension ministry as the University Chaplain and campus Pastor/Dean of the Lawless Chapel, the center of the religious life of the Dillard University community. I am coming to my home family and soliciting your support. If you can only give one dollar, I am grateful. This is one less dollar we will have to secure to meet the needs of our students. The money collected will be used for the Mistry of Lawless Chapel @ Dillard University. We are in the rebuilding phase, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Contributions to Lawless Chapel can be made by:

1. Check written to Dillard University in the memo Line: Religious Life Fund/ Campus Min
2. Mail all Gifts to Attention Lawless Chapel,
Dillard University, PO Box 847 New Orleans LA 70122

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