

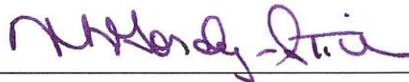
## Epworth UMC Task Force on Temporary Emergency Shelter

**Charter:** The Governing Board charters this Task Force on Temporary Emergency Shelter on January 27, 2026 to explore the possibility of utilizing Epworth's building as an Emergency Shelter during extreme weather, such as hurricanes or snowstorms. The Task Force will report back to the Governing Board at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 24, 2026. The Task Force will disband after its report.

### Responsibilities:

- Contact Rev. Rich Walton, with DEMA, to ascertain:
  - Expectations of Emergency Shelter
  - Number of rooms needed
  - Food required
  - Hours required (i.e., do they go somewhere else during the day?)
  - Equipment provided by DEMA and equipment Epworth provides
  - Number of volunteers expected from Epworth
- Interview stakeholders to determine any scheduling or building challenges created by a Temporary Emergency Shelter. Stakeholders include, but are not limited to:
  - Trustee Chair
  - Boys and Girls Club
  - Preschool
  - Social Justice Committee
  - Food teams
  - Office Manager and Facilities Manager
- Determine where the challenges arise and the difficulty in addressing them
- Create a structure with clear boundaries for moving forward, including hours and areas to be used and recruitment of volunteers
- Create a communications plan
- Make a final recommendation to the Governing Board on whether or not to move forward with allowing Epworth to become a Temporary Emergency Shelter, including any workarounds, structure with boundaries, leadership potential, and communications plan

Signed:



Lead Pastor



Governing Board Chair

Date

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