

Compendium of Faith-Based Organization (FBO) Resources

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According to Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life, and estimated 5.8 billion adults and children are religiously affiliated around the globe, representing 84% of the 2010 world population of 6.9 billion. The largest religions are: 2.2 billion Christians (32%), 1.6 billion Muslims (23%), 1 billion Hindus (15%), nearly 500 million Buddhists (7%) and 14 million Jews (0.2%) around the world as of 2010. In addition, more than 400 million people (6%) practice various folk or traditional religions, including African traditional religions, Chinese folk religions, Native American religions and Australian aboriginal religions. An estimated 58 million people – slightly less than 1% of the global population – belong to other religions, including the Baha'i faith, Jainism, Sikhism, Shintoism, Taoism, Tenrikyo, Wicca and Zoroastrianism, to mention just a few.

The faith-based community may perhaps be the single greatest representative cross-section of a community and comprises roughly 350,000 congregations in the United States. Congregations currently play a critical role once disasters strike, providing food, counseling, shelter, transportation and communications to their congregants and their surrounding communities. However, this role and their activities are neither systematized, nor included in the disaster mitigation planning process.

Congregations are expected to respond but largely operate outside of the formal structures that manage disasters. Even when they are engaged, those efforts tend to be opportunistic and informal; they do not address congregations as an existing system with unique resources and capital that can be harnessed before, during and after disasters. This project is an opportunity to increase the effectiveness with which congregations prepare for and respond to disasters.

The IAEM faith-based caucus is working to develop a knowledge base for the roles, assets and potential engagement of congregations in coordinated disaster preparedness and response and serve as a bridge that maximizes the efforts on these issues between policy-makers and faith-communities across the United States.

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Be A Ready Congregation: Tip Sheets For U.S. Religious Leaders National Disaster Interfaiths Network

00 - Disaster Tip Sheets & Trainings for U.S. Religious Leaders	 Download	(size: 334kb)
01 - Disaster Basics for Faith Communities	 Download	(size: 195kb)
02 - The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?	 Download	(size: 193kb)
03 - National Faith-Based Disaster Service Organizations	 Download	(size: 148kb)
04 - The Role of Faith Communities in Disasters	 Download	(size: 146kb)
05 - How to Use Your House of Worship in a Disaster	 Download	(size: 154kb)
06 - Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation	 Download	(size: 140kb)
07 - Active Shooter in a House of Worship	 Download	(size: 154kb)
08 - Continuity Of Operations Planning	 Download	(size: 142kb)
09 - Self-Care for Religious Leaders	 Download	(size: 146kb)
10 - Disaster Spiritual Care	 Download	(size: 143kb)
11 - Faith Communities & Disaster Mental Health	 Download	(size: 173kb)
12 - Faith Communities & the Disaster Distress Helpline	 Download	(size: 201kb)
13 - Faith Communities & Trauma Resilience	 Download	(size: 157kb)
14 - Faith Communities & Risk Communication	 Download	(size: 150kb)
15 - Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning	 Download	(size: 155kb)
16 - Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering	 Download	(size: 176kb)
17 - Faith Communities & Long-Term Recovery	 Download	(size: 164kb)
18 - Faith Communities & Debris or Mud Removal	 Download	(size: 165kb)
19 - Faith Communities & Cold Weather Hazards	 Download	(size: 152kb)
20 - Faith Communities & Hot Weather Hazards	 Download	(size: 140kb)
21 - Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism	 Download	(size: 146kb)
22 - Faith Communities & Donations Management	 Download	(size: 152kb)
23 - Immigrant Eligibility for Disaster Assistance	 Download	(size: 173kb)
24 - Children & Disaster	 Download	(size: 148kb)
25 - LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) Needs & Disaster	 Download	(size: 139kb)
26 - Vulnerable Populations & Disaster	 Download	(size: 146kb)

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Emergency Rest Center http://www.ndin.org/download/NDIN_Emergency_Rest_Center_Training_Course.pdf

NVOAD — “*Light Our Way: A Guide for Spiritual Care in Times of Disaster for Disaster Response Volunteers, First Responders, and Disaster Planners*”: http://nvoad.org/library/doc_download/72-light-our-way

NVOAD Points of Consensus: Disaster Spiritual Care. http://nvoad.org/library/doc_download/18-disaster-spiritual-care-points-of-consensus

US Disaster Preparedness Initiative Resource Library
Episcopal Relief and Development
<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program>

Faith-Based and Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Checklist.
<http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/community/faithbasedcommunitychecklist.pdf>

