



The Association of Theological Schools  
The Commission on Accrediting

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Dear Member Schools and Friends,

I am writing to provide all of you with an update on the member schools that were affected by the hurricanes over the past month. We have published on our website a list of schools who responded to our inquiry, which asked: Can you provide an update if possible? How can member schools pray for your school? How can people support the recovery efforts?

Some of our schools escaped major damage to their campuses. Others, including all three of our schools in Puerto Rico, have sustained losses to their property and functioning. The ongoing crisis in Puerto Rico has been devastating and recovery efforts are still progressing. Late last week, 80% of the island was still without power, and while there are relief supplies available, transport of these supplies to the areas of need has been slow due to the devastation.

Our prayers continue to be with those who are still suffering from the effects of the storms, and with those, including our schools, who are assisting with the physical, infrastructural, emotional, and spiritual recovery efforts. May the God of strength be a strong arm of support to those in need; and may God's people continue to respond by being God's hands and feet among those who suffer.

Peace and grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank M. Yamada".

Frank Yamada  
Executive Director