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Tip Sheets for U.S. Religious Leaders

National Faith-Based Disaster Service Organizations

Although national faith-based organizations are usually the primary disaster relief and short-term recovery providers, their contributions to disaster response are as varied as their spiritual practices. They also are critical in organizing and funding the long-term recovery coordinated by Long-Term Recovery Organizations (LTROs). Below is a list of most of the national organizations that every LTRO and religious leader should have in their finger-tips.

The agencies listed are for your reference and potential collaboration. They represent most of the national faith-based response organizations, many of which are active members of national, state and local VOADs (*=National VOAD Member). All houses of worship should, if applicable, affiliate with their designated NVOAD agency and/or a local VOAD or disaster interfaith, disaster chaplain service or recovery committee.

- **Adventist Community Services (ACS)** – Disaster Response; National Office: Silver Spring, MD  
  – Services: emergency goods/supplies and warehouse operations  

- **Aga Khan Development Network—FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance** – Preparedness; Headquarters: Sugarland, TX  
  – Services: disaster mitigation education and preparedness training for congregations. Response volunteer teams.  
  – Contact: www.akdn.org/focus, 800.423.7972.

- **American Baptist Men (ABM)** – Disaster Relief; Headquarters: Springfield, IL  
  – Services: housing assessment, debris removal, and housing cleanup  
  – Contact: www.abmen.org, 800.222.3872 x2452.

- **American Red Cross (ARC)—Spiritual Response Team (SRT)** – Headquarters: Washington, D.C.  
  – Services: volunteer board certified chaplains for aviation incidents and other disaster by request  
  – Contact: www.redcross.org, 202.303.4498.

- **Catholic Charities USA** – Headquarters: Alexandria, VA  
  – Services: multi-service agency; distribution of funds to support long-term case management  
  – Contact: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org, 703.549.1390.

- **Christian Contractors Association (CCA)** – International Headquarters: Brooksville, FL  
  – Services: home construction/rebuilding or repair  
  – Contact: www.ccaministry.org, 800.278.7703, 800.270.4227 or 352.799.7856

- **Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)** – DRS; US Head Office: Grand Rapids, MI  
  – Services: needs assessment, home reconstruction, work camps and training for recovery organizations  
  – Contact: www.crwrc.org/relief, 800.848.5818, 800.552.7972 or 616.241.1691

- **Church of the Brethren—Brethren Disaster Ministries & Children’s Disaster Services**; Headquarters: New Windsor, MD  
  – Services: childcare for impacted families, donations warehouse and volunteer home reconstruction  
  – Contact: http://www.brethren.org/bdm/, 800.451.4407  
  – Contact: www.brethren.org/cds/

- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** – LDS Philanthropies; Headquarters: Salt Lake City, UT  
  – Services: warehousing & distribution of emergency goods  
  – Contact: www.lds.org/ldsfoundation, 800.525.8074, 801.240.5567 or 801.240.3544.

- **Church World Service (CWS)** – Emergency Response Program (ERP); Headquarters: New York, NY  
  – Services: support to long-term recovery organizations, warehousing, and extensive online training/preparedness resources  
  – Contact: www.cwserp.org, 800.297.1516 x222 or 212.870.3151.

- **City Team Ministries—Disaster Response**; Headquarters: San Jose, CA  
  – Services: life saving food, shelter, recovery programs, individual and group counseling and medical clinics  
  – Contact: www.cityteam.org/disaster-response/, (408) 232-5600 Ext. 5774

- **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** – Headquarters: New York, NY  
  – Services: redevelopment and recovery program funding  
  – Contact: www.er-d.org, 800.334.7626 x5129.

- **Friends Disaster Service (FDS)** – Headquarters: Peninsula, PA  
  – Services: volunteer labor coordination and victim advocacy  
  – Contact: www.friendsdisasterservice.org, 717.859.2210.
• *International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) – Headquarters: Baltimore, MD
  – Services: funding to long-term recovery organizations, and emotional and spiritual care
  – Contact: www.iocc.org, 410.243.9820 or 877.803.4622.
• *Islamic Circle of North America-Relief (ICNA Relief) – Headquarters: Jamaica, NY
  – Services: long-term recovery case management, feeding programs, medical care, humanitarian aid & volunteer corps
  – Contact: www.reliefonline.org, 718.658.7028.
• *Islamic Relief USA – Headquarters: Alexandria, VA
  – Services: disaster relief, humanitarian aid, shelter management and volunteer corps
  – Contact: http://www.irusa.org/, 888.479.4968
• *Lutheran Disaster Response – Headquarters: Chicago, IL
  – Services: long-term recovery case management and work camp coordination
  – Contact: www.ldr.org, 773.380.2748.
• *Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) – Headquarters: Akron, PA
  – Services: housing cleanup, home repair, and reconstruction
  – Contact: www.mds.mennonite.net, 717.859.2210 or 800.241.8111.
• *Mercy Corps – USA Headquarters: Portland, OR
  – Services: emergency relief
  – Contact: www.mercycorps.org, 800.292.3355.
• National Disaster Interfaith Network (NDIN) – Headquarters: New York, NY
  – Services: a network of local, regional, and state interfaith disaster organizations
  – Contact: www.n-din.org, 212.669.6100
• Nazarene Disaster Response (NDR) – Headquarters: Kansas City, MO
  – Services: volunteer labor coordination and long-term recovery support
  – Contact: www.ncm.org/min_ndr.aspx, 888.256.5886
• *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Headquarters: Louisville, KY
  – Services: work camp coordination, recovery program funding and capacity building
  – Contact: www.pcusa.org/pda, 888.728.7228 x5839 or 800.872.3283
• *The Salvation Army – Headquarters: Alexandria, VA
  – Services: emergency relief and feeding, long-term case management, and distribution of goods
  – Contact: www.salvationarmyusa.org.
• The Sikh Coalition – National Headquarters: New York, NY
  – Services: civil rights/liberties advocacy and backlash mitigation education
  – Contact: www.sikhcoalition.org.
• *Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) – Headquarters: St. Louis, MO
  – Services: long-term recovery case management and distribution of clothing & donated goods
  – Contact: www.svdpusa.org, 314.576.3993.
• *Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) – NAMB Disaster Relief Program; Headquarters: Alpharetta, GA
  – Services: feeding programs and coordination of home repair/rebuilding
  – Contact: www.namb.net/dr, 800.634.2462 or 770.410.6000.
• *Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation – Headquarters: San Dimas, CA
  – Services: distribution of food and donated goods, support for medical services, and counseling
  – Contact: www.tzuchi.org, 909.447.8613.
• Jewish Disaster Response Corps – National Office: New York, NY
  – Services: housing repair, volunteer corps
  – Contact: http://jdrcorps.org/
• *United Church of Christ (UCC) – Disaster Response; Headquarters: Cleveland, OH
  – Services: funding and capacity building for environmental and technological disasters and long-term recovery organizations
  – Contact: www.ucc.org/disaster, 216.736.3211 or 866.822.8224 x3211.
• *United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) – Headquarters: Washington, D.C.
  – Services: long-term recovery case management, warehousing and distribution of donated goods, home rebuilding and repair
  – Contact: www.umcor.org, umcor@gbgm-umc.org, 800.554.8583.
• United Sikhs – Headquarters: New York, NY
  – Services: humanitarian relief and coordination of recovery volunteers
  – Contact: www.unitedsikhs.org, 888.243.1690 or 646.338.5996.

OTHER RESOURCES
• National Disaster Interfaiths Network: National Directory of Disaster Interfaiths—www.n-din.org
• National VOAD: www.nvoad.org