Preparing for the Flu (Including 2009 H1N1 Flu): A Communication Toolkit for Community & Faith-Based Organizations. http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/faithbased/pdf/H1N1_FBO_toolkit.pdf?s_cid=cs_000

Seasonal Influenza (Flu): A Guide for Community & Faith-Based Organizations and Leaders.
http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/Pubs/seasonal_flu_gd.pdf

Community Arise: A Disaster Ministry Curriculum
Church World Service — Community Arise/Spiritual Care
<http://www.communityarise.org/>

NYDIS (New York Disaster Interfaith Services) — “*The NYDIS Manual for Religious Leaders: Spiritual Care and Mental Health for Disaster Response in New York City*”
http://www.nydis.org/nydis/downloads/manual/NYDIS_Disaster_SC-MH_Manual.pdf

NYDIS Community Outreach & Training
http://www.nydis.org/nydis/downloads/programs/Communication_Outreach.pdf

Psychological First Aid Manual-Second Edition
<http://www.nctsn.org/content/psychological-first-aid>

Church World Service: Emergency Clean-Up Buckets—
http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_emergency

Boston University School of Theology, Religion and Conflict Transformation Program:
www.bu.edu/rct/home/

Eastern Mennonite University, Strategies for Trauma Awareness & Resilience Program —
www.emu.edu/star

National VOAD-Managing Spontaneous Volunteers: <http://www.nvoad.org/resource-library/documents>
Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship, June 2013
http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/developing_eops_for_houses_of_worship_final.pdf

How To Assess the Safety and Security of Your Place of Worship
<http://theresurgence.com/files/pdfs/SafetyinChurch.pdf>

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Conducting Security Assessments: A Guide for Schools and Houses of Worship PowerPoint Presentation
http://www.learningservices.us/roundtable/Webinar_SecurityAssessments.pdf

Vision Link - <http://visionlink.org/disaster-volunteer-management.html>

Hands On Network: <http://handsonnetwork.org/nationalprograms/neighboring>

Church of the Brethren: Children's Disaster Service — <http://www.brethren.org/cds/>

Church of the Brethren: Checklist For A Church Emergency Management Plan
http://www.brethren.org/bdm/files/checklist_for_a_church_emergency_management_plan.pdf

Church of the Brethren - Disaster Volunteer Handbook/Resources:
<http://www.brethren.org/bdm/volunteer.html>

Booze Allen Hamilton: Risk Communication for Non-Profits
<http://www.boozallen.com/media/file/Risk-and-Crisis-Communications-Guide.pdf>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Tips for Talking to Children and Youth After Traumatic Events
http://www.samhsa.gov/mentalhealth/tips_talking_to_children_after_disaster.pdf

United Methodists in Disaster Response— <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/media/scdr/childreact.pdf>

American Academy of Pediatrics — <http://www2.aap.org/disasters/index.cfm>

Joshi, P. (2010). Faith-Based and Community Organizations' Participation in Emergency Preparedness and Response Activities. Institute for Homeland Security Solutions.
http://sites.duke.edu/ihss/files/2011/12/Faith-Based_DeskStudyFinalReport_3-16-10.pdf

(2009). Partners for the Common Good: A Partnership Guide for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations. The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.
<http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-center-faith-based-neighborhood-partnerships>

Partnering with Community and Faith-Based Organizations to Enhance Community Emergency Preparedness. National Council of La Raza
<http://www.nclr.org/cdtoolkit/EM%20Toolkit%20docs%20for%20CD/1.6%20Partnering%20with%20community%20and%20faith%20based%20org.pdf>

Religious Facilities: Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activity, Common Vulnerabilities, and Protective Measures. (2007). U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection
<http://viktorvoksanaev.narod.ru/DHSReligiousFacilities.pdf>

Church Mutual Insurance Company Safety Resources
<https://www.churchmutual.com/98/Safety%20Resources>

Gregory, T.D.; Wituk, S.; and Meissen, G. *Compassion Kansas: Strengthening Community and Faith Based Organizations through Capacity Building*. Department of Psychology, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
http://soar.wichita.edu/bitstream/handle/10057/5381/Tara_Gregory_CGRS_3_2006.pdf?sequence=1

Ready, Set, Go! Faith Community Emergency Preparedness Toolkit
Bloomington Public Health Division, Bloomington MN
<http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us/cityhall/dept/commser/v/publhealth/emereprep/toolkit.htm>

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Disaster Preparedness for Church and Family

<http://worldrenew.net/prepare-disasters>

National Preparedness Community: Faith Based Organizations

<http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/readynpm/view?objectId=126532>

