

Disaster Preparedness--Janet Thompson and the Rev. Dr. Maria Evans

Mercifully, 2022 only provided us with one disaster in the diocese--flooding along the Mississippi and particularly in St. Louis. We reached out to ERD in conjunction with the recent flooding event and contacted representatives of the affected congregations, and confirmed the eligibility criteria for ERD funding with the flood-affected congregations. We made available to representatives of every congregation the opportunity to participate in a disaster preparedness workshop for faith communities, sponsored by SEMA and Boone County's Office of Emergency Management. We also finished an initiative we started in 2021, using ERD funds to help provide Mental Health First Aid training in predominantly African American churches in Central Missouri, where health disparities had been identified through extensive data gathering efforts for local health departments.

We are always available for advice and consultation in times of disaster, so please feel free to contact us.

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