



Disaster & Recovery Ministries

South Australia

Do you have a listening ear?

Would you be prepared to offer a ministry of presence, care and comfort to people affected in times of great need?

You are invited to be trained as a chaplain for Disaster and Recovery Ministries SA.

Disaster and Recovery Ministries is coordinated by the Uniting Church in SA. We train and coordinate teams of people from many faith groups who are able to provide pastoral and spiritual support to others in the community during times of disaster and subsequent recovery.

Our next 2-day training opportunity will be held on:

**Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11
October 2023**

Sessions run from 9.30am – 4.30pm both days

**Uniting College for Leadership & Theology
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park**

There will be no cost and all refreshments are provided

Register online at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CIQCP>

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Disaster and Recovery Ministries SA – who are we & what do we do?

People of faith in SA have the privilege of providing pastoral and spiritual support to members of the broader community in times of a declared disaster or emergency in this state. **Disaster & Recovery Ministries** is co-ordinated by the Uniting Church and operates under a Memorandum of Understanding with the SA Government. Our Chaplaincy teams work alongside other participating organisations (Red Cross, Lions, Rotary etc) in Emergency Relief and Recovery Centres - caring for people by providing a listening ear, assessing need for further counselling or other referrals, offering a **ministry of presence and comfort** or by visiting affected people in their homes or elsewhere. The teams also work closely with local faith groups in these situations, recognising that such groups may have an ongoing significant role to play in the recovery of individuals and communities after the event.

These Chaplains (ordained or suitable lay people, including chaplains from schools, aged-care facilities, hospitals etc):

- Are prepared to be involved in this significant ministry and be available to be deployed at short notice
- Are willing to attend training sessions as arranged
- Are willing to be part of a team
- Abide by the Code of Ethics and Guiding Principles adopted by this Ministry and provide evidence of a current police check
- Offer appropriate pastoral care in disaster and recovery situations
- Bring a listening ear and let people tell their story
- Are non-judgmental and refrain from preaching or telling people what to do
- Focus on offering care, comfort and a 'ministry of presence' to people in need

We will confirm places in the team after successful completion of the training and receipt of completed application form, reference from your faith leader & evidence of current Working With Children Check.