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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One year ago we were preparing for Superstorm Sandy to hit our shores. We stocked up on supplies, we listened to news reports and many of us prepared to evacuate. None of us could prepare for the devastation this storm would wrack upon our shores, our homes, and our communities. No one could prepare for the change it made in our lives.

The people of the United Methodist Church responded to the storm in amazing ways. We fed and sheltered people in need. We mucked out homes and helped our neighbors. We provided clothing and support for people who had lost everything. We started rebuilding. When people hurt, United Methodists help in the name of Christ.

This week, we prepare to mark the anniversary of the storm with an acknowledgement of the tragedies and challenges it left for our communities. Instead of focusing on the devastation, we choose to focus on the hope that we, as United Methodists, are providing for those families most affected.

On November 2, we are holding a Service of Hope and Remembrance to mark the anniversary of the storm and highlight the work of A Future with Hope and the people of The United Methodist Church. The service is open to everyone and will be attended by local and state officials, volunteers, families that have been helped by our work and United Methodists from around our Conference. It is sure to be an inspiring service for all and I want to personally invite every person worshipping in our pews to join in this event.

A Service of Hope and Remembrance

Saturday, November 2

9:00 am to 10:00 am

The Great Auditorium at Ocean Grove, NJ

Please post this on your web site, email to members and share this information with your worshippers this weekend. We also encourage you to invite people from the community.

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