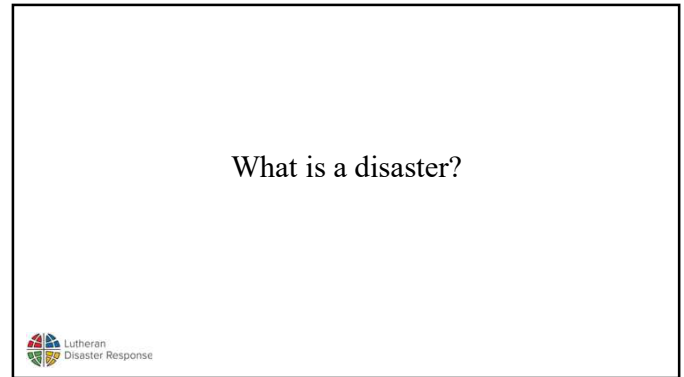
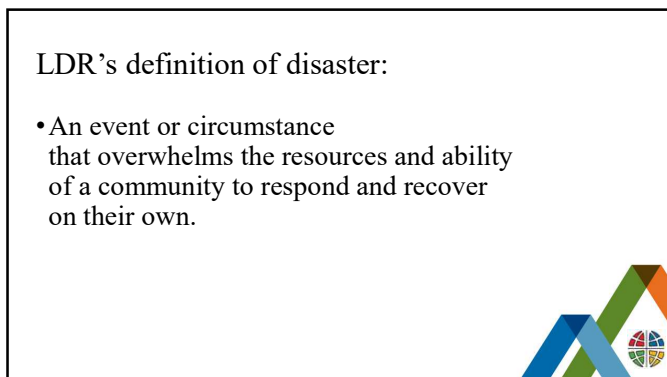


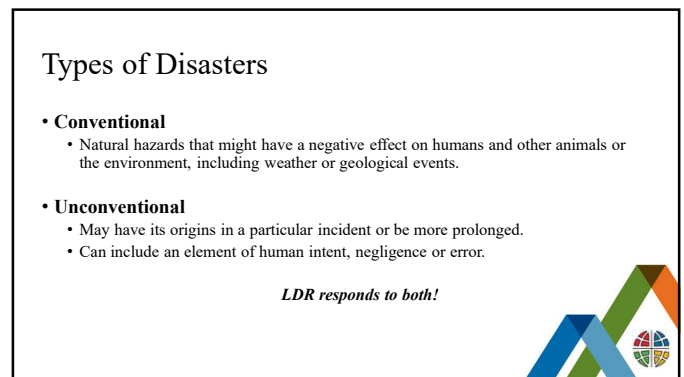
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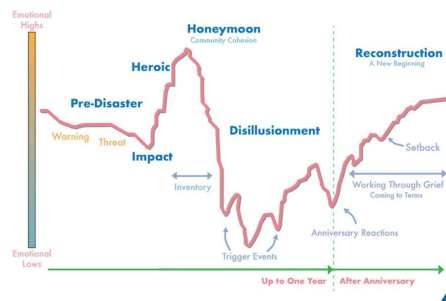
Disaster hurts.

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Roller Coaster of Disaster



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What is Lutheran Disaster Response?

- Humanitarian response ministry of the ELCA
- Respond to disasters and crisis situations across the ELCA *and* around the world
- Provide help and hope

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Our Mission

*The mission of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is to share God's **hope**, **healing** and **renewal** with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.*



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LDR's Work Within the U.S.

- By *invitation* of local community
- In *relationship*
 - Synods
 - Social Ministry Organizations
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Tribal Nations and Indigenous Organizations
 - Ecumenical Partners
 - In collaboration with NVOAD Partners (www.nvoad.org)



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HOW does LDR help?

- Financially: grants
- Technical Support: Education, Training, Mentorship
- Networking
- Advocacy

Accompaniment



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Hurricane Helene: Southwestern Virginia



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Hurricane Helene: Southwestern Virginia



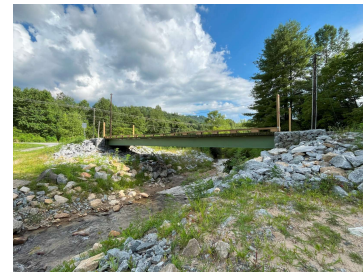
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BRIDGING
TOGETHER



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Stony Creek Bridge, Western North Carolina



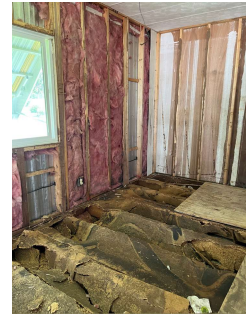
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St. Louis, Missouri



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Hurricane Ian, Ft. Myers, Florida



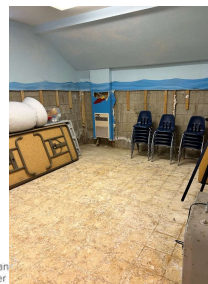
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LDR helps people get home again.



