

Have you thought about... (Or some next steps)

How you would contact church members in an emergency?

Do you have a listing of phone numbers, including cell numbers, and emergency contacts for members of the congregation?

Do you have a call tree to assist in quickly contacting all members?

Your church building serving as a shelter in an emergency/disaster?

Do you have the proper transfer switch box for generator hook-up?

Do you have a kitchen and dining area that could feed people?

Is your building prepared for hooking up portable showers?

Do you have space where people could warm up and the ability to serve drinks and snacks?

Your church building serving as a disaster relief station?

Could your building be a location the Red Cross or other agency could use in responding?

Could your building serve as a coordination point for disaster response agencies?

Could your building serve as a call center for locating information on family members?

Could your building provide drinks, snacks and a quiet place for emergency/disaster responders to recover during their response?

Could your building serve as a collection/distribution point for disaster relief supplies?

Could you host community worship services?

Could you plan and hold a service of healing or wholeness for community members?

Could you plan and hold a service of prayer and thanksgiving for emergency/disaster personnel?

Could you connect with the emergency response services in your area?

Do you know about your community disaster response plan? (Contact police or other emergency system providers to find out!)

Has your session given standing approval for participation in an emergency response plan?

Is there a role your church might fill in that plan? (Look to plug holes in plan, not duplicate available services)

Could/would you be willing to have your church building officially put into the plan as a shelter, relief station, feeding station, or...?

Actions to prepare for a disaster/emergency?

Have you held any education/training? (This is essential in the area of your response if you offer resources for the local disaster response plan)

Have you designated a response coordinator and/or organized a response team/committee?

Do you have a listing of particular potentially useful skills members have? (Remember, those involved in the emergency response system will already be occupied!)

Do you have supplies to shelter in place at church?