



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & TRAINING

NYDIS provides educational resources and training in mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery to religious leaders, houses of worship, and faith-based agencies, building their capacity to respond to all-hazards events with spiritual care, emergency relief, and long-term recovery services.

NYDIS PARTNERS WITH HOUSES OF WORSHIP AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO:

- **TRAIN** religious leaders within our membership in a comprehensive, interfaith curriculum in emotional and spiritual care that enables them to volunteer as NYDIS disaster chaplains and spiritual care workers during crises
- **SPONSOR** events and consultations for faith communities on preparing for and mitigating the effects of disaster
- **PROVIDE** opportunities for community members to volunteer with our community outreach and training efforts
- **OFFER** free resources, training and networking opportunities, and sustainable preparedness development

NYDIS TRAININGS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND FAITH COMMUNITIES

DISASTER CHAPLAINCY AND SPIRITUAL CARE WORKER PROGRAM trains and credentials chaplains and spiritual care workers for deployment by NYDIS. Created for NYDIS member faith communities in collaboration with Episcopal Relief and Development, the training program is open to all faiths. This initiative provides for spiritual and emotional care at disaster sites, mass care facilities, and points of dispensing (POD).

- **DISASTER CHAPLAINCY CERTIFICATION:** Prepares chaplains and credentialed religious leaders to provide spiritual and emotional care during deployment to disaster sites as well as within their own communities (2 days).
- **SPIRITUAL CARE WORKER CERTIFICATION:** Prepares leaders and caregivers to provide spiritual and emotional care during deployment to disaster sites as well as within their own communities (4 hours).
- **TRAIN THE TRAINER CERTIFICATION:** Equips participants to train others in Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care. This training will be offered nationally, enabling participants to train within their own faith community, wherever they may be located (2 day - Prerequisite: 2-day Disaster Chaplaincy Training).

Curriculum modules in this fee-based training program include Disaster Operations, Disaster Mental Health, and Self-Care, as well as an introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS).

EMERGENCY REST CENTER (ERC) PROGRAM equips volunteers within houses of worship to offer hospitality and safe haven to the public during emergencies or evacuations. They self-activate in partnership with NYDIS and in line with NYC OEM safety guidelines. As a component of the ERC certification process, training taps volunteers' capacities to welcome people with compassion and calm, ensure safety, take care of basic needs, inform guests about unfolding events or conditions, respect diverse languages and cultures, offer basic emotional and spiritual support, maintain simple records, and communicate with NYDIS during operations. (See Emergency Rest Center Program Profile.)

STAR NYC (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) trains and supports key leaders and caregivers in understanding and responding to trauma in the aftermath of a disaster. (See STAR NYC Program Profile.)



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NYDIS TRAININGS (continued)

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES provides all-hazards mitigation education and preparedness training on a broad spectrum of faith-based readiness, response and recovery. In the face of crisis, both faith communities and the public look to religious leaders to provide practical assistance as well as spiritual care and calm. NYDIS offers trainings specifically tailored to your house of worship:

- **READY NEW YORK (RNY)** trains religious leaders and faith communities in a comprehensive curriculum available through the NYC Office of Emergency Management. This is an all-hazards approach to prepare individuals and households for any emergency, from power outages and fires to hurricanes and terrorist attacks.
- **READY NEW YORK FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP** focuses on faith communities and their neighborhoods. The curriculum includes such topics as the unique role of religious leaders in disaster, limiting the impact of a disaster, making an emergency plan, connecting with volunteer opportunities through NYDIS, collaborating with other organizations in the community, and registering in HOWCALM™. (See HOWCALM™ Program Profile.)
- **PREPAREDNESS PLANNING TECHNICAL SUPPORT** helps houses of worship to develop written emergency plans, to organize an operational disaster response teams, and to create community disaster response networks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYDIS trains and mobilizes volunteers to serve during disasters at various sites, such as Disaster Assistance Service Centers (DASC). NYDIS also coordinates and trains volunteers from its member faith communities. NYDIS VISTA members volunteer in capacity-building roles that support their host sites' role during emergency operations.

A WEB-BASED APPROACH TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- **NYDIS.ORG:** Our comprehensive website listing services, resources, news and events
- **NYDISNET & NYDISNET ALERTS:** Our bi-monthly e-newsletter with news-alert component
- **HOWCALM™:** Our secure, online database system managing NYC's faith-based assets in times of crisis



NYDIS RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

These materials are available in downloadable format from the NYDIS website.

DISASTER TIP SHEETS FOR NYC RELIGIOUS LEADERS

cover disaster-related issues in 15 units:

- Disaster Basics for Faith Communities
- The Role of Faith Communities in Disasters
- The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?
- Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning
- Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering
- How to Use Your House of Worship in a Disaster
- Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism
- Faith Communities & Donations Management
- Continuity of Operations Planning: Ministry & Services Post-Disaster
- Disaster Spiritual Care
- Self-Care for Religious Leaders
- Faith Communities & Disaster Mental Health
- Trauma Resilience and Harm Reduction in the Community
- Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation
- National Faith-Based Disaster Service Organizations



THE NYDIS MANUAL FOR NYC RELIGIOUS LEADERS: SPIRITUAL CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH FOR DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

outlines disaster preparation at the local level so that religious leaders will have knowledge of the overall likely response to a disaster. It focuses on the role of religious leaders and their faith communities, demands that may be made of them, and strategies for self-care.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING GUIDE (June 2008) guides religious leaders through the steps and processes necessary to equip and empower themselves and their communities to maintain services and operations.

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