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Bethany Lutheran Church Hurley, South Dakota



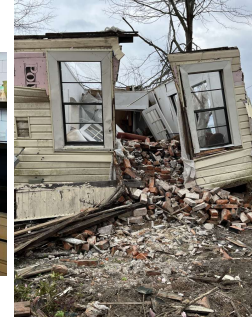
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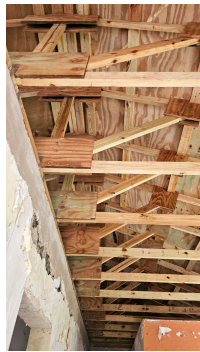
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Selma, Alabama



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Puerto Rico: Techos Pa' Mi Gente



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Iron Station, North Carolina



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Los Angeles County Wildfires



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Care for Caregivers



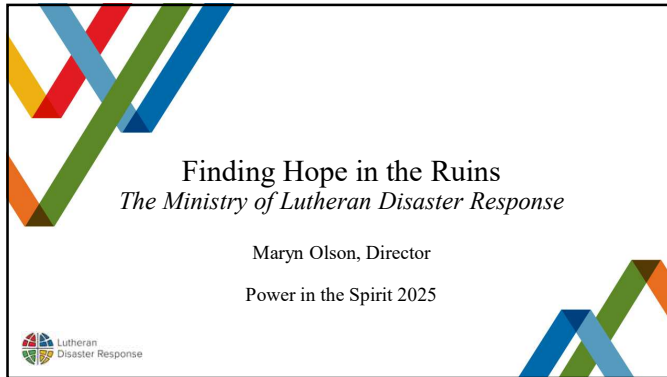
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Hope. Healing. Renewal.
Thank you!

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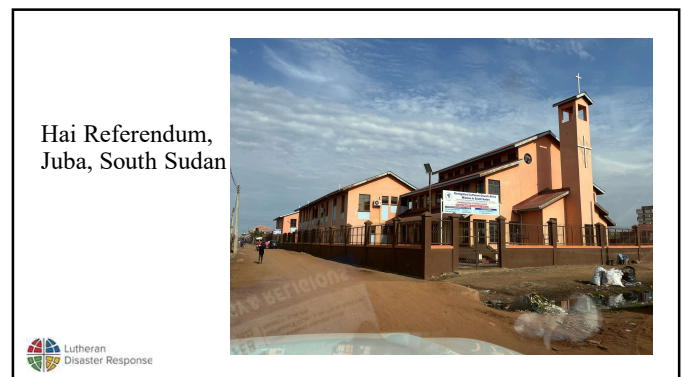
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LDR's Work Around the World

- Goal is to enhance the local community's capacity to respond to and recover from a disaster or crisis situation
- Work in collaboration with partners:
 - Companion churches
 - Lutheran World Federation
 - ACT Alliance
 - Ecumenical partners

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Indonesia



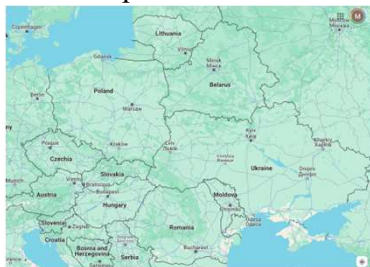
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Eastern Europe Crisis Response

Ukraine
Poland
Belarus
Slovakia
Czech Republic
Hungary
Romania
Moldova



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Kyiv, Ukraine



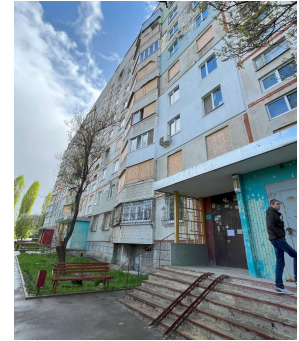
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St. Sophia's Cathedral, Kyiv



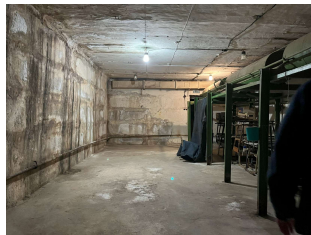
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Kharkiv, Ukraine



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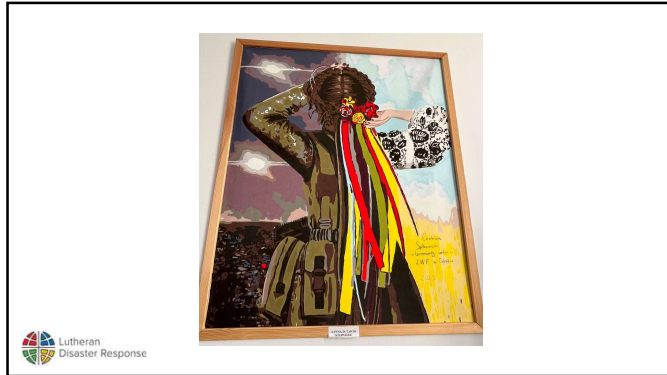
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Underground Schools
Kharkiv Oblast, Ukraine

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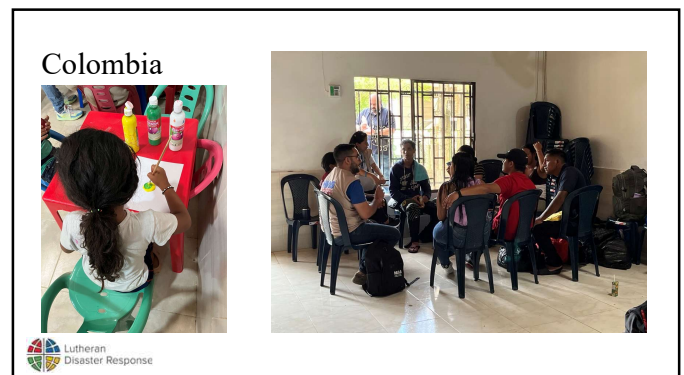
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The Holy Land ELCJHL Schools



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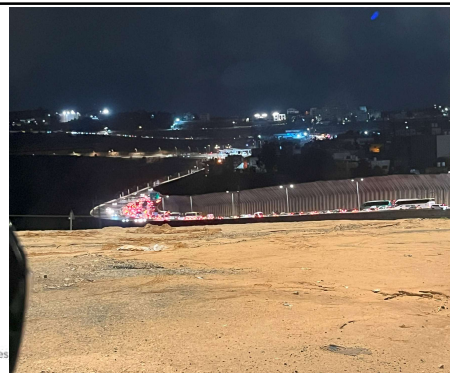
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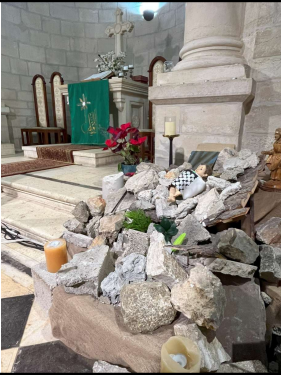


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Christ in the Rubble
Christmas Lutheran
Bethlehem



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It's all about RELATIONSHIPS

- Invitation
- Collaboration
- Accompaniment



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Where were you.....?



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There is HELP after a disaster.

*Lutheran Disaster Response
is one of the helpers, along with other NVOAD
organizations.*



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It's okay not to be okay.

Disaster Distress Helpline

- Call or text [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990)
- Español: Llama o envía un mensaje de texto [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990) presiona "2."
- For Deaf and Hard of Hearing ASL Callers: Please text or call the Disaster Distress Helpline at [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990) using your preferred Relay provider.

Disaster Case Management

Local Support Groups or Mutual Aid Organizations



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LDR's approach: MERGE Justice Principles

- Migration
- Economics
- Race
- Gender
- Environment



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Hope.

- Resurrection people
- EVERYONE has a role to play. What can you do?
- Grace—for yourself, for one another.



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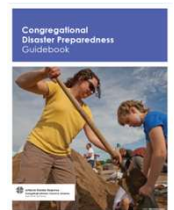
Preparedness Resources

For your family/household:

- Make a plan!
- www.ready.gov/plan
- Red Cross Emergency app

For your congregation:

- LDR's Congregational Disaster Preparedness Guidebook (Download at www.resources.elca.org)
- Prepare in a Year: available in LDR's online training platform



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LDR's Online Learning System: Collaboration

- Sign up for a free account today!
- <https://collabornation.net/login/>



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What you can do:



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Connect With LDR!

- Elca.org/disaster—check out our blog!
- Sign up for LDR alerts
- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook, follow @ELCALDR on X and follow @ELCA_LDR on Instagram.
- Questions? Our general email address is disaster@elca.org.
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Czech Republic



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