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## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Acronyms & Abbreviations

This is a list of acronyms and abbreviations commonly used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and other organizations active in disaster preparedness and response. An extensive list of FEMA and government acronyms, abbreviations, and terms can be found at: [https://www.fema.gov/pdf/plan/prepare/faatlist07\\_09.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/pdf/plan/prepare/faatlist07_09.pdf)

ACT Alliance	- Action by Churches Together
Adv Comm	- Advisory Committee
ARC	- American Red Cross
C4CG	- Care for Caregivers (Now R&R - a PDA ESC program)
CAN	- Coordinated Access Network
CERT	- Community Emergency Response Team
CF	- Compassion Fatigue (PDA ESC program)
CISM	- Critical Incident Stress Management
COAD	- County or local VOAD
CWS	- Church World Service
DRC	- Disaster Response Coordinator, Disaster Response Center
DSC	- Disaster Spiritual Care
ERD	- Episcopal Relief & Development
ESC	- Emotional & Spiritual Care
FEMA	- Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMA DRC	- FEMA Disaster Response Center
HCD	- Human-Caused Disaster
HOPE	- Helping Others through Personal Engagement (basic NRT training)
Hosp	- Hospitality (hosting volunteer work teams)
ICISF	- International Critical Incident Stress Foundation
IT	- Information technology
JFO	- Joint Field Office (FEMA)
LDR	- Lutheran Disaster Response
LDSC	- Latter-Day Saints Charities (Mormon disaster relief)
LIRS	- Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service
LTR	- Long-Term Recovery (can be LTRG (group), LTRC (committee), etc.)
MARC	- Multi-Agency Resource Center (one-stop shop)
MoP	- Ministry of Presence
MOU	- Memorandum of Understanding
NARSC	- National Animal Rescue Sheltering Coalition
NCC	- PDA National Call Center
NECHAMA	- Jewish Disaster Response
NFIP	- National Flood Insurance Program

NGO	- Non-Governmental Organization
NRT	- National Response Team
NVOAD	- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
NVT	- National Volunteer Team
OEM (EMD/EMA)	- Office of Emergency Management (Emerg. Mgnt. Depart./Agency)
PC(USA)	- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PMA	- Presbyterian Mission Agency
PPE	- Personal protection equipment
Prep	- Disaster Preparedness (PDA collaborates with PW)
PW	- Presbyterian Women
QP	- Quiet Page (info for NRT & Mid Councils)
R&R	- Resilience & Renewal for Disaster Responders (PDA ESC program)
RTW	- Recovery Tools Workshop (NVOAD LTR training)
SBA	- Small Business Administration
SEMA	- State Emergency Management Agency (state abbrev. is pre-fix)
UCC	- United Church of Christ
UMCOR	- United Methodist Committee on Relief
VAL	- Voluntary Agency Liaison (FEMA disaster recovery agents)
VISTA	- Volunteers in Service to America (AmeriCorps program)
VOAD	- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. (e.g., state: KY VOAD)
YAV	- Young Adult Volunteer