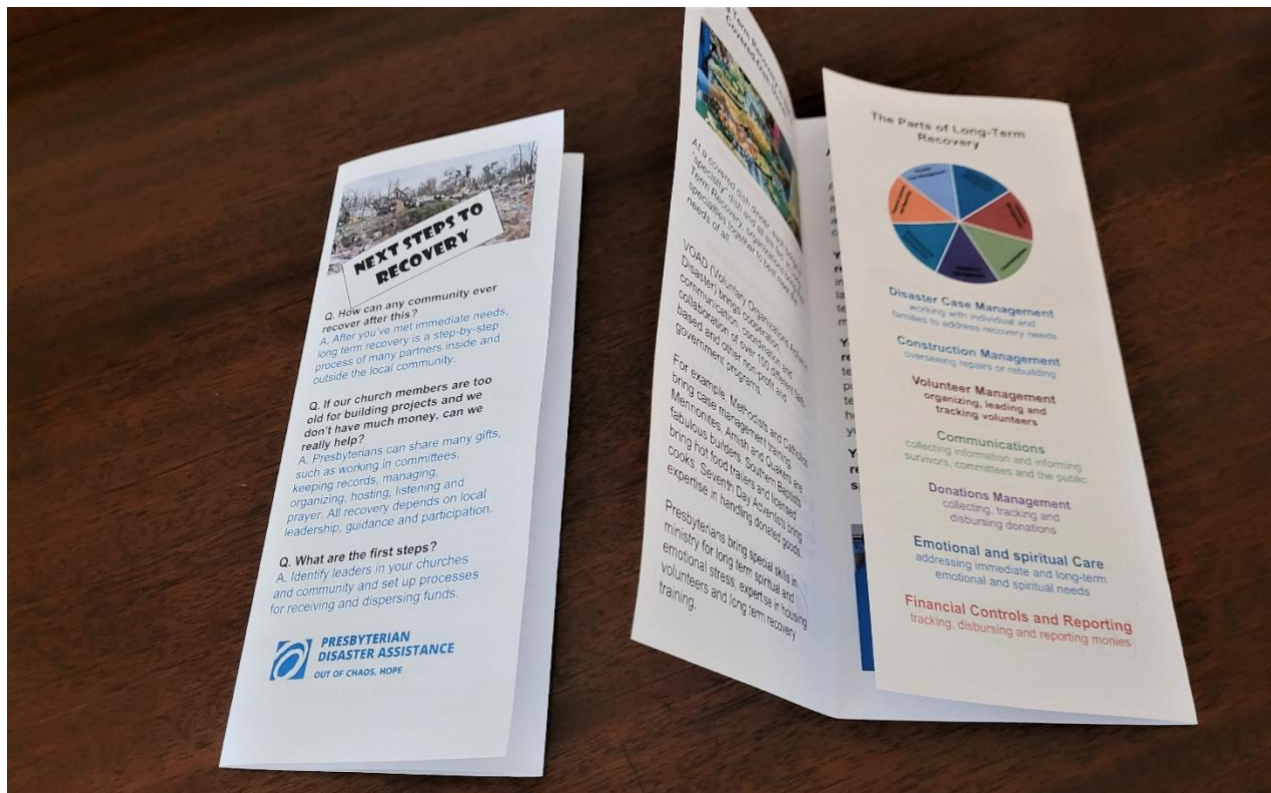


Next Steps to Recovery Brochure

Long Term Ministry Team, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 2023

Print pages 2 and 3 in color, two sided (flip on short edge), and fold as shown, so that Next Steps to Recovery is on the front panel, VOAD wheel is folded in so it's the second thing that is seen, as shown.



The Parts of Long-Term Recovery



Disaster Case Management
working with individual and families to address recovery needs

Construction Management
overseeing repairs or rebuilding

Volunteer Management
organizing, leading and tracking volunteers

Communications
collecting information and informing survivors, committees and the public

Donations Management
collecting, tracking and disbursing donations

Emotional and spiritual Care
addressing immediate and long-term emotional and spiritual needs

Financial Controls and Reporting
tracking, disbursing and reporting monies

People to Contact:

Your Presbytery leader contacts Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through information available on the Mid-Councils Quiet Page.

Connect with your local clergy, interfaith or church organizations.

Check with your County or State Emergency Management to connect with other community efforts.

Join your State VOAD's conference calls. Go to the "members" pulldown under nvoad.org and look up your State or Territory to access partners from many faith-based and voluntary organizations, and government agencies.

Contact Your FEMA VAL. Federal Emergency Management Agency may assign a Voluntary Association Liaison who can answer questions and share resources. <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/voluntary-organizations>



Q. How can any community ever recover after this?

A. After you've met immediate needs, long term recovery is a step-by-step process of many partners inside and outside the local community.

Q. If our church members are too old for building projects and we don't have much money, can we really help?

A. Presbyterians can share many gifts, such as working in committees, keeping records, managing, organizing, hosting, listening and prayer. All recovery depends on local leadership, guidance and participation.

Q. What are the first steps?

A. Identify leaders in your churches and community and set up processes for receiving and dispersing funds.



Long Term Recovery is like a Covered-Dish Dinner.



At a covered dish dinner, each brings a “specialty” dish and all are fed. In Long Term Recovery, organizations bring their specialties together to best meet the needs of all. For example:

Southern Baptists bring hot food trailers and licensed cooks. The Red Cross brings sheltering and meets immediate needs. Methodists and Catholics bring case management training. Mennonites, Amish and Quakers are fabulous builders. Seventh Day Adventists bring expertise in handling donated goods.

VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) brings cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration of over 100 different faith-based and other non-profit and government programs.

Presbyterians bring special skills in ministry for long term spiritual and emotional stress, expertise in housing volunteers and long term recovery training.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, funded by One Great Hour of Sharing can help.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance supports presbyteries as they witness to the healing love of Christ in communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

Your Presbytery Leadership may request financial assistance for immediate needs of your presbytery, then later for support of other ministries in long term recovery, other disaster-related ministries, or church damage.

Your Presbytery Leadership may request onsite visits by experienced team members to walk with your presbytery during both initial and long term recovery, and at your request may help train long term recovery efforts in your community.

Your Presbytery Leadership may request workshops in dealing with spiritual and emotional stress.



Long Term Recovery Groups may be any size, depending on the scope and complexity of the disaster. One might be a handful of local people meeting around a table and another might be a county or multi-county umbrella.



Whose job is it to set up long term recovery? Most county emergency plans end after the immediate response, or merely say that volunteers take over for the rest. That often means that someone, anyone, can see the need and step forward. Contact everyone you can to make sure no one else is already doing it, and call together a few leaders from your community. Invite someone to train you in the National VOAD model. Training can be arranged for free by your State VOAD or by PDA’s Long Term Recovery Ministry Team.

