

Faith Communities Get a Plan Day DRAFT

The purpose of *Faith Communities Get a Plan Day* is to engage faith-based organizations in promoting preparedness, encouraging members to create family disaster plans and reaching individuals who may not receive disaster preparedness information through traditional media. Volunteer Florida believes that the congregational setting of *Faith Communities Get a Plan Day* will help place additional emphasis on family preparedness and increase the number of individuals and families who take the time to make disaster plans. Encouragement by community faith leaders to be prepared and “Get a Plan” can mean the difference between families who are prepared to be self-sufficient after a disaster and those who depend on relief agencies.

- A. Regional Approach – Identify regional points of contact to coordinate, encourage and monitor county activities
 - a. Identify a Get a Plan Day (GAPD) lead coordinator for each county
 - b. Partner with lead coordinator and county EM offices for GAPD promotion
 - c. Provide county lead coordinators a list of faith communities that register to participate in GAPD
- B. Develop Get a Plan Day kit for distribution to faith-based organizations that register to participate.
- C. Create, develop and maintain a Get a Plan Day website
 - a. Information to promote and support faith communities in encouraging members to create family disaster plans.
 - b. Registration page for faith communities to indicate their participation.
 - c. Celebration page for participants to post stories, photos, etc.
 - d. Survey participants about interest in an annual GAPD.
- D. Develop Banners to promote (consider bill boards)
- E. Educate faith communities to encourage and promote community disaster volunteerism.
 - a. Coordinate with County ESF 15 Coordinators
- F. Create public information packets for media briefings
 - a. Schedule a state level Get a Plan Day press briefing
 - b. Support county Get a Plan Day press briefings

- G. Encourage faith communities to develop plans and engage their congregations in providing assistance for members with functional or access needs.
 - a. Help in “getting a plan”
 - b. Transportation to shelter
 - c. Evacuation assistance
 - d. Wellness checks pre- and post-disaster
- H. Encourage and support faith communities to develop Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans.