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Preparedness Planning Guide

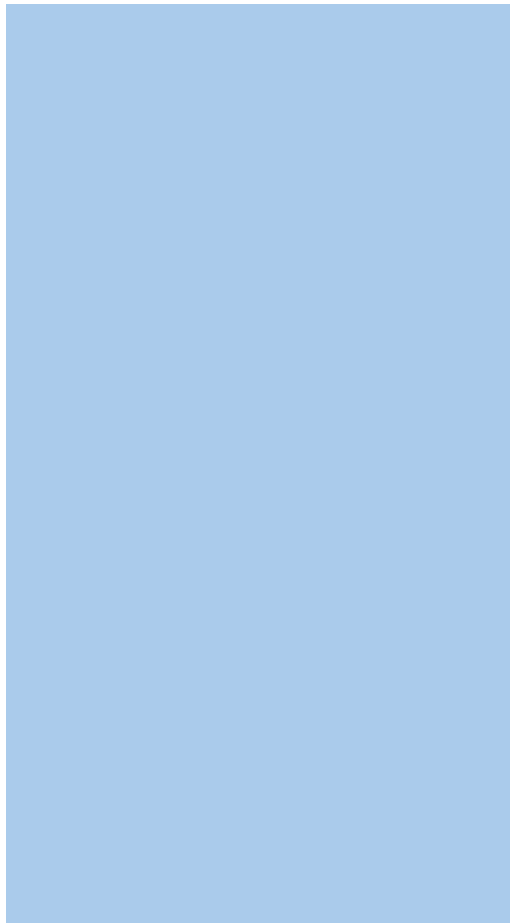
For Congregations and
Parishes



The Diocese of Virginia
Disaster Preparedness and Response
Ministry Team

Diocese of Virginia





Letter from Katie

Dear Episcopal Church leaders,

Though we don't always want to think about it, one of our roles as a church in the community is to be prepared to be of assistance after a disaster. We plan for four basic reasons:

- to mitigate the damage to our church community's buildings and belongings
- to be able to resume the business of the church as soon as possible post-disaster
- to support our parishioners in times of crisis
- to assist to our vulnerable neighbors after an emergency

Our role at Episcopal Relief & Development is as a humanitarian organization, working to inspire, connect and equip leaders of the US Episcopal Church to prepare for hazards that might affect their communities, to mitigate the impact of those disasters and to help the vulnerable make a full and sustained recovery.

This document comes from the collected wisdom of the Church. To compile this guide, we gathered examples of parish and diocesan disaster preparedness guides from around the country as well as from other denominations. We utilized the most important elements from each, while trying to stay as simple as possible.

We hope that this guide can be used by congregations to help them plan. Please let us know if there's anything in this guide that you think should be changed, added or eliminated, and feel free to edit to meet your local context. The complete planning guide that should take about 10 to 15 hours to complete, but we recognize some congregations might not yet be ready for the full process. We have therefore created this “**bronze level plan**” that includes the most basic information needed in times of disaster.

Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program is working with dioceses around the country to be better prepared for emergencies. One step in that process is to ask bishops to appoint Diocesan Disaster Coordinators, and then train and support those newly appointed leaders and their committees. There will be a list of Diocesan Disaster Coordinators on our website; these coordinators should be your first support and resource through this planning process.

Thanks for all you do in this important work,

Katie Mears
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Thank You

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Our Congregation's Disaster Plan

• Congregation/Church:	
• Phone:	
• Address:	
• Web Site:	
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• Cell Phone:	
• Landline/Phone:	
• E-Mail:	
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• Scheduled Review:	



Disaster Leadership Team: Contact Information

Instructions: Fill out the following form with contact information for your Congregational Disaster Coordinator and the Disaster Leadership Team. Even if your team consists of two people, capture their contact information.

Congregational Disaster Coordinator:	• Landline/Phone:	
	• Cell Phone:	
	• Email:	
• Name: (Clergy)	Role/Designated Tasks:	
	Address:	
	Landline/Phone:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	
• Name: (Facilities)	Role/Designated Tasks:	
	Address:	
	Landline/Phone:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	
• Name: (Communications)	Role/Designated Tasks:	
	Address:	
	Landline/Phone:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	
• Name: (Liaison)	Role/Designated Tasks:	
	Address:	
	Landline/Phone:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	
• Name:	Role/Designated Tasks:	
	Address:	
	Landline/Phone:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	
• Name:	Role/Designated Tasks:	
	Address:	
	Landline/Phone:	
	Cell Phone:	
	Email:	

Insurance Information

Make a list of all your insurance information and contacts. Be sure to have a copy of this information in a **secure place off-site** and have another copy that someone can take with them if your community is evacuated.

• Policy Number:	
• Policy is with:	
Phone:	
Address:	
• Agent:	
Phone:	
Address:	
• Original Policy is kept:	
Address:	
• Copy of policy is kept offsite:	
Address:	
• Policy Type:	<i>(Example – Replacement value type)</i>
Total Value:	
• Policy covers:	<i>Earthquake, hurricane, robbery, fire, breakage, etc.</i>
• Other policies:	
• Policy review:	
When:	
By who:	

Be sure to note where off-site copies are kept and who can access them.

Off-site Copies	
• Where:	<i>(Ex: Diocese has a copy)</i>
• Who:	<i>Susan Wu</i>
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