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**Hurricane Dorian
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By: Bishop Laish Boyd

Three weeks after the passage of Hurricane Dorian, I wish to give you an update on damage inflicted upon Anglican properties, primarily, by the monster storm. Winds were recorded as high as 205 miles per hour, which puts it in the range of a category 6 storm.

Abaco

The worse damage overall occurred in Abaco.

Marsh Harbour- widespread flooding, catastrophic damage to the downtown area and to buildings there and in adjacent Dundas Town and Murphy Town.

- St. John The Baptist Church- flooded with some roof damage, doors and windows blew out.
- Parish Hall- flooded with catastrophic roof damage
- Parish Office- flooded with severe roof damage
- Rectory- severe roof damage, ceilings fell in.

Most contents destroyed by water

The Marsh Harbour area is deserted. It is reported that most of the residents have evacuated.

Sandy Point – only some buildings recorded damaged.

- St. Martin's Church – minor leaking
- Parish Hall/ Priest Lodge – minor leaking

Treasure Cay- widespread flooding, catastrophic damage to buildings.

- St. Simon's Church- flooded, some roof damage, doors and windows blew out
- Parish Hall- Flooded, major roof damage
- Adjoining buildings- similar damage

Most contents destroyed by water

- Rectory – completely destroyed.

The area is deserted.

Green Turtle Cay - extensive damage to most buildings, most people have evacuated.

- St. Peter's Church- flooded (3 feet of water), doors blew out, some roof damage, stained glass window broken
- Rectory –roof completely off, internal partitioning destroyed – contents destroyed
- Parish Hall – completely destroyed (only the area of the kitchen left standing). The rest of the building has no walls or roof.

Blackwood- widespread damage to buildings, some flooding

- Holy Saviour Church- flooded (18 inches of water), shingles are off
- Parish Hall - flooded (12 inches of water), shingles are off
- Catechist's Home – severely damaged, will have to be demolished.

Fox Town –

- St. Chad's Church- no significant damage

Crown Haven –

- St. Anne's Church- no significant damage

GRAND BAHAMA

Downtown and many other areas experienced severe flooding. In some areas every house has its flood-damaged contents out on the curb.

Smith's Point-

- St. Jude's Church- minimal damage, stained glass frame cracked
- Parish Hall - minor roof damage, water beat in.

Among membership and immediate area:

39 families lost their homes (that includes 44 children ages 0-12)

46 families have roof damage

85 families had flooding

The church's feeding program feeds 500 persons daily from across the community.

Eight Mile Rock - Almost every home in the settlement has some damage

- St. Stephen's Church – minimal shingle loss
- Rectory- minimal shingle loss
- Parish Hall- no damage

The parish hall has housed the relief workers since the hurricane.

The Parish distributes and delivers supplies and cooked food to persons in the surrounding area.

Among members:

15 homes flooded

20 homes with roof damage

3 persons lost everything

Sweeting's Cay

- St. Michael's Church – flooded
- St. Michael's Parish Hall- demolished

The church is one of the few buildings on the Cay left standing and intact.

High Rock

- St. Nicholas Church – flooded – some contents destroyed
- St. Nicholas Rectory – flooded, minor roof damage, the contents were destroyed by water.
- St. Nicholas Parish Hall – catastrophic damage –much of contents destroyed

Among members:

30 families lost everything

8 persons had water damage from flooding

One woman lost her husband.

Note: In High Rock, the east end of Grand Bahama and Sweeting's Cay, most of the buildings were badly damaged or destroyed.

The parish priest distributes and delivers supplies from a location in Freeport.

Freeport

- Christ The King Church, Hall and offices – flooded with (4 feet of water) –some contents destroyed

The Parish feeds about 1,000 persons daily from across the community.

Many members were affected by flooding

10 homes completely destroyed

150 homes flooded

50 homes with serious damage

Lucaya

- Ascension Church- some metal sheeting came off the roof
- Parish Hall- minimal damage

The Parish Hall sheltered 400 people in the storm and continues to shelter persons who lost their home. The feeding program feeds 400 persons daily from across the community.

25 members lost everything

60 homes damaged

West End

- St. Mary Magdalene Church- flooding with (18 inches of water)
- Parish Hall- flooding with (36 inches of water)
- Rectory flooded with (6 inches of water).

Much of contents destroyed

Many houses and buildings in the area are damaged or destroyed.

Pinder's Point

- Good Shepherd Church – Church and Hall have minimal damage
The feeding program feeds 400 persons daily and delivers food and goods to persons' homes.

Extensive flooding and damages to homes in the area.

1 member lost her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter

1 member lost a niece, and has a brother in hospital with 2 broken legs and a broken arm.

Bishop Michael Eldon School, Freeport – School has 87 teachers & support staff

- Minimal damage
- Some classrooms had minor leaking
- Auditorium has major leaks.
- A large portion of the interior fencing blew down. 25% of shingles blew off. Thankfully the perimeter fencing is intact.

Some teachers lost everything. Many have damages and loss of varying degrees.

School reopened on Wednesday 18th, September

95% of teachers reported

75% of students reported

Yours in His Service

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