DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

For Your Church, For Your Community

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OBJECTIVES

• To illustrate the importance of disaster preparedness planning and to provide an overview of the planning process.

• To connect the congregation’s vision, mission and values to disaster preparedness and response.

• Create the framework to build a disaster plan

• Identify and share congregational gifts

• Discuss potential needs of vulnerable people after a disaster.

• Brainstorm and share potential congregational responses to a disaster.
AGENDA

• The Diocesan Leadership in Disaster Preparedness.
  • Diocesan resolutions and vision
• What Are We Planning For?
• It Won’t Happen To Me!!
  • Real Life Church Scenarios
• **Need for an Effective Disaster Plan**
  • Video – an effective fire evacuation plan (The Office)?
  • Need for a Written Plan & Practice
• **How to Build a Disaster Plan**
  • Sample Disaster Plans
    • Don’t Reinvent the Wheel
    • Three Major Responses
      • Evacuation
      • Shelter in Place
      •Respond
  • Resources
    • Diocesan Disaster Website
    • Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) U.S. Disaster Website
    • FEMA University; CERT training; Red Cross training; Community Involvement
    • AlertMedia Communication
• **Congregational Gifts & Community Needs in a Disaster?**
  • Disaster Scenario
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS RESOLUTION
PHASE I
August 26, 2015

• **RESOLVED**, that the 42nd Convention of the Diocese of San Diego hereby directs all congregations, diocesan institutions and offices within the Diocese of San Diego to: (1) appoint a disaster preparedness leader, and (2) complete the Asset Map survey found at www.sd.episcopalsassetmap.org prior to the 43rd Convention of the Diocese of San Diego;

• **RESOLVED**, that the diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee shall assist where required, and monitor progress in implementing this policy;

• **RESOLVED**, that the Disaster Preparedness Committee shall report on the state of disaster preparedness to the 43rd Convention of the Diocese of San Diego.
EXPLANATION OF PHASE I

• Churches often fill in the gap when disaster strikes. They partner with government agencies and nonprofits to provide shelter, food and other essentials during emergencies. Because they are existing communities of close-knit people with established communication channels, churches and church organizations are especially effective at distributing information, checking in with otherwise isolated people and providing emergency support. But all of this can only happen if a church has an up-to-date disaster preparedness plan.

• The final goal is that all congregations, institutions and offices of the diocese will have a disaster preparedness plan. However, the diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee recognizes that every church may not be able to create a disaster preparedness plan by November 2016. Therefore, our collective goal is that the next phase of disaster preparedness planning will include completion of disaster preparedness plans by each congregation, institution and offices in the diocese by November 2017.
The Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief &
Resolved, that the 43rd Convention of the Diocese of San Diego hereby requires all congregations, diocesan institutions and offices to create an up-to-date disaster preparedness plan that includes contact information for key people, and a campus map, if applicable. Such plans are to be completed by the 44th Annual Diocesan Convention.

Resolved, that the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee shall support and assist congregations, institutions and offices in this effort.

Resolved, that the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee shall monitor congregations’, institutions’ and offices’ progress in achieving the requirements of this resolution and report the progress to the 44th Annual Diocesan Convention.
EXPLANATION PHASE II

- **EXPLANATION:** This resolution builds on Resolution 15.2-03 which empowered the Disaster Preparedness Committee to monitor congregations, institutions and offices in the diocese to appoint a disaster preparedness leader and complete the Asset Map survey online: [www.sd.episcopalassetmap.org](http://www.sd.episcopalassetmap.org) prior to the 43rd Diocesan Convention.

- It also laid out the expectation that all congregations, institutions and offices would create an up-to-date disaster plan online by going to [www.edsd.org/disaster/](http://www.edsd.org/disaster/) and scrolling down to the bottom of the page to Additional Resources “Disaster Plan Basic Template” and completing your Disaster Plan prior to the 44th Diocesan Convention in 2017.

- To assist in this effort there will be a Disaster Planning workshop at the next Leadership Academy.
### WHAT ARE WE PLANNING FOR?

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IT WON’T HAPPEN TO ME!!!

