Resources on Human Caused Disasters

In response to numerous requests for training materials to assist churches in planning and responding to an active shooter situation and other forms of human caused disasters, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing this Resource Guide.

Planning & Training

Free Online Courses:


• **FEMA: Independent Study 907 - Active Shooter - What You Can Do.** Provides non-law enforcement individuals with recommended actions should they be confronted with an active shooter situation. [https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907](https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907)

• **DHS Webpage: Active Shooter: How to Respond.** Provides fact sheets for private citizens, HR professionals, Active Shooter Workshop participants and First Responders. Also provides links to videos on Active Shooter planning. [https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness](https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness)

• **DHS Hometown Security Report Series: Houses of Worship**

• **Armed Intruder Best Practices Video:** Church Mutual Insurance partnered with Alice Training Institute, experts in active shooter civilian response, to create a Best Practices Video and Armed Intruder Resources Kit. [https://www.churchmutual.com/6421/Armed-Intruder](https://www.churchmutual.com/6421/Armed-Intruder)
  Counsel on planning and training from an ALICE certified instructor available through PDA’s HQ. Contact: beth.snyder@pcusa.org
Responding to Human Caused Disasters

- **Worship Resources After Public Violence.** This collection of prayers, litanies, worship and vesper service outlines, strategies for children’s messages, etc. can be found on the PDA homepage at: http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hcd/

- **“Recovering from Un-Natural Disasters: A Guide for Pastors and Congregations after Violence and Trauma.”** Written by Laurie Kraus, David Holyan and Bruce Wismer, three pastors who have experienced human-caused trauma in their own congregations and communities and, as members of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s National Response Team, have served as disaster responders and Emotional and Spiritual Care counselors to numerous other faith-based groups. Available for online purchase at: https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664262155/recovering-from-unnatural-disasters.aspx


- **“Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence.”** A documentary that frames gun violence as a “disaster” and “public health” issue. All those scarred by gun violence ask, “Why did this happen to us?” Trigger looks at those experiences and turns to the bigger question, “What can we do to prevent gun violence?” (51 minutes) Study and Action Guide also available at: http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/story-productions/#trigger

- **“Tapestry: Reweaving the Fabric of Community After Public Violence.”** A documentary that examines the effects of public violence events in congregations and communities. Framed through the lens of PDA National Response Team members who have responded to public violence events and supported communities of faith and their leaders through trauma and the healing process. (21 minutes) Video and downloadable study guide available at: http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/video-tapestry/