

# Church Vision and Mission

## DRC Guide #1



Churches of Greater Austin  
Bringing Hope into Crisis™

### Big Idea:

The most important role of every church Disaster Relief Core Team member is to serve the vision and mission of their church in and out of times of disaster.

### Scriptural Basis:

*Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law. Proverbs 29:18*

### Explanation:

The local church is uniquely equipped to create, implement and execute a well-defined, functional infrastructure that successfully responds to natural disasters within its communities. And through strategic methodologies, the church can redefine the very basis of such relief and drive it to its next level. However, before we dive into all of the details of Emergency Management and how we as "The Church" rise up in times of disaster, it is important to recognize why we are here and identify our goals for preparing our churches in the area of disaster preparedness.

Dave Brewer, in his Blog "The Importance of Supporting your Pastor" explains, *"The role of the pastor is one of the most difficult jobs in the world, because he is entrusted by God to be the Spiritual Teacher, Leader, and Shepherd of his people. Studies have shown that after a few years about 80% of ordained pastors drop out of the ministry. They suffer from great discouragement, stress on their marriage and family, feel inadequately prepared, and struggle with conflict within their churches. They almost never have a weekend off, and are essentially on call 24/7."*

As a Disaster Relief Team, it is our primary responsibility to support the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our church and our pastoral staff in and out of times of disaster.

#### **Read & Discuss**

**Exodus 17:8-16**

*How does this scripture apply to serving our church?*

## Message to DRC & Core Team:

ADRN understands that your pastor's job is not easy and it is not our desire to add pressure or tasks to the church's daily work. It is the mission of ADRN to EQUIP and EMPOWER you as the Disaster Relief Coordinator and Core Team to alleviate pressure from your leaders and add value to your church. As your team develops, you will grow to make decisions and recommendations to your pastors that will lead to action by your church in and out of times of disaster.

For this reason, you must be in full agreement with your pastor's vision and understand how to best support the direction of your church leadership. Today is the day to agree to focus on creating a support team that will bring clarity and encouragement to your pastors and everyone involved with disaster relief in your church!

## Discussion:

Identify your Church Vision & Mission:

*Matthew 28:16, Habakkuk 2:2*

**Vision Statement** focuses on the future and what a church believes it will ultimately become; it is a source of inspiration and motivation.

**Mission Statement** focuses on today and what the church does to achieve the long-term goals set by its vision. It summarizes and provides the church with its biblical tasks, and it defines the results that it seeks to obtain.

Our Church Vision:

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Our Church Mission:

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Identify a Mission Statement for our church Disaster Relief Team:

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### Things to consider:

1. Why our team exists
2. Whom it serves
3. How it serves them

### Tips:

*\*Could be your Church Mission Statement “..... In times of disaster”*

*\*Always point back to the Vision and Mission of your church*

*\*Mission Statement answers the question “Why do we exist?” We exist to...*

### Example:

#### **ADRN Mission Statement**

To glorify Christ by equipping, empowering, and mobilizing a network of churches to respond to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those affected by disaster.

*Luke 10:25-37, Ephesians 4:12-16*

## **NEXT STEPS – Start thinking!**

If a disaster were to happen in proximity to our church, what could our response be?

**Consider:** Communication – Resources – Serve Teams – Partners – Walking with Families affected

**Immediate area** (our city) – Staff and Church members possibly affected

*Consider: Order of response? Church, Congregation and Community – 3 Cs*

**Close Proximity** – Within 1-hour drive

*Consider: Pray, Give & Serve*

**Out of Immediate area** – Within a 1-day drive

*Consider: Partners outside of Austin Area – Short Term mission?*

*We will discuss these answers in future guidelines and develop roles and responsibilities to support the effectiveness of our church response plan*