

Overview of the Toolkit

How to Begin: Discerning a Call to Respond, Local Leadership and Setting Goals

Spend time learning how other communities have engaged in this work and what a difference it has made. Learn how to have conversations about setting goals and getting a feel for your community's capacity to help you and your neighbors. Familiarize yourself with Episcopal Relief & Development's exhaustive Disaster Preparedness Planning Guides.

In Worship: Planning & Praying for Disaster Relief & Recovery

Those who have experienced floods, fires, shootings and other disasters have learned how to gather, pray, lament, question and finally rebuild as people of the resurrection. Learn how to pray in the midst of disasters, how to pray with youth and children, and how to come together as a community to partner with us to observe Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday.

Formation: Study & Grow

Here you will find resources for holding Bible studies and tools for conversing with children, youth, teens and parents. This section also includes resources to help Faith Leaders understand the basics of readiness and the emotional life cycle of a disaster and how to support Faith Communities in being prepared to act when disaster strikes.

Outreach & Creative Community Engagement

Be inspired by learning how we partner with friends around the globe to make lasting changes in communities affected by disasters. Learn how you can join other Faith Leaders and communities in this work. Complete your own Asset-Based Community Development inventory and watch your gifts grow as they are deployed to help your community. Also, find practical checklists for household readiness, including a plan on building disaster kits for others. Consider becoming a Ministry Partner with Episcopal Relief & Development.

Fun & Fundraising with Episcopal Relief & Development

Learn how to partner with Episcopal Relief & Development by hosting a successful fundraising campaign as well as through worship, fellowship and making creative connections with our *Gifts for Life* program.

Visit Episcopal Relief & Development's website to view the [complete toolkit](#) and access printable handouts and other resources including prayers, studies, outreach ideas and other suggestions to explore on your own, with links.