Emergency Planning & Disaster Recovery: A primer for churches

<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/documents/congregationalemergencyplanning.pdf>

Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

http://www.sbhla.org/art_vital.htm

Emergency Plan Template for Faith Based Organizations. Missouri Faith Based Homeland Security initiative. http://www.scnus.org/local_includes/downloads/36287.pdf

North Carolina Interfaith Disaster Response. A Training Tool for Use By the Local Interfaith in Disaster Response: Preparedness Guidelines. Early Response Tasks. A Plan for Long-Term Recovery. 2002.

http://www.ncidr.org/assets/PDFs/LTR_NCIDR.pdf

FEMA EMI Independent Study Courses:

- [IS-22: Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness](#)
- [IS-244 B: Developing and Managing Volunteers](#)
- [IS-250.A: Emergency Support Function 15 \(ESF15\) External Affairs: A New Approach to Emergency Communication and Information Distribution](#)
- [IS-909: Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone](#)

Coordinated Assistance Network: <http://www.can.org/>

National VOAD—Long-Term Recovery Manual:

http://www.nvoad.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=139

The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. *U.S. Religious Landscape Survey*. (2008)

<http://religions.pewforum.org/pdf/report-religious-landscape-study-full.pdf>

Understanding the Role of African American Churches and Clergy in Community Crisis Response

<http://www.jointcenter.org/sites/default/files/upload/research/files/UnderstandingRoleofChurches.pdf>

Faith-Based Organizations Versus Their Secular Counterparts: A Primer for Local Officials

<http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/download-doc.html?id=11120>

United Church of Christ Local Church Disaster Preparedness and Response Planning Guidelines

<http://www.ucc.org/oghs/national/LocChSamplePlan.pdf>

The Role of the Church in promoting Rights-Based Approaches to Disaster Management

<http://architecture.brookes.ac.uk/research/cendep/dissertations/IanVerhaeghe.pdf>

Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church: Local Church Disaster Manual

https://www.bwcumc.org/sites/default/files/DISASTER_RESPONSE_MANUAL2.pdf

The Role of the Local Church in Disasters and Emergencies

http://www.micahnetwork.org/sites/default/files/doc/library/marcus_oxley_micah_disasters_and_local_church_presentation.pdf

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Roles and Services of Disaster Relief Voluntary Agencies

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/is/IS288Materials/is288_unit3.pdf

Guide to Disaster Ministry in Your Congregation. Church World Service Emergency Response Program

<http://www.associatedchurches.org/clientimages/52868/missions/disaster%20ministry-missions%20sect.%203.pdf>

Generic Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan

http://calnevada.s3.amazonaws.com/F7BCF89A92084CBDB67FC4533F702108_GenericDisasterPlan_2012.pdf

Southern Baptist Church Preparedness for Disaster Relief Template

<http://www.namb.net/uploadedFiles/2012%20Church%20Preparedness%20Manual%20March%202012.pdf>

Faith-Based Organizations and Sustainable Sheltering Operations in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina: Implications for Informal Network Utilization.

http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/center-for-refugee-and-disaster-response/publications_tools/publications/2008/Faith-based_Organizations_and_Sustainable_Sheltering_Operations_in_Mississippi_after_Hurricane_Katrina.pdf

Checklist for a Church Emergency Management Plan. Church of the Brethren.

http://www.brethren.org/bdm/files/checklist_for_a_church_emergency_management_plan.pdf

Missouri Faith Based Homeland Security Initiative. Emergency Plan Template for Faith Based Organizations http://www.scnus.org/local_includes/downloads/36287.pdf

A Training tool for use by the Local interfaith In Disaster Response Preparedness Guidelines, Early Response Tasks, A Plan for Long-Term Recovery. (2002)

<http://cwserp.fatcow.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/ncidrtrainingtool.pdf>

Managing & Operating A Disaster Long-Term Recovery Organization A Capacity Building Guidebook. Church World Service Emergency Response.

<http://cwserp.fatcow.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/ltrmanual2009.pdf>

UMCOR: Spiritual Care in Disaster Response - Basic Trauma Information for Congregations

<http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/media/scdr/congregations.pdf>

Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Chaplain Training Manual. (2007).

<http://www.namb.net/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=8590122609&libID=8590122623>

Faithful Action: Working with Religious Groups in Disaster Planning, Response and Recovery. USC Dornsife Center for Religion and Civic Culture.

