

St. Augustine Disaster Assistance Commission
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The St. Augustine Disaster Assistance Commission (SAPDAC) has been at work since before Hurricane Irma. The Commission set in motion its pre-storm protocol by ensuring that each congregation and our camp and conference center were assigned to a designated caller. After the reports came in, there were follow -ups with churches that needed further assistance.

SAPDAC representatives and our stated clerk joined regular calls with the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN) and representatives of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program. We invited and hosted visitors from PDA who visited several locations in our presbytery. We distributed grant information from PDA and the Board of Pensions.

On September 25, 2017, SAPDAC met to approve a request for two PDA church grants for emergency relief. SAPDAC will continue to be available to churches, groups and individuals in our presbytery and will likely receive additional grant requests, including PDA longer term recovery grants. SAPDAC will also make plans for additional training and support of our presbytery/communities.