

# DISASTER CHAPLAINS

SPIRITUAL CARE FOR DISASTER RELIEF

## DISASTER RELIEF SERVICES

- **Establish a Comfort Zone for Victims & Families**
- **Provide Reception & Triage**
- **Initiate Spiritual Care**
- **Receive & Work Welfare Inquiries**
- **Locate & Contact Families**
- **Coordinate Appropriate Clergy**
- **Make Family Calls & Attend Family Meetings**
- **Provide Community Resources & Referrals**
- **Assemble Professional Documentation**
- **Accompany Deceased to Mortuary**
- **Support Family Through Identification**
- **Coordinate Memorial & Funeral Services**
- **Family Bereavement Care**
- **Spiritual Care for Emergency Workers**
- **PTSD Program**
- **Transportation Incident, Pandemic**
- **Natural & Man-made Disasters**

**D**isaster Chaplains is a group of experienced, educated and professional spiritual care leaders with various specialties.

Working in hospice, hospital, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and as returning veteran chaplains, they provide ongoing and crisis spiritual care.

During disaster relief, they create stability on small and large disaster scenes.

They are also available to counsel emergency personnel, assist with victims and provide their families with information about their loved ones.

**I**n times of disaster, individual and mass events require the full attention of police, fire and emergency personnel.

Whether there are one, or one hundred hurting people, they each have immediate needs, as well as families who want to know how and where they are.

On-the-scene, Disaster Chaplains provide stability as they assist victims and families with comfort, resources, support and contact with loved ones.

Trained to quickly assess the situation, they initiate an effective plan of action for crisis intervention. They provide for urgent spiritual needs through pastoral care, spiritual counsel, referrals and resources.

Everyone functions better immediately and in the long run, when they receive effective debriefing and help with grief and anxiety as soon as possible. It is crucial that spiritual and mental health triage and treatment take place.

Traumatic events change lives. Well-managed change hurts less and is more effective.

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**HOW CAN WE HELP? Disaster Chaplains will establish your local disaster chaplains unit; provide on-call response to assist in disaster relief or available for consultation needs.**

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**D**isasters are sometimes seen as short-lived events, but in reality they are longer term, inflicting significant impact on individuals and in the same communities over and over. Of all the immediate and long-lasting effects disaster imposes upon its many victims, residue trauma and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can be the one thing that holds on and holds back individuals and entire communities for years to come, beyond the time it takes to rebuild.

When all the helpers have gone, people are too soon left on their own to initiate and energize many major projects because most of them are still too tired and traumatized.

Disaster Chaplains provide an initial spiritual assessment and spiritual care, an initial debrief, counsel and referral, or they develop a spiritual plan of care if return visits are determined.

After initial contact, most disaster victims are referred to the existing local faith community faith organizations and resources.

Faith groups can be trained to receive disaster victims into their communities. Online resources to help include flyers, training manuals, and procedures.

The price of relief, counsel and support is much less than the rising cost of unattended grief, PTSD and the enormous effect on its victims, their families and entire communities.

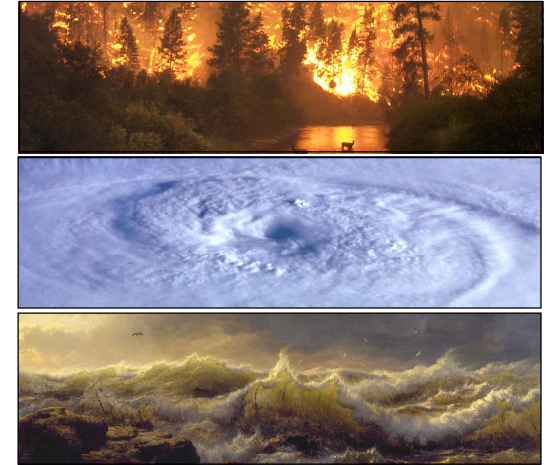
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## EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF SERVICES

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Prepare for the Worst.

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