



THE DISASTER READY CHURCH MINISTRY SEEKS TO ENGAGE CHURCHES TO PREPARE FOR DISASTERS



THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF READINESS.

The Disaster Ready Church Ministry seeks to prepare churches for natural and manmade disasters. The Louisiana Baptists Disaster Relief Ministry Leaders will meet with your church to assist in the development of a plan to be ready for disasters.

*Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me
for in you I take refuge.
I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings
until the disaster has passed.*

Psalm 57:1 (NIV)

LEVEL ONE READINESS



Churches lead their members to prepare their families for disasters. Personal/family preparations follow the well-recognized steps to preparation:

1. Make a kit. **(DR Bucket List)**
2. Make a plan.
3. Stay informed.

Church leadership prepares the church for the impacts of disasters on the people that are on campus when a disaster strikes and prepares for damage to the facilities.

1. Leadership completes a risk management survey.
2. They work with public safety personnel to develop a disaster action plan.
3. Church leadership reviews insurance policies.

LEVEL TWO READINESS



Churches will encourage members to attend DR Training events and serve in an area they are passionate about. Possible areas of serving include:

1. Feeding
2. Shower / Laundry
3. Asset protection (security)
4. Mud out / ash out
5. Assessors
6. Chaplains
7. Rebuild
8. Communications
9. Incident management team*

Churches can purchase and operate a unit/trailer. It can join with another church or work with their association unit/trailer. We are in real need of more mud-out, chainsaw, and shower/laundry units.

** Visit LouisianaBaptists.org/DR for training opportunities*

LEVEL THREE READINESS



Churches would, in addition to levels one and two readiness:

1. Serve as a Disaster Relief Feeding site. (At their church or mobile location)
2. Serve as a site host to Disaster Relief Volunteers serving the community.
3. The church could serve its community by becoming a warming or cooling station.
4. The church could serve as a shelter for evacuees and/or disaster survivors.



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