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Harvey Impact: First Presbyterian Church of Houston Announces Application Deadline Extension for “Project Flourish”

In wake of Harvey, new Nov. 19 deadline will allow more time and new ideas to help city rebuild

HOUSTON – Sept. 8, 2017 – First Presbyterian Church of Houston (www.fpchouston.org) is extending the Project Flourish application deadline to Nov. 19 as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

"When Harvey hit Houston, we knew the impact would be massive. We knew submitting an application would not be an immediate priority," said Austin Hermann, Director of Ministry Empowerment at First Presbyterian Church. "We also want to give time for new ideas generated by the needs of our city to surface."

Project Flourish is a creative invitation to the community to help bring fresh ideas to the issues that face a major metropolitan city like Houston. Through Project Flourish, First Presbyterian Church of Houston has set aside \$250,000 for a social-entrepreneurship contest that seeks to grow new creative ideas from the community and mobilize Houstonians to seek citywide renewal and transformational change. First Presbyterian unveiled the initiative in April with an original deadline of Sept. 10.

Individuals and teams who reside within 50 miles of downtown Houston are encouraged to apply through the Project Flourish website at <http://projectflourish.org/>. Applications are open to for-profit and non-profit ideas and are due by Nov. 19. After review, semi-finalists will be invited into a six-week “acceleration” process designed to refine their proposal and receive consulting support, mentorship, and expertise from FPC congregants. At the conclusion of the six-week acceleration process, semi-finalists will pitch their ideas to a panel of judges, supporters and prospective investors who will award funding from the \$250,000 pool.

To apply or to learn more visit: <http://projectflourish.org/>

About First Presbyterian Church of Houston

Established in 1839, First Presbyterian Church of Houston was the first church to organize and build in Houston. Today its congregation continues to worship and serve from its location in the heart of the city’s museum district. Committed to providing opportunities to Gather, Grow and Go, the FPC Houston community continues to impact Houston and beyond through multiple worship styles, biblical teaching and strategic opportunities to serve through both local and global mission ministry opportunities. Compelled by the love of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, FPC Houston is committed to carry the gospel to Houston and to the world. For more information visit <http://fpchouston.org>.

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