

Ministry When Disaster Strikes

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I. Introduction of Instructors – Session Format and Goals

Robert D. Crick

II. Case Studies:

Donnie Smith and Bill Isaacs

- A. The emergency and immediate response: what was needed, what was helpful and what was missing?
- B. Assessment of the damages and the plan/process for restoration.
- C. Lessons learned in preparation for the next crisis.

III. Emotional Needs of Individuals and Families who Experience a Major Crisis:

Bill Leonard

- A. The initial shock, fear, anger and disorientation – necessary debriefing and other pastoral responses.
- B. Identifying those who need follow-up care: the emotionally distressed, seniors, children, etc.
- C. Suggested pastoral care programs as future disasters are anticipated.

IV. The passion, structure and programs necessary in response to the basic needs of the thousands affected by a disaster:

David Lorency

- A. Goods and Services – what is required and how do you obtain it?
- B. Who is in this with you and how does this network function regionally and nationally?
- C. How the local, regional and national Church become an active, productive part of such a vast network.

V. The local Church's challenges and opportunities as a Disaster Response Ministry Center:

Rob Maggard

- A. The Winter Haven-Village Church's story – strengths and weaknesses.
- B. The movement from being a care-recipient toward a community caregiver.
- C. What is necessary for local churches in anticipating the next crises?

VI. Summary and Final Challenge:

Robert D. Crick

- A. How all these “parts” must fit together in response to crises.
- B. The goal for the Church of God – known locally, regionally and nationally as “lighthouses of care?”