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### Cancellation of Puerto Rico Mission Trips Scheduled for March 14 to April 30, 2020 due to Novel Coronavirus COVID-19

**San Juan, Puerto Rico (March 13, 2020)** -- Out of an abundance of caution, the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and Rebuilding Communities with Hope (REHACE) have decided to cancel all visits by mission trip teams beginning Saturday, March 14, through the end of April. We will continue to monitor the situation but at this point plan to resume team visits on May 2, 2020.

While no COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in Puerto Rico, the governor has declared a state of emergency. The National Guard has been activated to assist the government. The health of 17 individuals who are suspected of having the novel coronavirus is being closely monitored.

The decision to suspend the program is based on recommendations from the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. We are also taking a lead from United Methodist leadership and other programs.

The MCPR and REHACE value the mission trip volunteer program which has seen more than 2,500 volunteers travel to Puerto Rico and help repair more than 800 homes to date.

Volunteer teams seeking additional information may contact the UMCOR Stateside Volunteer Coordination System office and Tymera Jackson, Puerto Rico Volunteer Coordinator – Stateside, at 914-615-2248 or [tjackson@nyac.com](mailto:tjackson@nyac.com).)

Thank you for your continued support of and commitment to the recovery work in Puerto Rico.

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