

## **Brief History of Gulf Coast / East Coast Coalition 01 23 2014**

In 2008, HHII-AL started to work w. BISCO, Bayou Interfaith Sharing Communities Organization, in lower LA doing listening meetings along w. LA Housing Alliance.

In 2009/2010, Equity and Inclusion provided the workshops that allowed AL, MS and LA to learn of our common problem and envision working together. Neighbor Works in 2011 gave grants to all three organizations, which allowed us to do training and community meetings in all three states for a year.

**The Gulf Coast/ East Coast Coalition** coalesced Winter of 2012 and we concretized the coalition at a conference in Biloxi in Spring 2013.

GCECC links 9 states thru the interaction of 16 organizations, 2 of which are national in scope.

GCECC works across state lines to connect three levels of influence –

**the grassroots** (thru churches and individuals),

**grass-tops** (trade organizations like Homebuilders and Relators)

**elected officials** at all levels (city councils, county commissions, state and federal legislators)

This three level process is being worked intensely in AL, FL, MS and LA.

The conference calls include heads of organizations in MS, NY, NJ, NC, SC, FL, AL, MS & LA

### **Mission**

Through our local churches working together, the mission of HHII and the GCECC is to put in place a way to finance rebuilding homes damaged by cat wind and flood on the East and Gulf coast so that there is an affordable, robust and reliable way to bring coastal communities back after a wind/flood catastrophe.