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Friends in Wet Places

Last week's NIRI Southwest Regional Conference in Austin, Texas, welcomed members from throughout Texas and across the country. Organized by NIRI's Houston and DFW chapters, the conference brought together outstanding speakers and experts on a wide array of IR topics. It also brought a warm and friendly community together, not dampened in the least by the then-impending Hurricane Harvey.

That storm made landfall just as the conference was ending. Like many, I high-tailed it out of harm's way just in time. But now, as I watch the news coverage of the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, I think about our colleagues and friends whose lives and livelihoods are upended by this historic super-storm.

Texans are a hardy bunch, and I know that they will overcome whatever Harvey throws at them. But we up on dry land can and should help and do what we can. NIRI National has donated to the American Red Cross toward the relief and recovery efforts. If you haven't yet done so, please join in this effort with a personal, corporate, or chapter donation to the charity of your choice. Learn more [here](#).

Communities can become an oasis in time of need. I am sure that NIRI members will rise to the occasion to help our colleagues and their neighbors in Texas during their time of need.

All the best,
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