

# COMMUNITY BASED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY

Community faith-based and service organization groups are presented with unique opportunities to help when disaster strikes. The program for this day is designed to assist individuals, congregations, and community groups to be prepared to respond as quickly and efficiently as possible.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010**  
**9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. (check in at 8:30 a.m.)**

**ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY - MAIN CAMPUS**  
**Bernadine Hall**  
**400 St. Bernardine St.**  
**Reading, PA 19607**



Cost (including lunch): \$10 per person, \$50 for groups of 5-10  
Registration deadline Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## SPONSORED BY

### BERKS COUNTY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (VOAD)

American Red Cross, Berks County Chapter  
Berks County Pandemic Advisory Council (BCPAC)  
Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Northeast District  
Disaster Crisis Outreach Resource Team of the Berks Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program  
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church - Disaster Response Committee  
Lehigh Presbytery - Helping Hands Care Team  
Lutheran Disaster Response Network NE -PA  
Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ Disaster Response Mission Team  
Reading Berks Conference of Churches  
Salvation Army - Emergency Disaster Services, Eastern PA and DE Division  
United Way of Berks County

### BERKS COUNTY VOAD PARTNERS

Berks County Emergency Services  
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

### Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Registration (see separate form to register for this event)  
9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Worship (OPTIONAL)  
9:15 a.m. Disaster Ministries 101  
12-12:45 p.m. Lunch  
12:45- 2:30 p.m. Workshops (descriptions on back)

- A. Volunteering for Cleanup and Rebuilding
- B. Human and Technology Caused Disasters
- C. Muck, Mold and Mildew
- D. Ministries of Hospitality
- E. Congregational, Organizational and Individual Preparedness
- F. Emotional and Spiritual Care for Survivors and Volunteers

2:45 p.m. Closing Worship with commissioning (OPTIONAL)

For more information about this event contact:

Rev. Tim Speicher, 610-374-8451 Wyomissing Church of the Brethren, [wcotb2200@aol.com](mailto:wcotb2200@aol.com)

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## DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHOPS



### **WORKSHOP A: VOLUNTEERING FOR CLEANUP AND REBUILDING**

- 1) How to form and organize volunteer teams to assist after a disaster;
- 2) choosing a leader, building a budget, cultural sensitivity, culture shock, emotional issues and telling the stories upon returning home; and
- 3) Early Response Teams (the first in after the emergency phase) as well as the rebuilding teams which follow.

### **WORKSHOP B: HUMAN AND TECHNOLOGY CAUSED DISASTERS**

Covers concepts underlying technological disasters and also shares appropriate prevention and response strategies that utilize community mental health professionals, faith based groups, and service organizations to meet the psychological needs that are likely to arise during and after these types of disasters.

### **WORKSHOP C: MUCK, MOLD AND MILDEW**

These three uninvited "guests" are almost guaranteed to show up after any physical disaster, particularly flooding. Learn how to safely and effectively let the "3Ms" know they are "not welcome" and send them on their way. Since there are serious health risks and it takes such a great effort to deal these intruders," it is important to "get it right."

### **WORKSHOP D: MINISTRIES OF HOSPITALITY**

Explore ways congregations, service groups, and individuals can help their communities by comforting, feeding, housing and supporting survivors of disaster as well as those who assist in relief and recovery, including Emergency Management, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and volunteers from out of town.

### **WORKSHOP E: CONGREGATIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL PREPAREDNESS**

Identify vulnerabilities to various kinds of disasters and learn practical steps for being prepared for a disaster.

### **WORKSHOP F: EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE FOR SURVIVORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Whether one has experienced a disaster or assists in rescue and recovery efforts, one's core sense of being, relations with others and connections with God are challenged. Things may or may not get better, but they will never be the same. Learn respectful, sensitive and compassionate ways to encourage others to not only cope but grow through these challenges.

## Workshop Presenters

**Richard (Dick) Barnett**, Divisional Operations Coordinator, Eastern PA and DE Division, Salvation Army

**Ben Botti**, Eastern PA Conference Volunteers in Mission Coordinator, The United Methodist Church

**Ruth Doty**, Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Coordinator, Lutheran Disaster Response Network – NE PA

**Dianne Fox**, Disaster Work Crew Volunteer Coordinator, Lutheran Disaster Response Network – NE PA

**Rev. Sterling Fritz**, Berks VOAD; Disaster Response Ministries, PA Southeast Conference, UCC

**Rev. Karl Jones**, Co-coordinator, Disaster Response Ministries, PA Southeast Conference, UCC

**Rev. Dr. Richard (Dick) McClain**, Lehigh Presbytery Helping Hands; National Response Team for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

**Carol Shoucair**, Owner, Monroe Mold; Case Manager, Lutheran Disaster Response Network – NE PA

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NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION (include denomination) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF CONGREGATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED\*:

NAME OF ATTENDEE AND WORKSHOP CHOSEN

1<sup>st</sup> Workshop choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop choice

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\* \$10 per person, \$50 per group of 5-10 people

Please make your check payable to: "Berks UCC Ministerium"  
(Currently handling finances for our organization)

Please mail your registration to: Rev. Sterling Fritz  
73 St. John Rd.  
Birdsboro PA 19508

**DIRECTIONS TO ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY - MAIN CAMPUS**

400 St Bernardine St  
Reading, PA 19607  
map available at <http://www.alvernia.edu/>

**From the North (Schuylkill County, Lehigh Valley):**

Follow Routes 61 or 222 South to Reading/Lancaster until you reach Rt. 422 East. Follow Rt. 422 East (towards Pottstown) until you reach the BUS 222 (Lancaster Ave) exit—this will be a left lane exit.  
At the bottom of the ramp, make a right onto Lancaster Ave.

**From the West (Lebanon):**

Follow Rt. 422 East to Reading until you reach the BUS 222 (Lancaster Ave) exit—this will be a left lane exit.  
At the bottom of the ramp, make a right onto Lancaster Ave.

**From the East (Pottstown, Norristown):**

Follow Rt. 422 West to Reading until you reach the BUS 222 (Lancaster Ave) exit—this will be a left lane exit.  
At the bottom of the ramp, make a left onto Lancaster Ave.

**From the South (Lancaster):**

Follow Rt. 222 North to Reading. Take Rt. 422 East towards Pottstown until you reach the BUS 222 (Lancaster Ave) exit—this will be a left lane exit. At the bottom of the ramp, make a right onto Lancaster Ave.