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Trenton in Chattanooga District, Apison in Cleveland District, Greene County (Camp Creek and Horse Creek) in the Johnson City District, Glade Spring in the Abingdon District, and Pulaski in the Wytheville District. Other areas may be added as assessments are made. We ask your ongoing support in the following ways.

Items Needed

Each District Office has distributed a list of items needed in affected areas, along with collection points for those items. If you have not yet received the list, please check with your District Office or look on the Conference web site at

www.disasterresponse.holston.org

Teams to Work in Affected Areas

Beginning Monday, May 9, the Conference Disaster Response Team will have a Call Center operational to match cleanup and repair needs with volunteer teams. **The phone numbers for the Call Center are 865-309-9530 and 865-309-3563, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** If the volunteers are on the phone when you call, please leave a message, and your call will be returned as soon as possible. The Call Center will be placing teams in each of the five affected areas, and we anticipate the need will last for at least 3 years.

Giving

The monetary needs to respond to this storm will be far beyond original estimates and will continue for about 3 more years. Donations to Disaster Response within Holston (Advance #143) can be sent through your Church Treasurer to the Conference Office. *These funds will be used to respond to those areas affected in Holston.*

You may also make a donation to UMCOR Spring Storms 2011, UMCOR Emergency Advance #3021326. *These funds will be used across the Southeast.* Your gifts – 100% of which will be used to aid survivors – will bring hope to many hurting persons.

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