

Pre-Disaster Checklist

Local Incident PRAY-GIVE-SERVE



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Church Name: _____

Pastor: _____ DRC: _____

Our church will PRAY

- Activate church prayer team
- Ask congregation to pray for specific needs in affected areas
- Open doors of church for community prayer
- Share opportunity to join community prayer initiatives

Our church will GIVE

- Begin Church Disaster Relief Fund – offering option built to help fund immediate needs in your congregation and funnel into community assistance in times of crisis or disaster
- Host a Gift Card drive for survivors – for church or network use
- Donation Drive (updated resource list provided through ADRN)
- Peer to Peer Fund – directly to ADRN survivor fund (share link)

Our church will SERVE

- Engage congregation to build Serve Teams – clean up, warehousing etc...
- Build Welcome Kits – (most up to date list provided by ADRN)
- Host an ADRN I AM Ready Basic Training
- Communicate need to mobilize ADRN trained volunteers in church for CISM, CERT, Disaster Relief Shepherd (advanced training available)
- Set up to receive community donations if needed (list will be provided)

Church Media Team will prepare to Communicate

- Create Graphic for Disaster Relief to PRAY-GIVE-SERVE
 - Create online form to sign up to PRAY-GIVE-SERVE
- *specific to your church for initiation of assistance (examples available)*

Share/Host ADRN Training Opportunities – online or in person

- Host ADRN Orientation – I AM Ready Basic Training
- Host CISM Training – Critical Incident Stress Management
- Host ADRN Shepherd Training* – Walking with Survivors
- Identify Church ADRN Training leader to support congregation & Core Team

Pastoral Leadership will collaborate w/ local leaders & ADRN leadership team

- Pastor will join Key Pastors/community leaders meeting in a time of disaster
- Receive updates from key pastors meeting through outreach/executive pastor
- Church Outreach Leader will join Bi-Monthly Roundtable gatherings.
Community collaboration (Email derick.z@adrmtx.org to be added)

***Disaster Relief Shepherd (DRS)** – ADRN training program created to assist network churches to walk alongside disaster survivors who have potentially lost everything. Role does not require you to take survivors into your home or provide financial assistance from your personal funds. This 2 hour training will equip you with the skills, knowledge and plan to take care and provide extended assistance that cannot be given by governments or international relief organizations. **Pre-disaster Shepherd Training available at ADRN.org*

Our Church is willing to Assist Survivors – Shepherding (#1 Goal for ADRN)

- Activate church Pastoral Care – assisting affected families in church
- We will offer ADRN DRS Training – 2 hour training online or in person
- ADRN Trained Shepherds will activate – assisting unchurched families affected by disaster through trained DRS groups/individuals in church
- We could Shepherd _____ # of families (use if more than 5)

Warehouse Distribution Site availability

- At your church location – appx SF _____
- Offsite warehouse resource – appx SF _____
- We have traffic flow plan or willing to develop traffic flow for large trucks

Staging Resources – Parking Lot Available

- # of parking spots at our church _____
- We have members willing to utilize their property if needed

Tools/Equipment church could offer

- Tool Trailer - We have outreach trailer with basic clean up tools
 - Special resources - (Member connections) Trailer, Tractor etc....
- List additional resources available:

Red Cross Shelter (See detailed doc in DRC manual)

Open to host/support volunteer groups from other churches & organizations

- We have space for teams to stay on site – classrooms, auditoriums etc.
- Shower trucks can park at church – Large 18 wheelers / mobile units
- Open to discuss possibility of supporting partner organizations at our church location in the event of major incident.

**Examples: Samaritan’s Purse, Christ In Action, Mercy Chefs, HEB etc...*

Church Pastoral Leadership will collaborate with Disaster Relief Coordinator

- Pre-disaster - church development plan - PLANNING
- During disaster - implement church plan - RESPONSE
- Post disaster - extended plan or exit strategy - RECOVERY

What areas of RESPONSE is your church best equipped for?

(List the names of people who come to mind from your congregation)

Supporting Survivors – Emotional / Spiritual Care

Does your church have individuals trained in Shepherding?

Debris Clean-up / Serve Teams – Physical Care

Do you have a serve culture and a way to communicate to those interested in serving through manual labor and support?

Resource Management – Physical Care

Does your church have facilities to collect donations and distribute to the affected communities?

Feeding / Cooking Teams – Physical / Emotional Care

Does your church have a working kitchen? Do you have volunteers gifted with hospitality and cooking skills?

Assessment – CISM / CERT – Emotional / Physical Care

Teams prepared to make door to door assessment and find needs of community.

Communications – Liaison / Ham Radio

Specialized in communications with radio equipment ready to deploy.

Administration – Physical / Emotional / Spiritual Care

Teams prepared to handle paper work and volunteer management?