- St. Andrew’s, Encinitas
  - Nov. 12, 2016 – Minor Fire – Preschool – Arson?
  - Oct. 22, 2016 - Minor Fire – Building – Arson?
- St. James, La Jolla
  - June 22, 2016 – Rectory Garage Fire – 1 Dead
- Witch Creek Wildfire
  - Oct 2007 – Evacuations of Poway, Escondido, R.B.
- Cedar Wildfire
  - Oct. 2003 – 100’s of homes in Scripps Ranch burned
- St. John’s, Chula Vista
  - Apr. 1994 – Church Totally Destroyed – Arson
- St. David’s, Clairemont
  - May 1991 – Church Totally Destroyed – Arson
- St. John’s Firestorm – May 9, 2004 The Rev. Dr. Gail Keeney-Mulligan
A DISASTER PLAN IN ACTION?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gO8N3L_aERg
WAS THIS A GOOD DISASTER PLAN/RESPONSE?

• Did they have a disaster plan?
• Was it effective?
  • Was anyone in charge?
  • Had they practiced before?
  • Did everyone know what to do?
  • Did anyone call 9-1-1?
  • Did anyone pull a fire alarm?
  • Did anyone have a fire extinguisher?
  • Was anyone trained for a medical emergency?
• Are you going to make these mistakes?
HOW TO BUILD A DISASTER PLAN?

• “Don’t Re-Invent the Wheel”:
  • You’re very lucky because templates have been provided for you:
    • EDSD – Basic Disaster Plan & Comprehensive Plan
    • ERD – Basic (Bronze), Intermediate (Silver) & Comprehensive
    • Dioceses Nationwide - Disaster preparedness plan examples
    • Something is better than nothing.

• Understand the Greatest Threats in Your Area

• Create a “multi–use disaster plan” with 4+1 basics:
  • Evacuation: Fire, facility weakened by earthquake, tsunami
  • Shelter in Place: Chemical spill outside, active shooter
  • Respond: Immediate medical situations (i.e. heart attacks)
  • Recover (Resiliency): Preserve/protect documents & data
    • A Season of Resilience (5 week disaster resilience plan)

• PRACTICE & UPDATE (know your plan before disaster strikes)
DISASTER PLAN LINKS

• EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO – DISASTER PAGE:
  http://edsd.org/disaster/

• EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO ASSET MAP:
  https://sd.episcopalassetmap.org/

• EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT (ERD) DISASTER RESOURCE LIBRARY:

• DISASTER PLANNING RESOURCES:
  • Bronze Level Preparedness Planning Guide (basic level)
  • Silver Level Preparedness Planning guide (intermediate level)
  • Comprehensive Preparedness Planning Guide for Congregations

• DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXAMPLES:
  • Diocese of Southwest Florida
  • St. Gabriel Church, Colorado (Evac & SiP)
  • Diocese of Hawaii (Evac)
  • Diocese of Oklahoma
  • Dioceses of Texas (Evac)
  • Church Province IV
  • Episcopal Church in Vermont

• FEMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE:
  https://training.fema.gov/

• FEMA – FREE ONLINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSES:
  https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx

• CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT):
  https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/cert/
HAZARD MAP RESOURCES

- My Natural Hazards By Address
  - [http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/](http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/)

- San Diego Maps - Earthquake Faults/Hazards
  - [http://www.shakeout.org/sandiego/hazards.html](http://www.shakeout.org/sandiego/hazards.html)

- San Diego - Maps - Earthquake General
  - [http://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/geologic_hazards/earthquakes/Pages/index.aspx#EarthquakeProbabilities](http://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/geologic_hazards/earthquakes/Pages/index.aspx#EarthquakeProbabilities)

- San Diego - Maps - FEMA Flood Zones By Address
  - [https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search](https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search)

- San Diego - Maps - CA FreeFlood - Flood Zones By Address
  - [http://www.freeflood.net/](http://www.freeflood.net/)

- San Diego Maps - Liquefaction - Fault Lines

- San Diego Maps - Tsunami Maps & Evacuation
  - [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/oes/disaster_preparedness/oes_jl_tsunami.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/oes/disaster_preparedness/oes_jl_tsunami.html)

- San Diego Maps - Tsunami - Ocean Beach
CONGREGATIONAL GIFTS & COMMUNITY NEEDS DURING A DISASTER

• Churches often fill in the gap when disaster strikes. They partner with government agencies and nonprofits to provide shelter, food and other essentials during emergencies. Because they are existing communities of close-knit people with established communication channels, churches and church organizations are especially effective at distributing information, checking in with otherwise isolated people and providing emergency support. But all of this can only happen if a church has an up-to-date disaster preparedness plan.

