

How do you get started with **Ready Church**?



Contact your New England Director or State Coordinators

- By having a member of your church help organize a meeting and/or trainings
- Prepare your church for a disaster
- Prepare your church for a response
- Prepare your families for disaster
- Prepare your families for a response

How to accomplish this task:

- By assisting you to create a training process with relevant content
- By developing strategies for response
- By strengthening your ability to be a beacon in your community

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“Be ready for every good work...our people must also learn to devote themselves to good works for cases of urgent needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.” Titus 3:1c, 14 (HCSB)

A **READY CHURCH** is committed to meeting critical needs through preparation, connection, and response.

You are a **READY CHURCH** when you:

Assess your Community -

Understand your Context, and Identify Needs

Target Needs - Seek God’s leading in meeting needs He has helped you identify

Train to the Task - Equip yourself with knowledge, skills and strategies to respond to real needs quickly, confidently and competently.

Send Church Teams - Extend your church’s reach by sending prepared missionaries into your communities to help at just the right time.

Who is Southern Baptist Disaster Relief?

Our Motto

“Bringing Hope, Help, and Healing”

Our Motivation

Can be summarized in one phrase, **“A cup of cold water in Jesus’ name”** (Matthew 10:42). There is no one who needs “something else to do as many of us are overcommitted in our schedules. However, the motivation for serving others and obeying the Great Commission to “go” comes from the Scriptures and our experience of faith in Christ. So, how can we not go?

Our Mission

To be a Christ-Centered partnership of national, state, and associational ministries serving through the local church to bring individuals and communities affected by disasters.

Our Vision

To become a well-defined, unified disaster response organization, demonstrating the love of Christ by providing physical, emotional, and spiritual help to individuals and communities affected by disasters.

“Little Children, let us not love in our word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

1 John 3:18 (ESV)

Our Values

These core values are the foundation for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. They comprise the constant guide by which we perform disaster relief ministry and interact with an affected community, our partners, other organizations, volunteers, Southern Baptist Churches, and affiliated ministries.

How can Baptist Churches of New England help you become a *Ready Church*?



- By providing tools to help you to understand your community
- By providing disciple-making tools to use alongside missional engagement

Prepare your leadership for acts of Compassion

- By equipping them with adaptable Biblical tools
- By acquainting them with the culture of community and emergency management
- By helping to understand the environment of community service and disaster volunteerism