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Greetings in Christ’s name in these opening days of 2019!

I need to bring to you an urgent need that I hope you will prayerfully consider. From the middle of September through the middle of October 2018 our sisters and brothers in the city and county of Danville, Virginia experienced historic flooding of the Dan River and other waterways as a result of hurricane Florence and tropical storm Michael. There are 45+ homes with significant damage, most of which are homes of persons and families that were struggling with economic challenges prior to the flooding.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) stands ready to assist with disaster recovery funds. However, we as the Virginia Conference, churches and individuals, are called to make a direct compassionate response to our sisters and brothers affected by this disaster.

Please join me in making a contribution to the Virginia Conference Disaster Response Fund which will direct contributions to the crisis in Danville. All contributions can be sent to the Conference Treasurer’s office with the reference “Conference Disaster Response Fund #5037”.

Thank you for advancing God’s mission and serving others here in Virginia in this special way.

In Christ and in Mission,

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis