Local Disaster Flowchart / Decision Tree

Although each disaster has its own unique considerations, this flowchart/decision tree can help local congregation leaders and disaster preparedness committee members understand their roles and key actions that must be taken. This is to be used in conjunction with the Diocesan Disaster Response Plan.

Key Terms

- DDC = Diocesan Disaster Coordinators
- DPC = Disaster Preparedness Committee

congregation Leader must:

- Contact local authorities
- Contact Lead DDC
- Contact Church Insurance
- Determine a local “line of succession”

DDC “Line of Succession”

In the event a local disaster strikes, the congregation leader calls the Lead DDC according to the succession order below:

- Harry Kendrick
- Canon Lynn Bates
- Bishop Ely
- Ann Cooper
- John Hartman
- Maurice Harris
- Lars Hunter

- Has congr. leader remembered to call local authorities?
- DDC advises congr. leader to call local authorities.
- Has congr. leader remembered to call Church Insurance?
- DDC advises congr. leader to call Church Insurance.
- DPC reassesses every two weeks whether congregation needs are being met.
- DPC assesses congregation needs.
- DPC helps identify and contact congregations that can provide interim support.
- Diocesan Comms Minister connects with congr. leader, bishop, and DPC to discuss messaging.
- DDC advises congreg. leader to call local authorities.
- DDC notifies bishop and DPC.
- Congregation leader calls Lead DDC.
- Congregation leader calls Church Insurance.