

3. CARING THROUGH DISASTER EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

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Church World Service Disaster Consultants such as Adwoa-Beidleman Aggrey can help your church focus on prevention, mitigation and preparation.

Disaster Risk Assessment: What You and Your Church Can Do

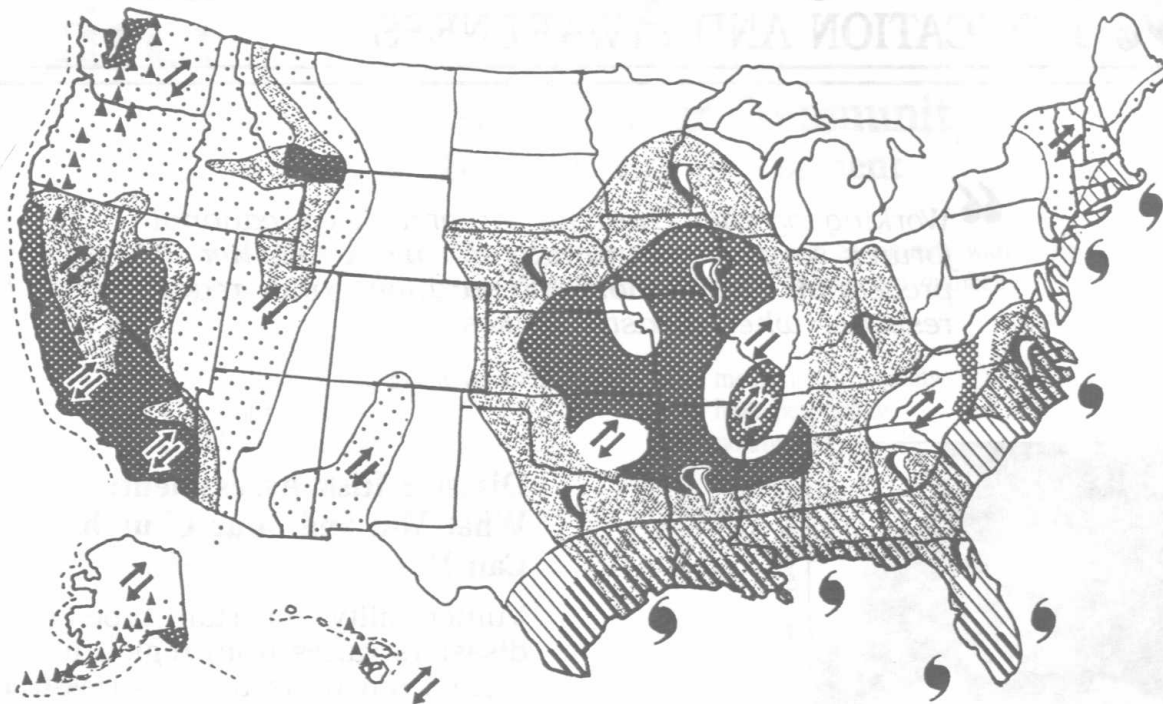
Vulnerability to certain types of disasters varies from region to region, but no location is risk-free. Disaster Response starts with awareness that disaster can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere.

You and your church, in partnership with others in the religious community, can play an important educational role, building awareness about:

- a) the kinds of disasters likely to happen in your area (*see chart on opposite page*);
- b) measures to prevent, mitigate and prepare for disasters, as well as to respond in harmony with ongoing community development. (*See CWS Manuals listed on inside front cover.*)

Churches, which bring together a diversity of people, offer ideal settings for a community to explore its particular disaster risks. Working together, churches can provide educational forums so your community can work together in prevention, mitigation, preparation, and ready response when disaster strikes.

No Place Is Safe: Disaster Danger Zones



Earthquakes	Tornadoes	Hurricanes	Other Risks
High risk	Extreme risk	Extreme risk	Volcanoes
Medium risk	Some risk	Some risk	Tsunamis
Low risk			

This map shows likely possible locations of natural disasters. Some locations face multiple threats. In addition, no place is safe from human-caused disasters.

How Church World Service Can Help

Church World Service has a variety of printed and video materials which you and your church can employ in educational efforts. Contact your Church World Service-trained Disaster Resource Consultant (DRC) in your state/territory (*see Section 8 in this manual for details on DRCs*).

Also see Manuals

When Disaster Strikes: Interfaith Response Field Manual

Human-Caused Disasters: Prevention, Mitigation, Response

Mitigation: Lessening the Effects of Disaster

Emotional, Spiritual and Pastoral Care for Disaster Survivors and Care-Givers