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From: John O'Conner <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Aug 26, 2017 at 11:36 AM
Subject: Re: Texas Houston Mission Preparedness Update for Hurricane Harvey
To: Jordan Paschal Peterson <[REDACTED]@ldschurch.org>

I wonder how others will perceive you and your church for withholding contact information of young people during a category 4 hurricane? Regardless of your particular rules, you are being immoral. I am asking you for information that will allow me to contact my son, and you DO have that. Be human for a moment instead of a mission president.

Regards,
John O'Conner

On Sat, Aug 26, 2017 at 10:40 AM John O'Conner <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:
You're telling me that you have no phone number that I can use to call [REDACTED] O'Conner? Or that you won't tell me?
I'm not asking about his rules or yours. I'm telling you that I want to contact him and have a personal need to do so.
That need is not any of your concern or business.

Don't be an asshole.
John

On Sat, Aug 26, 2017 at 10:36 AM Jordan Paschal Peterson <[REDACTED]@ldschurch.org> wrote:

I have no information to provide you. Missionaries use email to contact their families on Pday per mission policy that Elder O'Conner agreed to. If you have specific concerns I should know about Elder O'Conner that could help him, you can let me know directly. He is happy and enjoying his mission very much. He is becoming a very fine representative of Jesus Christ, giving service and kindness to others. He loves his family dearly. You should be proud of him and I hope you'll understand this and support him in this decision to serve with all his heart, might, mind and strength and to keep mission rules and policies.

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From: John O'Conner [mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 12:41 AM

To: Jordan Paschal Peterson <[REDACTED]@ldschurch.org>

Subject: Re: Texas Houston Mission Preparedness Update for Hurricane Harvey

Could you please provide contact information as requested? Also, his name is O'Conner, not O'Connor.

Thank you,
John

On Fri, Aug 25, 2017 at 9:25 PM Jordan Paschal Peterson <[REDACTED]@ldschurch.org> wrote:

Brother O'Conner,

I appreciate your concern for your son. I wanted to let you know that Elder O'Connor is located in a county that is not on the flood watchlist nor is it designated with a tropical storm warning. It is located to the north of Houston and is not expected to get the kind of rain we will get in Houston. If needed we would evacuate others to his area because it is higher ground, so he is in a good place. I hope that gives you some comfort as I know you love your son very much.

Warmest Regards,

Jordan P. Peterson

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From: John O'Conner [mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:05 AM

To: Jordan Paschal Peterson <[REDACTED]@ldschurch.org>

Subject: Re: Texas Houston Mission Preparedness Update for Hurricane Harvey

Hi Mr. Peterson,

Although I appreciate your efforts to inform me of my son's safety, modern technologies also allow me to directly check as well. It is preposterous that you would assert that there is no need for me to contact him. YOU aren't aware of all needs and certainly not my needs. Again, I'm appreciative that you're taking care of things, but you really shouldn't act like people have no reason to contact their sons or daughters. You have no way of knowing everyone's reasons for wanting to do that.

I'd personally like to know how to directly contact my son [REDACTED] O'Conner. Please let me know how I can do that now and for the future.

Thanks,

John O'Conner

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 10:45 PM Jordan Paschal Peterson <[REDACTED]@ldschurch.org> wrote:

Dear Parents/Guardians of Missionaries in the Texas Houston Mission.

By now, you are aware of Hurricane Harvey bearing down on the Gulf Coast. I would like to provide you an update on our preparations for your missionaries and ensure you we are taking all precautions to keep them safe.

The good news for Houston is that Harvey will make landfall south and west of us so we should feel minimal effects of the wind and ocean surge. However, we should expect heavy and steady rain from Saturday until as late as Wednesday. This could cause flooding as the ground cannot absorb all that rainfall. Each companionship is preparing for possible flooding and/or power outages as follows:

- Purchased bottled water (3 gallons per missionary).
- Have some ready-to-eat snacks that can be eaten with no preparation. Granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, PopTarts, etc.
- Instructed to have automobile gas tank full and mobile phones charged. In an emergency we must be able to communicate by text message.
- **In no circumstances are missionaries to approach, walk through or drive through standing water.**
- In case of power loss, **have a flashlight with fresh batteries**. They should not have any open flame in their apartments (i.e., no candles, lanterns, etc.).
- Missionaries will report to their zone leaders (there are two zone leaders for approximately every 20 missionaries) about their safety and conditions in their areas at least twice a day starting Saturday at noon. The zone leaders will contact the missionaries for updates.
- If the missionaries have flooding in their areas, defined as standing or flowing water on the roads, fields, roadsides, parking lots, etc. they should stay in their apartments.
- If there is no flooding, but the rain is very heavy and constant, making it difficult to ride a bike or see while driving, the missionaries are to stay in their apartments.
- The zone leaders will update me several times a day on each missionary. We have set up a instant notification system using their tablet devices, and phones if necessary.
- We will work with local members to help any missionaries who need to evacuate their apartments but we do not expect this to be necessary.
- **We will post update once or twice daily to the Texas Houston Mission blog. Parents can check the blog for updates.** The Blog address is <http://texashoustonmission.blogspot.com/>. There should be no need for you to contact the mission office or anyone else in the area as we will keep you informed with updates.
- Of course, any concerns with any specific missionaries that we identify will result in a personal phone call from me to the parents.
- We are in constant communication with Church headquarters and with the Area Welfare Specialist and Regional Disaster Response Coordinator so we have the most current and best sources of information and can plan accordingly.

Please be assured, our highest priority is the safety of the missionaries. We are confident all will be well and that we are well prepared. Thank you for your prayers and love.

Warmest Regards,

Jordan P. Peterson

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