

To: Jill Olinger, Chair of IKC Board of Directors

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From: Rev. Greg Denk, Disaster Preparedness and Response Ministry Team Director

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#### Disaster Preparedness and Response Ministry Team (DPRMT)

Seven formally scheduled team meetings – all virtual

Multiple spontaneous virtual meetings as needed

One team member resigned due to health concerns after 13 years of service

Added one team member from Central Indiana

#### DPRMT Financial Position as of Mar. 31, 2022

Disaster Preparedness Fund - \$9,612.78

Kentucky Tornados 2021 Fund - \$107,608.08

#### DPRMT Member Training

FEMA Incident Command System (IS-100c & IS-200c) on-line trainings and the FEMA National Incident Management System (IS-700.b) on-line training

New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness Virtual Houses of Worship Security Program Webinars

2021 NVOAD Virtual Conference virtual training workshops

DPRMT Early Response Team Training

Muck and Gut webinar training – Sept. 22, 2021 by the Penn Southeast VOAD

Muck/Mud-out and Damage Assessment training – Nov. 20, 2021

Conducted by Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief

DPRMT training PPTs completed for future IKC team training

#### DPRMT Church and Congregant Training

“Great Shakeout Earthquake Drills” [www.shakeout.com](http://www.shakeout.com)

Encouraged churches to participate in the virtual drills on Oct. 21, 2021

“Willing to Respond” network

Encouraged the local church disaster coordinators to become members of the “Willing to Respond” network. This network is a means of networking and coordinating local congregations with multi-denominational disaster efforts

#### DPRMT Tools and Supplies

Relocating to First Congregational Church and re-organizing for better accessibility

#### DPRMT Digital Presence

Updated the virtual/digital visibility through Facebook and the IKC Disaster Preparedness webpage. All new materials and updates are uploaded by the IKC Communications Director

#### DPRMT COVID-19 Response

Provided FEMA resources for the IKC congregations

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program

#### DPRMT Documents Updated or Created

IKC Disaster Plan updated 04/09/21

Disaster Planning for Faith Communities-Six Steps for Readiness 2021

IKC DPRMT Managing Volunteers During Disaster on 07/28/21

## Guidelines for Deploying Volunteers During COVID-19 on 09/08/21

### IKC Work Camp Registration Forms

IKC-2022 Volunteer Data Base (01-03-22)

IKC-2022 Intent to Participate Form (01-03-22)

IKC-2022 Work Camp Registration Form - Adult (04-01-22)

IKC-2022 Work Camp Registration Form - Minor (04-01-22)

IKC-2022 Work Camp Packing List - (12-30-21)

IKC-2022 Work Camp Participant Consent - Non-IKC (01-12-22)

### UCC Disaster Ministries On-line Work Camp Registration Forms

Working with UCC Disaster Ministries to develop universal forms for use by all UCC conferences

### DPRMT Documents in Process

#### IKC Security Plan for Faith-Based Events and Houses of Worship against Domestic Violence and Terrorist Attacks

Step 1 – Distribute the FEMA “Power of Hello Guide” to send to association churches. Completed 11/20/21.

Step 2 – Currently working on an assessment and safety plan for an IKC church in Indianapolis to offer as a template to IKC churches. Started Mar. 2022

Step 3 – Start conversation about church safety against terrorist and domestic violence with IKC churches at association meetings and annual gathering workshops. This began Jan. 2022.

### Disaster Response Organization Activities

#### Indiana VOAD – DPRMT participation

DPRMT representative attended the monthly virtual/in-person meetings

#### Indiana COADS – DPRMT participation

##### Allen County COAD

One DPRMT member participates in the meetings

##### West Central County COAD

One DPRMT member participates in the meetings

##### Johnson County COAD

CDC and one DPRMT member participate in the meetings

##### COAD LTRG Orientation and Grant Opportunities

Jefferson County - June 19, 2021 flooding

Monroe County COAD – June 19, 2021 flooding

Hancock County COAD – LTRG training

#### Kentucky VOADs – DPRMT participation

DPRMT representative attended the quarterly virtual meetings

DPRMT provided the resource “Emergency Responder Self-Care Plan” to add to the Kentucky VOAD website

#### Local VOAD and LTRG Orientation – DPRMT participation

### Disaster Response Activities

#### DPRMT Conference-wide Projects

CWS Emergency Clean-up Buckets project was initiated Jan. 2022

Information publicized in Jan. 2022 and promoted on the Disaster Preparedness webpage

Afghan Evacuees Support at Camp Atterbury

DPRMT Involvement:

Compiled a list of volunteers for transportation of Afghan families to the airport and/or bus station for them to travel to their resettlement location

Eastern Kentucky Flooding – Feb. 2021 Ice Storm and March 2021 floods – 31 Declared Counties

DPRMT Involvement:

Participated in the coordination calls in the early stages of response  
Formed a team of telephone volunteer (4) for Crisis Cleanup  
Initiated a \$7,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry Recovery Grant application for Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). Grant was awarded.  
Initiated a \$7,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry Recovery Grant application for Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Grant was awarded.  
Attended the house dedication ceremony in Irvine, KY  
Initiated a \$5,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry LTRG Seed Grant application for Breathitt County, KY. Grant was awarded.  
Initiated a \$7,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry Recovery Grant application for Breathitt County, KY. The application is currently in process.

Nicholas County - Carlisle, KY – Flooding July 29-30

DPRMT Involvement:

Assisted with Long Term Recovery Group training

Western/Central Kentucky Tornado Outbreak – Dec. 10-11, 2021 – 16 Declared Counties

DPRMT Involvement:

Participated in the coordination calls in the early stages of response  
Created registration documents for the 2022 spring, summer, fall deployment of IKC work camps  
Background check protocol in place  
Intent to Participate form in place  
Volunteer Registration Forms designed  
Non-IKC Participant Consent Form designed  
Volunteer Database being formulated  
Organized and lead a Kentucky Disaster Recovery work camp to Dawson Springs, KY on Mar. 20-26, 2022 partnering with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders  
Planned a two-week Kentucky Disaster Recovery work camp to Mayfield, KY from May 15-28, 2022.  
Initiated multiple \$3,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry Solidarity Grant application for churches in the Kentuckiana Association to reach out to Kentucky communities.  
Initiated a \$3,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry Solidarity Grant application for the United Church of Paducah (KY) to reach out to the Mayfield, Kentucky community.  
Initiated a \$5,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry LTRG Seed Grant for multiple declared counties.  
Applied for and received a \$20,000 UCC Global H.O.P.E./Disaster Ministry Long Term Recovery Grant for the IKC – Approved on Mar. 11, 2022

DPRMT 2022/2023 Goals

Expand the DPRMT representation to include members from:  
Southwestern Indiana & Western Kentucky

Southeastern Indiana and North Central Kentucky

Northern Indiana

East Central Indiana

Expand the local church disaster coordinator positions by 10% to include more IKC local church participation

Complete the IKC Security Plan for Faith-Based Events and Houses of Worship against Domestic Violence and Terrorist Attacks

Provide a template and other resources for IKC churches to develop their own personalized plan through DPRMT presentations and workshops

Continue the Kentucky Disaster Recovery through work camp opportunities through October, 2022 and then begin again in March through October 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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