HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY TORNADOES AND SEVERE STORMS

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Episcopal Relief & Development has been in contact with local partners in the **Episcopal dioceses of Oklahoma and Fort Worth** following tornadoes on May 16 and May 20 that caused severe damage and loss of life. These devastating events were caused by a large storm system that set off tornado watches from Texas to Minnesota.

Local responders and authorities are currently assessing the situation in Moore, Oklahoma, just outside Oklahoma City, where a 1.3-mile-wide tornado leveled neighborhoods and destroyed two elementary schools on the evening of May 20. Katie Mears, Episcopal Relief & Development's Director of US Disaster Preparedness and Response, has been in contact with the Rev. Canon José A. McLoughlin, Canon to the Ordinary, and anticipates partnering with the diocese to assist those most vulnerable following this disaster.

On May 16, an EF-4 tornado hit the town of Granbury, Texas, killing six people and destroying 97 of the town's 110 homes. Other tornadoes touched down in Cleburn and Millsap, south and west of the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area. The Rt. Rev. Rayford B. High, Jr., Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, posted a message on the diocesan website asking for prayers and noting that the diocese will work with the local Episcopal congregation in Granbury to determine how best to use collected funds.

As inclement weather continues battering the country, please pray for people at risk, those who have lost loved ones and homes, and responders working to save lives and address needs. To support these efforts, please fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at www.episcopalrelief.org, or scan the QR code below to donate with your smartphone.

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