Deployment Protocol

Disaster Response (DR) Teams are set up in conferences throughout the Division. When a disaster takes place in a local area it is the local Church ACS Disaster Response team that will confer with their Conference Director to advise of the role the local team can play.

When support is needed, it will be the Conference Director who will coordinate any additional ACS DR support.

On those occasions when the need overwhelms the Conference Resources, the Conference Director will solicit assistance from the Union Director and/or NAD Director as appropriate. Emotional and Spiritual Care Providers I and II will be part of a Division wide team upon certification being given from the NAD.

When help is needed that calls for rendering care from this team the following steps will be taken:

1. Local, Conference, and/or Union Directors will advise the NAD ACS DR Director of a request for our services by State or National VOAD representatives, Emergency Management authorities, NGO's participating in Recovery efforts.
2. A determination will be made as to who responds, how many team members are requested, the duration and cost of the deployment.

A list of those able to deploy will be prepared by Conference Director and delivered to Union and National Director for approval.



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Emotional and Spiritual Care

This program equips people to serve as credentialed responders after disasters and other traumatic events. Approved instructors use standardized, recognized curricula and resources developed by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), Adventist Community Services (ACS) and others.

Course Requirements

While recognized ACS community partners may attend training events, ACS credentials are issued to Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing. Students are able to receive credentials at the following three levels of recognition:

Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider I

ONLINE PREREQUISITES
(Free independent study)

- Introduction to the Incident Command System
  (FEMA, ICS-100, approx. 3 hours)
- National Incident Management System, An Intro
  (FEMA, IS-700, approx. 3 hours)
- Overview of ACS Disaster Response Operations
  (ACS, approx. 2 hours)

ON-SITE CLASSES

- Assisting Individuals in Crisis
  (ICISF, 13 hours)
- Special Issues in Emotional & Spiritual Care
  (ACS, 2 hours)

Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider II

PREREQUISITES
Completing requirements for Provider I credentials.

ON-SITE CLASSES

- Group Crisis Intervention
  (ICISF, 14 hours)
- Grief Following Trauma
  (ICISF, 14 hours)
- Completion of Certification in Critical Incident Stress Management (CCISM) from the University of Maryland/ Baltimore County Training Centers. ACS provides financial assistance.

Ecclesiastical Endorsement as Community Chaplain (Disaster Response)

Issued by Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries/ NAD to qualified Adventist pastors in collaboration with ACS/NAD.

REQUIREMENTS
Obtain ACS Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider I and II credentials. Meet all other ACM requirements for endorsement as a community chaplain.

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Course Descriptions

Overview of ACS Disaster Response Operations
Learn about managing ACS DR operations.

Introduction to the Incident Command System
This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System.

National Incident Management System, An Introduction
NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

Special Issues in Adventist Crisis Care
It is not about gaining more knowledge, theory and techniques. Instead, it is about the kind of persons we will be as we reach out to others in need.

Assisting Individuals in Crisis
Increase your knowledge of individual crisis intervention techniques.

Group Crisis Intervention
This course will prepare participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services.

Grief Following Trauma
This course will cover key grief and loss concepts relating to trauma and traumatic death.