The Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACSEM) of the Society for Ethnomusicology (SEM) invites you and your institution to support relief efforts in Mexico and the Caribbean affected by this summer’s earthquakes and Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Many ethnomusicologists teaching in the United States and throughout the world work with and research the music of these impacted communities. Let’s continue to give back to these communities by supporting their efforts to recover from these horrific disasters.

The following is a list of organizations who have been recommended by LACSEM members and their colleagues who work and live in Mexico and the Caribbean. Please do contact any of these organizations if you and/or your institution would like to assist in their relief work.

If you have already worked with relief organizations working in Mexico and the Caribbean, please do share that organization's information with me, and I will add their contact information to this list.

In addition, LACSEM is co-sponsoring SEM’s Latinx Dance Party which is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 27, 2017 from 8:00-11:30pm at the Mercury Café. A portion of ticket sales to this event will be donated to organizations on the list below. (SEM conference attendee rates: $5 with registration; $10 at the door with conference ID. Public rates: $15 and $10 for students and seniors.)

More information on relief efforts will be shared at the Latinx Dance Party. You can find more information on this event on its Facebook event page under the title “Latinx Dance Party & Fundraiser with Roka Hueka and Son Ilusión!” Please do plan to attend and bring your friends!

Thank you!

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Communities across México, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean are devastated, and your help is needed to support urgent disaster and recovery efforts in the Americas. Please consider supporting these and other initiatives.

**Topos México** is a nonprofit rescue brigade working on the ground in Mexico City. You can donate via PayPal: donativos@brigada-rescate-topos.org or on their [website](http://www.topos.org).

The **Hurricane Maria Community Relief and Recovery Fund**, housed at the Center for Popular Democracy, will support low-income communities of color via grassroots organizations in Puerto Rico such as Taller Salud.

**ConPRmetidos** is a Borinquén-based nonprofit organizing a real-time Maria & Irma Recovery Fund. Funds will be used for long-term relief efforts. They are working together with the Foundation for Puerto Rico in their efforts. [Donate here](http://www.conprmetidos.org).

The **Dominica Hurricane Maria Disaster Relief Fund** supports the people of Dominica who have been displaced or need medical support, and provides assistance to those without homes. You can [donate here](http://www.dominica-hurricane-irma-relief.org).

If you have time, computer access, and basic internet skills, the **Standby Task Force** is organizing volunteers to help reference satellite imagery covering areas affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The information will be used to help efforts by the US Coast Guard and the UN Office of Humanitarian Affairs. [Get involved here](http://www.standbytaskforce.org).

**Other Organizations**

Tim Duncan’s 21 U.S. Virgin Island Relief Fund via [YouCaring](http://www.youcaring.com)

Tom Joyner’s non-profit BlackAmericanWeb.com is providing funds for anyone housing or hosting displaced victims of natural disasters.

**Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute** is raising resources to be equally divided amongst on the ground community cultural institutions working with the most vulnerable communities requiring immediate assistance in Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, St. Croix, and St. Thomas.
Centro de Documentación del Son Jarocho is raising funds through a paypal account to aid in housing members of the Centro. The building itself was destroyed in the earthquake. The paypal account is under the name Ricardo Perry Guillén, email elsonjarocho@hotmail.com

Colorlines’s list of organizations in the Caribbean.
Lin Manuel Miranda's personal appeals directing fans to donate to the Hispanic Federation.
Latino USA podcast’s list of places for people to donate.
Música 100 x 35 promotes social development through music, giving massive access to Puerto Rican children and youth, especially those with low resources, to music thereby making music an instrument to motivate, dignify, unite, and progress.
The No Red Cross campaign lists agencies for Harvey/Irma relief as well as the Maria Fund for Hurricane Maria.

Berklee students’ relief efforts

Relief organizing in Boston for the Caribbean:
http://chaboston.org/needyFund.html

Antigua, Barbuda, Dominica:
https://www.facebook.com/AntiguaDominicaReliefFund/?ref=timeline_chaining
https://www.facebook.com/wadadlicultural/
https://www.facebook.com/BostonForDominica

U.S Virgin Islands:
https://vistrong.org/what-have-we-done/
https://www.unitedwayusvi.org/Help