

Disaster Preparedness Team

Budget, Finance and Property Committee

Presbytery of Hudson River

(Adopted by BFP: April 18, 2017)

- I. Purpose of Proposal:
 - A. To request approval of the revised makeup of the Presbytery Disaster Preparedness Team
 - B. To approve the procedures listed below for assistance to the Presbytery and its member congregations in time of disaster
 - C. If approved this proposal can be included in the HRP Book of Operation/Procedures when the template is made available.

- II. Proposed Composition of Team appointed by BFP:
 - A. Director/Coordinator, answerable to the Budget, Finance and Property (BFP) Committee
 - B. Regional Response Coordinator for churches on the East side of the Hudson River
 - C. Regional Response Coordinator for churches on the West side of the Hudson River
 - D. Representative of BFP Committee

- III. Assistance to Presbytery:
 - A. The Disaster Preparedness Team shall provide the following services to the leadership and staff of the Presbytery of Hudson River:
 1. Development and maintenance of the Presbytery Disaster Preparedness Plan
 2. Training of Presbytery leadership and staff on procedures for responding to disasters effecting Presbytery facilities
 3. Acting on behalf of the Presbytery to assist member congregations in development of local disaster response plans
 - B. The Disaster Preparedness Team shall provide, if possible, additional services to the leadership as requested by the BFP Committee.

- IV. Assistance to Congregations: The Disaster Preparedness Team shall provide requested guidance to congregations' leadership and staff on response to and recovery from the effects of a disaster in their parish.
 - A. A congregation seeking assistance shall notify the General Presbyter the day after the occurrence.
 - B. The General Presbyter shall contact the Director/Coordinator if his assistance is required.
 - C. The Director/Coordinator and/or Regional Response Coordinator will assess the effects of the disaster and recommend any immediate actions, not already taken, to protect health and safety of people and property.
 - D. The General Presbyter or Director/Coordinator will contact as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) as appropriate. As needed, this step will include assistance and coordination with PDA efforts within the Presbytery.
 - E. The General Presbyter or a member of the Committee on Ministry (COM) will act as clergy support to the Pastor of the effected congregation.