

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Disaster preparedness

Dear Brothers:

Proverbs 22:3 states: “Shrewd is the one that has seen the calamity and proceeds to conceal himself.” In harmony with this principle, the January 6, 2012, letter to all bodies of elders discussed the importance of each family making reasonable advance preparations for potential disasters. It also discussed a number of practical steps that each body of elders can take to ensure the well-being and safety of the publishers in the event of a disaster.

Due to the critical nature of this information, all bodies of elders were instructed to thoroughly review the contents of the January 6, 2012, letter annually with the congregations in the form of a local needs part during one of the Service Meetings. Therefore, if the matter of disaster preparedness has not been addressed this year, please make arrangements locally to consider this information in the near future. For those living in hurricane-prone locations, this meeting should be within the next couple of months.

It is hoped this reminder will help all to take positive steps individually and as families to minimize our exposure to harm from these unforeseen occurrences. Be assured of our concern for your welfare and our prayers in your behalf.—2 Cor. 1:11; Phil. 4:6.

Your brothers,  
*Christian Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

cc: Traveling overseers