



## Disaster Readiness Program

**What is the Disaster Readiness Program?** The Restoration Team is a founding partner of the Gulf Coast Disaster Readiness Program (GC-DR). GC-DR's mission is to expedite recovery in communities impacted by disaster in the Texas Gulf Coast Region. The vision is to equip the faith community to respond to disaster thus improving individual, family and the local community recovery.

### Why is the Disaster Readiness Program Needed?

- Our area has a disaster on average every 9 months
- The faith community is often the first to help, however they may not have the knowledge, skills or tools
- In addition to helping with the physical damages, there is a huge need for Compassionate Care to take care of the emotional and spiritual needs of the family impacted
- The best way to recover from disaster is to be prepared for disaster

### What is addressed by the Disaster Readiness Program?

- **Training on how to acquire tools and utilize online programs**
- **Response courses on areas such as;** Compassionate Care, Mucking/Gutting/Tarping a home, Donation Management, Hosting Out of Town Volunteers, Volunteer Coordination, Individual Preparedness, Congregational Preparedness and Organizational/Small Business Preparedness
- **Coordination with others as all disasters are local and require local response**

### What are the participation requirements?

- Congregation must identify at least 1 person who will serve as the Disaster Readiness Coordinator (main point of contact for disaster related communications)
- Disaster Readiness Coordinator must identify the response area(s) listed above that is best for their congregation
- Disaster Readiness Coordinator (DRC) must attend a DRC Orientation (online or in person)
- DRC or others must attend at least 1 addition response course as listed above
- Any size congregation is welcome to participate

**Gulf Coast Disaster Readiness Website:** [www.GC-DR.org](http://www.GC-DR.org)

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