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Dear PCA Family and Friends,

Thank you for standing with Mission to North America in the great cause of serving our churches and presbyteries as they advance the Gospel in the United States and Canada. As we proclaim and live out the message of God's redeeming love through Christ, one of our greatest privileges is that of serving people when their lives are disrupted by disaster.

MNA Disaster Response has grown rapidly during the past four years. That growth was given a giant launch when God's people in the PCA responded in great numbers to the opportunities for ministry resulting from Hurricane Katrina. At that time, God brought Arklie Hooten to MNA to lead this ministry; since then, it has been a joy to see God's work through Arklie to consolidate the gains and develop the ministry further.

My purpose in writing is to invite your participation in a new step for MNA Disaster Response. The enclosed proposal ([click here](#)) presents our request for support to establish and maintain a warehouse in the Chattanooga area – working with Tennessee Valley Presbytery – to provide a staging area for supplies and volunteers mobilizing to the southeast in response to a disaster. We know that disasters will come, especially that hurricanes will strike the southeast. The only question is when and where.

Will you please prayerfully consider making a generous contribution to bring about this new step in serving our churches and presbyteries? The support you provide will be used well, bringing an entirely new level in our ability to respond. It will mean that we can store supplies and equipment close to where they are needed, and it will mean that we can mobilize people far more effectively, through all stages of the disaster response. To contribute to this project directly please [click here](#).

God has blessed the PCA with a special sensitivity to disasters in North America. At least 55,000 people served as volunteers on PCA disaster response worksites in the last four years. Establishing a warehouse will give us the ability to mobilize even more people. I'm excited as I think of the increased service this will offer. Please join us in bringing this possibility into reality.

Thank you for considering this request. It is a joy to labor together in the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jim Bland
MNA Coordinator

P. S. Arklie uses Jeremiah 29:7 as a key verse: *.....seek the welfare of the city.....pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.* I am impressed with how much our physical surroundings affect both our morale and comfort, as well as our ability to serve in ministry. Please pray with me that many will respond to this exciting new step in “seeking the welfare” of the places in which we live, for God's praise and glory.