

Ministry: Disaster Relief & Preparedness
From: The Rev. Dr. Maria Evans and Janet Thompson
RE: Diocesan Committee Reports
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This report is prepared for Diocesan Convention 2023 by Maria Evans and Janet Thompson, the Diocesan Disaster Relief & Preparedness Coordinators.

During 2023, much of the country experienced hazardous weather events. By and large, however, the area within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Missouri experienced relatively few major weather events. Because of the likelihood that weather events will occur within our jurisdiction and the likelihood of people-driven emergency events as well, we suggest that the following actions be taken by every congregation in the diocese in the first half of 2024, so that the second half of 2024 can be devoted to increasing resiliency within the diocese and within individual congregations.

We therefore request that every congregation report to the diocese if

- they have a disaster preparedness committee and, if so, who is the contact person for the diocese. (please provide contact information)
- they have a disaster preparedness plan and, if so, when it was last updated and by whom.
- they routinely do fire and/or tornado drills and, if so, how often they are done and when was the last drill and who was involved.
- they have gone through active shooter training and, if so, when was the last training and who was involved.
- they are part of a local COAD or VOAD.
- they have met or have contact information for their local Emergency Management Director/agency head.