

June 29, 2016

Dear friends,

Dear friends in Christ,

This past week, people in West Virginia experienced rain, and more rain, and more rain. Lives were lost, homes were destroyed, and communities destroyed. The pictures were horrific.

On Tuesday, I called the Bishop of West Virginia, Mike Klusmeyer. Mike was a classmate of mine from General Seminary. He has been the bishop of West Virginia for about 15 years. He was telling me about the devastation and effect of the floods on the people and congregations.

Often, we are invited to help in times like this by giving money to Episcopal Relief and Development. Today, I am asking you to consider giving help, but in a different way. I am asking you to give a gift that will be sent to the bishop of West Virginia's discretionary fund, to be used in the congregations of West Virginia affected by the floods. There is nothing wrong with ERD, but I just thought that since Mike is someone I have known, our gifts might be more "personal", while still being used to bring relief to people.

If you would like to help, please get your check to me, made out to my discretionary fund. I will then combine all the money given and send one check to the Bishop of West Virginia's Discretionary Fund. I will send out the check on July 10th, so please get your check to me by then.

Thank you, and Mike says thank you as well!

Fr David