



Engaging Faith Communities In Disasters Course Outline

Module 1: Faith Communities as a Cornerstone of Whole Communities

- A. Imperative from FEMA - faith communities as a vital part of “whole communities”
- B. Why faith community engagement in disaster response
- C. Embracing religious diversity - White House and EEO Office policy and management directives
- D. Religious diversity, practice and the law

Module 2: The Value, Landscape, and Language of Faith Communities in Disasters

- A. Importance of faith community engagement in disaster response
- B. Faith communities: more than congregations
- C. America’s diverse religious landscape
- D. Religion and disaster
- E. Assets of faith communities in disasters
- F. Emergency Management vs. faith communities’ disaster language
- G. Defining religious literacy & competency and other key terms

Module 3: Ten Field Skills for Successful Engagement

- A. Identifying Religious Symbols on Homes and Houses of Worship
- B. What Clothing to Wear
- C. First Meeting Customs and Etiquette
- D. Door-to-Door Outreach
- E. Greeting Religious Leaders
- F. Physical Interaction
- G. Footwear and Head Covering Etiquette
- H. Scheduling Meetings
- I. Provision of Food
- J. Outreach in the Context of Worship Services

Module 4: Engaging Faith Communities through the LEADER Process

- A. Six step “LEADER” process for successful engagement
- B. Step 1: Learn the disaster’s impact
- C. Step 2: Educate yourself on local faith communities
- D. Step 3: Assess your religious literacy and competency
- E. Step 4: Determine engagement plan
- F. Step 5: Engage religious leaders and communities
- G. Step 6: Review and continuously improve plan

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Module 5: Tools & Resources for Engaging Faith Communities throughout the Disaster

- A. Field Guide for Working with U.S. Faith Communities
- B. Religious Literacy Primer for Crises, Disasters, and Public Health Emergencies
- C. Mass Care Tip Sheets
 - Buddhist
 - Hindu
 - Jewish
 - Muslim
 - Sikh
- A. Engagement Best Practices & Resources Tip Sheets
 - Creating an Engagement Plan
 - Tips for Competently Engaging Culturally Diverse Communities
 - Resources and Tools for Religious Literacy and Competency
- E. Religious Leader Engagement Guidelines Tip Sheets (12 tip sheets)
 - Buddhist Leaders
 - Christian Leaders (*individual tip sheets on*)
 - ♦ Black Church Protestant
 - ♦ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)
 - ♦ Evangelical Megachurch
 - ♦ Latino Protestant
 - ♦ Orthodox Christian
 - ♦ Protestant
 - ♦ Roman Catholic
 - Hindu Leaders
 - Jewish Leaders
 - Muslim Leaders
 - Sikh Leaders

Module 6: Building a Databank of Local Faith Communities

- A. Building a databank: Best-in-class online resources
- B. Getting a county-level picture: Using US Census and ASARB data
- C. Using religious councils and denominational bodies as force multipliers
- D. Partnering with existing networks as force multipliers: Community organizing, religious, and disaster networks
- E. Leveraging existing government relationships
- F. Finding individual organizations and congregations
- G. Verifying and finding who's missing

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