

# The Inspiration Daily

Lake Junaluska, N.C. — Monday, Sept. 4, 2017

Inspiration 2017  
*Generations*  
September 4-8

*"One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4)*

## NOAC by the numbers

835 people are pre-registered

## Please return hymnbooks

Return NOAC hymnbooks to the ushers after each session.

## Catch the trolley—it's free!

Trolleys run all day this week at NOAC. Look for the red and green trolleys and the "trolley stop" signs on the map and along the main road.

## Limited mobility shuttle

A golf cart for those with limited mobility will be run by the Lake J staff. Hotel front desks have radio access to call the shuttle or meet it by Stuart or Harrell—or just flag it down!

## Jones Dining Hall Is open..

"A la carte" diners (who are not dining at Terrace or Lambuth) are welcome at Jones. The dining hall has prepared for those with special dietary needs. Cash and cards are accepted for payment.

## Ice cream for NOAC's 25th!

The ice cream social 9-10 p.m. tonight at Jones Dining Hall celebrates 25 years of NOAC, 1992 to 2017. Bill Kostlevy of the BHLA will have a display of historical items.

## NOAC interactive

A number of unique opportunities for interaction and participation are offered this anniversary year:

**Memory book:** At the Church of the Brethren exhibit in Harrell Auditorium is a memory book for you to write your NOAC memories. Please also look through picture books of the beginnings of National Youth Conference, which included an event here at Lake Junaluska.

**Write a note to NYC:** Write a note of encouragement to youth who will be attending NYC next summer. Place notes in "NOAC to NYC" box.

**Favorite hymns:** In preparation for our hymn sing on Thursday, vote for your favorite hymn. Voting concludes Thursday at noon. The ballot box is in the entry way to Stuart. We'll sing the winning hymn.

**Silent auction:** Items from the Upper Campus of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., are for sale in a silent benefit auction. Open until Thursday noon in upper Harrell in the Communications Room (across from the Gift Shop). Bid on items as often as you would like. Winners will be contacted Thursday afternoon.

**Share NOAC memories:** Brent Carlson of *Brethren Voices* will videotape your NOAC memories. If you

do not see him, call 503-970-9003.

**NOAC News:** Enjoy looking back through NOAC News videos, all the way back to 1994! A DVD collection is available for viewing in the Lambuth Parlor, which also has games and puzzles.

## Book signings

Book signing are happening in the Brethren Press-NOAC bookstore this week. Jim Wallis and other speakers will be signing copies of their books, which will be available to purchase. Find the bookstore in the exhibit hall on the ground floor of Harrell.

**Tuesday: Missy Buchanan** will sign books from 1-1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday: Jim Wallis** will sign books from 1-1:30 p.m. Bible study leader **Steve Reid** will sign books from 9:15-9:45 p.m., along with **Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford**, who edited the new *Speak Peace* daily reader from Brethren Press.

**Thursday: Peggy Reiff Miller** will sign copies of *The Seagoing Cowboy*, her Brethren Press children's book, from 1-1:30 p.m.

## 'Got Inspiration?'

Get your "Got Inspiration?" t-shirt at the Brethren Press-NOAC bookstore! In the Harrell Exhibit Hall.

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## What do you hope will inspire people?



Rex Miller: Hearing the stories of fellow travelers' journeys and their impact on the world.



Jocelyn Snyder: Lasting friendships, new friendships, and that

kind of building relationships with people.



Jeff Lenard: Books from Brethren Press.



Brian Bultman: The opportunity to become one body in Christ and to

end the divisions in our country and in our church.



Karen Dillon: That we have more in common than we think, and that we

all serve the same Lord.

