

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLAN Mission Presbytery

## **SESSION PLANNING & ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

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Identify type(s) of disaster(s) most likely based on history and forecasts		
Identify disaster preparedness response team availability and responsibilities		
Secure necessary equipment to manage disaster responses on or off site: i.e, cell phone, laptop, control center kit; backup systems, architectural plans, phone numbers, etc.		
Identify churches already doing specific duties during: i.e., Baptist Churches network provide hot meals, etc.		
Identify facility space for use as an evacuation site or resource distribution site or state responders' staging site, etc.		
Build a sufficient staff of volunteers to do all actions		
Provide and/or fund training for disaster response volunteers		
Decide what services remain active and what services will stop during various phases and intensity of the disaster; i.e., office operations, worship services, program activities		
Practice Disaster Preparedness & Response Plan		
Notify local emergency management office of capabilities		
Stockpile sufficient water		
Ensure sufficient personnel can shut off main electric power and water supply		
Pre-plan for emergency budget needs for structure damage		
Review insurance policy for sufficient coverage		
Consider contracting in advance for: Attorney, Plumbing, Roofing, Windows, General Contractor, Waste Removal		
Backup financial records weekly as a minimum		
Backup financial and program records daily as disaster nears		
Consider forming grief response teams to help members		
Identify alternative locations for worship if church is unusable for a period of time		
Obtain a copy of city, county, and state disaster preparedness plans		
Prepare for follow-up support groups to function for several months		