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FUND ESTABLISHED FOR LIBRARIES DESTROYED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

[Stillwater, MN] - September 19, 2005 Church and synagogue library organizations across North America are joining forces to ensure a future for congregational libraries damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The National Church Library Association (NCLA), the Church & Synagogue Library Association (CSLA), and the Catholic Library Association (CLA), together have established a relief fund to help rebuild affected library ministries.

“Our prayers go out to the victims whose lives have been forever changed by this tragedy,” said Sue Benish, NCLA Executive Director, “and we encourage everyone to support relief efforts going on right now. But we also want to look ahead and be able to offer support to libraries when they are ready to rebuild, help that may not otherwise be available to our friends in library ministry.”

“As we keep all the people affected by Hurricane Katrina in our prayers we are joining other religious library associations to lend a helping hand in reestablishing congregational libraries. All donations will directly support congregational libraries damaged by Katrina. The strength of our organizations working together will be a great help to those congregational libraries”, said Judy Janzen, CSLA Administrator.

Any church, parish, or synagogue library damaged by Hurricane Katrina will be eligible to receive money from this fund, regardless of denomination or affiliation. Library and religious support groups are invited to participate in this effort.

Donations from individuals, congregations, and businesses to the Hurricane Katrina relief fund are now being collected. Fundraisers to support this effort are welcome and encouraged. Make donations payable to the receiving organization, note “Hurricane Katrina” in the memo line, and send to:

National Church Library
Association
275 South Third St, Ste 101A
Stillwater MN 55082

Church & Synagogue Library
Association
PO Box 19357
Portland OR 97280

Catholic Library Association
100 North St, Ste 224
Pittsfield MA 01201

To make a credit card donation, call CSLA at 1-800-LIB-CSLA.

National Church Library Association, founded in 1958, is a non-profit support organization serving church libraries of all Christian denominations. For more information call 1-651-430-0770 or visit www.churchlibraries.org.

Church & Synagogue Library Association, founded in 1967, is a non-profit support organization and serves congregational libraries of all denominations. Call 1-800-LIB-CSLA or visit www.csla.info.

Catholic Library Association, founded in 1921, is a non-profit support organization serving Catholic academic, parish and school libraries. Call 1-413-443-2CLA or visit www.cathla.org.

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