

# Summary Report from the Gulf Coast Relief Funding Panel Conference Call January 4, 2006

Present were Eunice Benton, Rev. Steve J. Crump, Dr. Rebecca Cureau, Rev. Jacqueline Luck, Rev. Meg Riley, Martha Thompson, and Joe Sullivan.

The Panel:

1. Reviewed internal communications and record keeping procedures as well as external information publication and sharing procedures.
  - Erik Kesting has been hired to contribute 5 hours per week of administrative support to the Gulf Coast Relief Funding Panel.
  - Minute taking and online reporting procedures were refined.
  - Erik Kesting will work with the UUA's Office of Electronic Communication to update the Gulf Coast Relief pages on the UUA's website.
2. Discussed three requests which it received from its New Orleans Strategic Planning Sub Panel. The requests were:
  - "Continue to fund religious professionals (defined as all paid staff) for an additional six months."
  - "Money (estimated at \$174,825) be provided for the restoration of First UU if the city will grant a building permit and if flood insurance can be obtained."
  - "Money (estimated at \$40,390) be provided to Community Church to obtain rental space, equipment, and furniture for an office through June 30, 2006."Offered a preliminary response to the New Orleans Strategic Planning Panel [Insert preliminary response to the requests written by Joe here]
3. Heard a report on the Community Fund Sub-Panel
  - The Community Fund Panel is working on about ten new proposals right now. Current funds being distributed to previously approved projects.
  - Community Funding Advisory Board will have a meeting soon and hopefully will have proposals to review.
  - The completed Community Fund Panel now has two UUSC members, four UUA members, and two community members.
4. The next conference call of the Gulf Coast Relief Funding Panel will be Wednesday, January 18.