

St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group

Next LTRG Meeting is **MONDAY June 3 at 3:00pm**



The St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is a cooperative body that is made up of representatives from faith-based, non-profit, government, business and other organizations working within St. Croix to assist individuals and families as they recover from Hurricane Maria. The goal of the LTRG is to match recovery resources with community needs in order to ensure that even the most vulnerable in the community recover from the disaster.

To reach the office, please call (340) 713-4440 or email Christina Joseph, Executive Assistant, at cjoseph@stxltrg.org

Guest from UMCOR at LTRG Meeting June 3, 3:00-5:00 pm

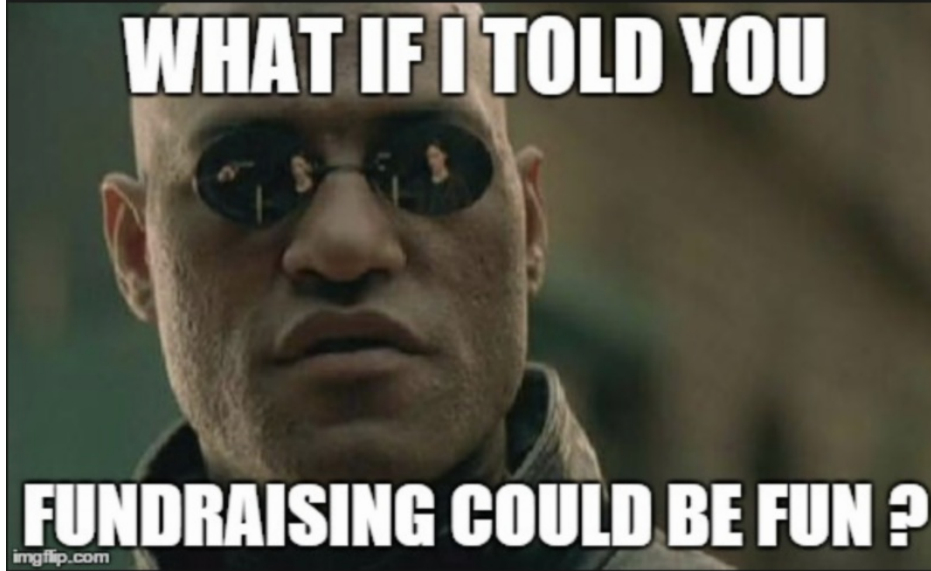
Greetings all,

I am pleased to announce that we will have Mrs. Liz McDevitt from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at our next meeting. Mrs. McDevitt is coming to St. Croix to hold a 3-day training for Disaster Case Managers from all three islands. At the meeting, she will talk about the training that they will receive, the importance of Disaster Case Management, and about the work of UMCOR around the world.

Please join us!

Jay Rollins, Executive Director of Regional and National Relationships
St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group

Help us meet our GOAL!



We have an exciting opportunity through our amazing partner, Global Giving. We are participating in their Accelerator program. We have a goal to raise \$10,000 from 60 individuals between June 10 and 28. If we meet that goal, we will qualify to be a permanent partner on Global Giving's crowdsourcing platform as well as receive matches from the organization!

We need your help!! The only way to make this happen is to share the link with your friends, family, on Facebook and Twitter, over the phone--any way you can let people know. The funds raised will be used for the Unmet Needs Roundtable, so this is vital in keeping with our mission. **Will you commit to finding 5 persons to make a donation of any size?**

Use this link:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/rebuilding-st-croix-usvi/>

Tell the story of the work of the LTRG, share the stories of our success, and help us continue to meet ALL the needs of our community as we continue in this recovery process.

Disaster Preparedness Expo



The V.I. Department of Health presents the Disaster Preparedness Expo 2019 on June 22, 2019 at the DC Canegata Recreation Center from 11 am- 4 p.m.

The STX LTRG will be an exhibitor. Please come out to support or (better yet) volunteer to help staff our table!

Download the flyer [here](#).

Disaster Preparedness Assistance

The Preparedness Unit at FEMA has many resources available to you to plan for the upcoming storm season. In addition to the flyers below, they can provide technical assistance to your organization through training, exercising plans, and promoting disaster preparedness messaging and outreach.

For more information or to schedule a consultation, please contact: Emily Adams at Emily.adams@fema.dhs.gov

Available flyers to download:

- [Hurricane Preparedness \(English\)](#)
- [Hurricane Preparedness \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Preparedness on a Budget \(English\)](#)
- [Preparedness on a Budget \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Make a Communication Plan \(English\)](#)
- [Make a Communication Plan \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Gather Your Supplies \(English and Spanish\)](#)
- [Update Your Documents \(English and Spanish\)](#)
- [Make a Medical Plan \(English\)](#)
- [Pet Owners Preparedness \(English\)](#)

2019 HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS



Preparedness for those living in single-family homes is very different from plans created for those who live in apartments.

Living in an apartment community poses some unique consideration. Sharing your walls and communal areas means some actions are your responsibilities, while others depend on your neighbors and management.

In this issue, we share valuable tips to help apartment residents prepare in case of a storm. Please share these tips with those who live in an apartment.

Thank you!



PROTECT YOUR HOME

Make sure the apartment is in good repair and safe for you to shelter-in-place.

- Bring in outdoor furniture, planters and other items from patios and balconies.
- Get shutters or panels for your sliding glass doors and windows. Ask the building's management or landlord if a specific style is required. If you're a renter, ask if your landlord provides them and who will install them before the storm.
- Identify your safest room, probably an interior bedroom, bath or hall, and stay there when windy conditions become threatening.
- Consider sheltering in an apartment on the lower level if you live on a higher floor.



STORE 10 DAYS' WORTH OF SUPPLIES



Storage space in apartments is often limited so storing your supplies may be challenging. If your kitchen is small, find space in a closet, under the bed or even behind the couch. Fill bathtubs and the washer with water that can be used to flush toilets and for sanitation needs.

STEER CLEAR OF WINDOWS



Don't stand near windows during a storm, and keep your curtains drawn. The National Hurricane Center advises against using tape since it can cause a false sense of security and also lead to larger, more dangerous shards of glass blowing through your apartment.

Now is the time to be prepared!

If you or someone in your family is experiencing issues with disaster-related stress, call the **Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990, TTY 1-800-846-8517.**

Promote the Hotline!

The LTRG has a dedicated HOTLINE for beneficiaries to use to get connected with Disaster Case Managers. Please share this flyer (in English and Spanish) broadly within our community. We don't want ANYONE to fall through the cracks!

[ENGLISH FLYER](#)

[SPANISH FLYER](#)



HOTLINE

DISASTER CAUSED UNMET NEED

IF YOU ARE A HURRICANE IRMA/MARIA DISASTER SURVIVOR STILL IN NEED OF **INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE** OR A **DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN** PLEASE CONTACT THE DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP AT THE NUMBER BELOW:

(340) 473 - 5305

"The mission of the STX LTRG is to help our members independently provide community services on a daily basis, as well as to provide effective relief and recovery services to people affected by disaster on the island of St. Croix, USVI."