

Hosanna Disaster Relief Fund

As we see it, the Church Council would reach out to the congregation, asking for applicants to be considered for the Hosanna Disaster Relief Fund.

The application would be based on one simple question:

How would the Hosanna Disaster Relief Fund help you recover from Hurricane Harvey?

The responses would be forwarded to the Church Council, who would make them blind applications for our group. That would in large part eliminate subjective bias, we would be looking at the merits of the application without knowing who the final recipient might be.

The applications would then be considered for a straight yes or no vote from our group and each yes vote would then receive an equal amount (to be determined).

Our view is the since this appears to be headed towards a permanent fund, we should keep an undetermined amount in reserve at all times, rather than distribute everything we presently have.

We also feel that past recipients may reapply based on their perceived need and be reconsidered for another award. We would not know that they were a past recipient since it would be a blind application when it reaches us through the Church Council.

We believe this is a simple, compassionate approach that would be well-received.