



**Eighteen** months after Katrina, nearly 100,000 people on the Gulf Coast still live in temporary housing. The volunteers who are working to help return these families to permanent homes also need places to stay. The lack of volunteer housing means that soon volunteers may have to be turned away. Bishop Hope Morgan Ward is asking each church in the Mississippi Conference to receive offerings during Lent to help complete three critical United Methodist facilities on the coast. These multi-purpose centers will provide housing for volunteers and storage space for building materials and equipment for the years of Katrina recovery ahead and in future disasters. The first facility at Vancleave is nearly finished, and the second is underway in Gulfport. The third is still in the planning stages.

Your offerings  
will bless  
the hundreds  
of families  
awaiting  
assistance  
by ensuring  
a continuous  
flow of volunteers  
and materials.

- BISHOP HOPE MORGAN WARD



*Make checks out to the church, with the notation  
"Katrina Lenten Offering" on the memo line.*