• Most powerful disaster response emerges when gifts of the church match the needs of the community

• Conversely, there may be a strong need in the community but the church lacks gifts in that area (i.e. an elderly congregation can’t provide heavy machinery operators)
TRANSFERABLE CONGREGATIONAL GIFTS

• Congregational Gifts (the 5 P’s):
  • PEOPLE – Members of your congregation/ministries
    • Trained first responders; medical personnel; counselors
    • People trained in First Aid/CPR/AED/CERT
    • Contractors; carpenters, electricians, plumbers, IT guys
  • PROPERTY – Church building, parking lot, rectory, supplies
    • Generators, trucks, trailers, boats, tools
  • PURSE – Financial assets
  • POSTURE – Church community culture: Outreach, etc.
  • PROGRAM – Ministries and activities
    • Showers Ministry, Interfaith Shelter Network
• What are the gifts of:
  • An older congregation?
  • A small congregation?
  • Not owning a church building?
WHAT ARE YOUR CHURCH’S GIFTS?

• EXERCISE:
  • Please count off and split into groups of 2 or 3
  • Generally speaking and using the “5 P’s” what are the gifts of your church or organization?
    • PEOPLE
    • PROPERTY
    • PURSE
    • POSTURE
    • PROGRAMS
  • Please write each gift on a separate sticky note
  • Place your sticky note in the proper place on flip chart
NEEDS IN A DISASTER

• Needs change during the course of a disaster and can last for years

• WARNING:
  • Communication, safe place, sand bags, building supplies, instructions

• RESCUE:
  • Safety, medical care, electricity, transportation, communication (elderly)

• RELIEF:
  • Food, clothing, water, shelter, childcare, warming/cooling centers

• RECOVERY:
  • Rebuilding assistance, emotional support, financial assistance, data recovery

• MITIGATION:
  • Reporting, analysis, training, counseling, consulting, data back ups, document storage
DISASTER SCENARIO

- Imagine that a disaster has struck in the area of your church:
  - A wildfire/firestorm has been approaching for several days and many houses have been destroyed and 5 lives have been lost. The SDFD has notified residents in your vicinity that they must evacuate immediately.
  - Please count off and split into groups again:
    - Determine the needs of your community during each of the first 4 phases of the disaster life cycle. Write answers on sticky notes
    - Then brainstorm your church gifts to address some or all of these needs. Write answers on sticky notes
    - Try to focus on the needs of people who may be more vulnerable to disasters than others
CONTINUING AWARENESS & EDUCATION

• Become Involved With The Local Emergency Response Community
  • The San Diego Interfaith Disaster Council:
    • http://www.sdinterfaithdisastercouncil.com/about-us/
  • Ready San Diego – Sign up for disaster alerts by e-mail & phone:
    • http://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/
  • Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):
    • San Diego County:
      • http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/oes/community/oes_jl_CERT.html
    • San Diego City:
      • https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/cert/
  • Volunteer Organizations Active in a Disaster (VOAD):
    • http://sdvoad.org/
  • American Red Cross of San Diego & Imperial Counties
    • http://www.redcross.org/local/california/san-diego
    • Sign up for “Shelter Operations” training
CONCLUSIONS

• Episcopalians have gifts. Lots of them !!!!
• Needs change over the course of a disaster. Be sure to keep checking in with folks who are affected by disasters and ask what they need.
• The two strongest indicators that predict whether or not a church will respond after a disaster are:
  • An awareness of congregational gifts & limitations
  • A willingness to try, Don’t hesitate to help out
• In order for your church to be of benefit to the community it must first have a plan in place to survive and recover from disasters. In some cases first responders will be overwhelmed and people may have to survive by themselves for weeks.

QUESTIONS?