# Hurricane Harvey Response

**Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster Services respond to the catastrophic, widespread flooding from Hurricane Harvey.**

Before Hurricane Harvey made landfall, **Children's Disaster Services (CDS, [www.brethren.org/eds](http://www.brethren.org/eds))** teams of trained and certified volunteers were activated and ready to travel. By the end of August, CDS had deployed 24 volunteers to Texas, with at least 30 more volunteers planning to arrive soon. This will be the largest CDS response in more than a decade. These volunteer teams are located in different areas of Texas, providing respite care for young children and supporting families now living in shelters. Families are



desperate for many things, and children seem to be so grateful for a bit of normalcy, calm, and a welcoming presence in CDS children's centers in the shelters. It is possible that "Just In Time" trainings (on-site in Texas, with immediate background checks) will be held to temporarily certify local volunteers to help expand this response. If you are currently in Texas and interested in signing up for this training, contact CDS at [cds@brethren.org](mailto:cds@brethren.org) or 410-635-8735.

*Photo: Mega-shelter in Texas—credit Pat Krabacher*

**Brethren Disaster Ministries** staff are coordinating response efforts and planning with Church World Service and other church partners. At this phase of the disaster, the urgent need is for Gift of the Heart Clean-up Buckets and Hygiene Kits. These kits are stored at, and shipped from, the Brethren Service Center in the Material Resources Warehouse. Learn more about these and other kits at [www.CWSkits.org](http://www.CWSkits.org) and bring completed kits to the Brethren Service Center at 601 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776-0188. Contact 410-635-8797 or [gthompson@brethren.org](mailto:gthompson@brethren.org) for more information.

**Volunteers:** When the flood waters recede, volunteers will flock to Texas with a desire to help families recover. However, caring for the needs (food/water/shelter) of volunteers who are not connected to a volunteer response agency often becomes a huge burden on the people and resources after a larger scale disaster. In most cases, such unaffiliated volunteers will be turned away by local law enforcement.

BDM is actively developing partners in Texas and Louisiana for BDM volunteers to support clean up and rebuilding efforts in the future. Watch for more information as these opportunities are developed. National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) is taking names of interested volunteers to share with organizations seeking volunteers: [www.nvoad.org/hurricane-harvey/hurricane-harvey-how-to-help/](http://www.nvoad.org/hurricane-harvey/hurricane-harvey-how-to-help/)

Responding to any disaster is a long-term effort. The response and recovery from Hurricane Harvey will take many years. While preparing for a Harvey response, BDM currently has active rebuild sites helping homeowners affected by historic flooding and storms in Missouri in December 2015 and May 2017 and by Hurricane Matthew in South Carolina in October 2016. These communities were heavily affected by these events and these families are still not back in their homes. You can quickly sign up to serve these survivors on a BDM site by contacting your District Disaster Coordinator or the BDM office to schedule a trip (410-635-8730 or [tgodger@brethren.org](mailto:tgodger@brethren.org)).

### Donations

Disaster survivors often have needs that take priority over donated clothing or food. Your response will have more impact if you check with the local experts and take time to focus on what is most needed. Cash donations are always preferred over material donations. Cash can purchase goods and services in disaster-stricken communities, boosting the local economy. Inappropriate donations create secondary disasters.

BDM will be supporting the long-term recovery of the most vulnerable in the impacted communities in Texas and Louisiana. As the communities are planning their recovery, BDM will identify the best ways to support and help meet the needs of survivors.

For more information:

<http://www.brethren.org/bdm/hurricane-harvey.html>  
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### Ways to Help

- **Give to the Hurricane Harvey Recovery** ([www.brethren.org/bdm/](http://www.brethren.org/bdm/))
- **Mail a donation to:**  
**Emergency Disaster Fund - Harvey Church of the Brethren**  
**1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120**
- **Build Gift of the Heart Kits** (<https://cwsglobal.org/Harvey>)
- **Pray for all those impacted**
- **Plan a fundraiser**
- **Volunteer opportunities are being developed. Contact [bdm@brethren.org](mailto:bdm@brethren.org) or 410-635-8730**



*Photo: Texas National Guard*