

Disaster Prep Top 10

In the event of a natural disaster...

- 1.** How will you contact your membership, particularly if power or phone service is disrupted?
- 2.** How will you help yourself and your congregation evacuate or prepare if the storm threatens your area?
- 3.** How will you secure and back up your church records?
- 4.** How will your church be a “mission station”?
- 5.** How will you partner with neighboring churches?
- 6.** How will you tell your story?
- 7.** Do you have adequate insurance for all church facilities, including parsonage, and do you know how to contact your insurance carrier?
- 8.** Clergy, is your personal emergency contact information (including your cell number and your e-mail address) up-to-date with the conference and your district office?
- 9.** Do you know the list of emergency items and essential supplies to request/collect before and following a storm? (Hint: No clothes!)
- 10.** How are you and your congregation preparing for the next disaster?

When you have answered these 10 questions, you're well on the way to forming your local church disaster response plan!

Important Contacts in a Disaster

Church Pastor

Home _____

Cell _____

Emergency _____

Church Disaster Coordinator

Home _____

Cell _____

Insurance Carrier

Policy # _____

District Superintendent

District UMCOR Coordinator

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