

## **MISSION MOMENT**

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

In his first letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul basically wrote: “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Youth in North Carolina take those words to heart. After Hurricane Florence swept through the Carolinas in September 2018, killing 53 people and causing more than \$24 billion in damage, North Carolina bishop Hope Morgan Ward challenged conference youth to raise \$500,000 for North Carolina storm relief. The conference is matching all gifts made to Youth Storm Response up to \$500,000.

By November 2019, the youth had raised \$567,000!

But the North Carolina young people go a step further by participating in the Youth Service Fund. “The Youth Service Fund shall be a means of stewardship education and mission support by youth within The United Methodist Church”. In congregations and annual conferences across the connection, young people raise and spend Youth Service Fund money to benefit their peers. For every dollar of Youth Service Fund money raised, 30 cents goes to the United Methodist Division on Ministries with Young People..

If you know of any young people who are Methodists, encourage them to become a part of the Youth Service Fund and support them in their stewardship efforts as they offer help and hope to others.