<http://crrc.usc.edu/docs/FaithfulAction2012.pdf>

Disaster Preparedness For The Faith-Based Community PowerPoint.

http://www.slideshare.net/powerpoint_1/disaster-preparedness-for-the-faith-based-community

Mental Health America (MHA)

- Coping with the Stress of Natural Disasters
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/conditions/coping-stress-natural-diasters>
- Coping with Disaster: Tips for Adults
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/conditions/coping-disaster-tips-adults>

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- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/conditions/post-traumatic-stress-disorder>
- Bereavement and Grief: Information for Military Families and Communities
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/conditions/bereavement-and-grief-information-military-families-and-communities>
- Helping Children Cope with Tragedy Related Anxiety
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/children-cope-with-tragedy>

Mega-Shelter Planning Guide: A Resource and Best Practices Reference Guide (October 2010)
International Association of Venue Managers/American Red Cross
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/disasterhousing/mspg.pdf>

Shelter Guidance Aid and Shelter Staffing Matrix (October 2010)
International Association of Venue Managers
http://www.iavm.org/CVMS/pdf/Sheltering_Guidance_Aid_October_2010.pdf

Providing Shelter for the Homeless: Faith-Based Organizations as Instruments of the Public Good.
Public Policy Center (March 2011)
<http://sspa.boisestate.edu/pprc/files/2010/05/ProvidingShelterPaper.pdf?file=2010/05/ProvidingShelterPaper.pdf>

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Adventist Community Services

<http://www.communityservices.org/article/42/resources/acs-ministries/disaster-response>

Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) Focus Humanitarian Assistance

<http://www.akdn.org/focus>

American Baptist Men (ABMen) USA

<http://abmen.org/>

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) Rapid Response Team

<http://billygraham.org/what-we-do/evangelism-outreach/rapid-response-team/about/>

Catholic Charities USA

<http://catholiccharitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=305>

Christian Contractors Association Emergency Services

<http://www.ccaministry.org/services.html>

Christian Disaster Response

<http://www.cdresponse.org/>

Christ in Action

<https://www.christinaction.com/index.cfm/PageID/13/index.html>

Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministries

<http://www.brethren.org/bdm/>

Church of the Brethren Children's Disaster Services

<http://www.brethren.org/cds/>

Church World Service-Domestic Disaster Response

<http://www.cwsglobal.org/what-we-do/emergencies/>

City Team Ministries

<http://www.cityteam.org/>

Convoy of Hope

<http://www.convoyofhope.org/>

Episcopal Relief & Development

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/responding-to-disasters>

Feed the Children

http://www.feedthechildren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=org_disaster_relief

Friends Disaster Service

<http://www.friendsdisasterservice.net/>

Habitat for Humanity Disaster Response

<http://www.habitat.org/disaster>

Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Relief USA

<http://icnarelieff.org/site2/index.php>

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Islamic Relief USA
<http://www.irusa.org/>

International Aid
<http://www.internationalaid.org/>

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
<http://www.iocc.org/>

Jewish Disaster Response Corps
<http://jdr Corps.org/>

Jewish Federations of North America
<http://www.jewishfederations.org/>

Latter-Day Saints (LDS) Humanitarian Service
<http://www.lds.org/topics/humanitarian-service>

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) Disaster Response
<http://www.lcms.org/disaster>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Lutheran Disaster Response
<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>

Medical Teams International
<http://www.medicalteams.org/>

Mennonite Disaster Service (includes Amish volunteers)
<http://www.mds.mennonite.net/home/>

Mercy Corps
<http://www.mercycorps.org/>

National Association of Jewish Chaplains
<http://www.najc.org/about/mission>

National Disaster Interfaiths Network
<http://www.n-din.org/>

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Disaster Response
<http://ncm.org/act/disasterresponse/>

Nechama
<http://www.nechama.org/>

Operation Blessing
<http://www.ob.org/>

Presbyterian Mission Agency Disaster Assistance
<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/>

Salvation Army
<http://disaster.salvationarmyusa.org/>

Samaritan's Purse International Relief

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<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

Scientology Volunteer Ministers

<http://www.volunteerministers.org/>

Secure Community Network (SCN)

<http://www.scnus.org/>

Sikh Coalition

<http://www.sikhcoalition.org/>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

<http://www.svdpusa.org/>

Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief

<http://www.namb.net/dr/>

Tzu Chi Foundation

<http://www.tzuchi.org/>

United Church of Christ National Disaster Ministries

<http://www.ucc.org/oghs/national/>

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

<http://www.umcor.org/>

United Sikhs

<http://www.unitedsikhs.org/>

Volunteers of America

<http://www.voa.org/>

World Renew

<http://www.worldrenew.net/>

World Vision

<http://www.worldvision.org/our-impact/disaster-response>