



*Office of the Secretary*

# *Southeastern Conference*

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## *Seventh-day Adventists*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Due to the possibility of devastating impact from Hurricane Irma, the Southeastern Conference is taking several steps to ensure the safety of as many constituents as possible. Our office will be closed on 9/11 and 9/12 while we shift our focus to disaster response.

We are aware that evacuees from South Florida and the coastal areas are having a difficult challenge finding shelter from the storm. Therefore, we have decided to open our conference campground (at 1771 FL-20, Hawthorne, FL 32640) to house those members who are evacuating with no place to go.

Members who intend to use the shelter, please bring identification, bedding and medical supplies to help meet your needs and the needs of others. Please note that our campground is a smoke-free, alcohol-free, drug-free campus. We regret that we are unable to accommodate pets. Also, remember to carry all of your important social security, wills and related papers in waterproof or ziploc containers. Devise a plan to connect with family members in the event that you are separated.

We are asking that all members commit to praying for all those affected by the storm, and for God's hand of protection over everyone in Irma's path every hour on the hour.

Our administrative team as well as SEC office staff are praying fervently for the safety of all of those in our territory and beyond. We trust that God will see us through as He has so many times before.

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