

# Lutheran Disaster Response Checklist for Congregations



## Initial Checklist with congregational members

- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify geographic area affected
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify damage of home of clergy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify damage of home of church support staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify damage to Church buildings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Call every member in congregation to determine needs using “Checklist for Congregational Interviews for members needs” tool (start with most vulnerable such as elderly, disabled, single parent, refugees/migrants, for example)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify immediate needs for the area
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify need for volunteers to clean-up, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify need for counseling services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify need for services to children
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify need for services to disabled
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify need for help with Worship/Sunday School for next Sunday
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact District or Synod office to report status from initial contact**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact LDR office 1-800-950-2901 to report what is status from initial contact**

### Resources:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Children’s Color Books resource for flood or tornado available through LDR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emotional First Aid handout available through LDR
- \_\_\_\_\_ LDR Bulletin Inserts available through LDR
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Your Congregation’s Ministry When Disaster Strikes” brochure included in this manual
- \_\_\_\_\_ Handout materials available through the Red Cross
- \_\_\_\_\_ ELCA Synods and LCMS District libraries