

## Hello Gulf Coast...

June 13, 2018

... it's that time again!

Every season has its highs and lows and our six-month alertness to the formation of hurricanes in our region is no exception. For each of us, those points on a continuum may be drastically different, particularly this year. That is no surprise following the extraordinary effects of the midsummer deluge from H-Harvey. What may be surprising, however, is that many of our neighbors, friends, family are still displaced from homes and other trusted means of support as we enter this new cycle.

Last summer, our gulf coast community emerged from the predicament event of August 25–27 with some new and renewed understandings about ourselves—as supportive, with a capacity to endure an overwhelming calamity, determination to learn from and grow beyond it. Thanks be to God!

This summer, as Covenant changes the pace into summer session schedules for group meetings and other activities, we are calling into being what I'm describing as a Summer Roundtable. During the 9:30–10:30 hour, we are gathering in the large conference room to talk. **Let's Talk!** is the name for each informal session in July when we will chat about subjects that are of concern to us as individuals and as a covenant community. **We begin on July 8 when our youth and their leaders**



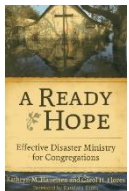
**come back from The Gathering.** We will hear as much as they want to tell us about their time with the 30K. How grand that this event is in Houston this year!! I hope you put that date on your calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: July 8 is also the Sunday of the blood drive.

### Sunday July 1 Worship

Remember that you are invited to attend worship with the youth at NRG Park, on the final day of the Gathering, Sunday, July 1. Since we need to acquire passes for those attending, please sign up on the sheet provided in the lobby, or call the office to let us know you are interested in attending.

**Let's Talk!** for the remainder of July will focus more specifically on disaster preparedness and recovery. On Sunday, July 15, we are delighted to report that two authors in our congregation, Pr. Kathy Haueisen and congregation president Carol Haueisen Flores will lead a conversation about their book **A Ready Hope: Effective Disaster Ministry for Congregations**. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. This introduction will lead us into two weeks of activities related to preparation for disaster ministry, as our conversations transition into deliberate steps of ministry. Your entire family can be a part of these informal sessions. Send us your own thoughts about all of this; PLUS ideas you would like us to add to a **Let's Talk** schedule—ideas that may potentially transition into ministry actions.



Doing all that we do ... for the sake of the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:23).



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*Living in the Love and Laughter of God*  
2 Corinthians 4:7