

Organizing a Disaster Response Training Event in Your Congregation

Thank you for your willingness to organize a disaster response training event in your congregation. Responding to a disaster is a vital part of who we are as members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Together, we will address the nature of disasters and explore what our response should be to disasters as members of the LCMS. We will explore how Christ has shown mercy to us, and how we can show our community that same Christ-like mercy. The goal is to prepare congregations and individual members to be better prepared when a disaster strikes and to help them know how to respond within their congregations, and in word and deed, within the greater communities.



Frequently Asked Questions About Disaster Response Training

› How can our congregation receive training?

To schedule a training session in your area, contact LCMS Disaster Response at:

Phone: 314-996-1638 Email: disaster@lcms.org

› How much does training cost?

A registration fee of \$35 per person helps cover the cost of lunch and snacks; \$10 will be sent to LCMS Disaster Response to help cover the cost of materials and travel.

› Should we advertise to other LCMS congregations?

No event comes together by itself. It takes time, work and energy to tell people about an event. You should advertise this event in your local congregation. It is vital that you contact your circuit visitor and pastors within your circuit, as well as their lay leaders, to ask if they could also could advertise this training within their congregations. Your district office also should be contacted (as well as your District Disaster Response Coordinator) to ask if it would also be willing to announce the training on its website and through other communication channels.

› How long will training last?

The training sessions are generally scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, but we can divide the sessions between a Friday evening and Saturday morning if preferred.

› What will we study?

There are three main sections: 1) An introduction to the LCMS Disaster Response program, 2) Congregation preparedness and 3) Lutheran Early Response Teams.

› Where do the trainers stay?

Trainers from LCMS Disaster Response arrange for their own transportation, lodging and meals.

› Who can be trained?

Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the training session. Only LCMS members who are 18 years or older, however, receive certification as LCMS volunteers.

› How much advanced time does it take to schedule?

Training usually can be scheduled within three months of the request. But make sure you leave time to adequately advertise among your congregation, circuit and district.



LERT Volunteer Training Event

Training will be held at

Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

For more information, contact

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The registration fee is \$35, which includes a training manual, LCMS volunteer vest and lunch. You will receive your certificate of participation and volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response and the LCMS Office of National Mission.

(Please fill out, detach, and send this form with your registration fee to the host congregation.)

Disaster Preparedness Training Event Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Congregation: _____

