

PRESBYTERIAN **D**ISASTER **A**SSISTANCE

**Disaster response
training sponsored
by the Synod of
the Trinity and its
presbyteries**

**Offered by five
presbyteries across the
region to better serve you!**

Sept. 5 – Northumberland

Sept. 6 – Huntingdon

Sept. 25 – Philadelphia

Sept. 27 – West Virginia

Oct. 17 – Pittsburgh



Natural disasters and public violence are both a part of our current landscape. How can we respond to support and heal communities while also caring for ourselves?

EVENT SCHEDULE

9:00 am - Registration

9:30 am - 1st training

12:30 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - 2nd training

3:30 pm – Closing remarks

**Information and registration
available online at**

syntrinity.org/PDA

\$10 per person which includes lunch

**See the training opportunities for
additional information and locations**



PDA Training Opportunities



Each site will include these two training opportunities:

9:30 a.m. – Disaster Preparedness and Engagement

"Blessed to be a blessing." This workshop will have a dual focus. Participants will gain valuable insight on how to prepare themselves and their congregations for a disaster. In addition, participants will discover ways to bring their God-given talent, time and resources to a response-and-recovery effort in their community.

1:30 p.m. – Human-Caused Disasters

"Nothing can separate us from the love of God." Violence changes everything, and it requires different skills from responding to natural disasters. Participants will learn definitions and guidelines for human-caused disasters, trauma, clergy care, congregational care, worship and liturgy, media relations and long-term emotional and spiritual care. In addition, participants will be able to bring their learnings directly to their ministry context.

Other 1:30 p.m. options:

How to Accompany People in Trauma (Sept. 5, Sept. 27)

"Remember, I am with you." This session will address ways that we can accompany people who have experienced the trauma of natural disasters. It will focus on key concepts of ministry of presence, common pathways of response to and recovery, common signs of stress and coping, and principles of building resilience to stress and trauma.

Compassion Fatigue (Sept. 6)

"Do not grow weary in doing what is good." Faith leaders who invest spiritual and physical energy in following the teachings of Jesus to face a world of need and diminishing resources. At times ministry is fatiguing. Learn why we suffer symptoms of compassion fatigue and learn the five simple practices that can refuel us and restore our joy and energy in ministry.

Immigration Issues (Sept. 25, Oct. 17)

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Aid to refugees and displaced persons is PDA's birth story. Many Presbyterians, however, are not familiar with PDA's role in engaging Presbyterians in refugee ministries or our history in helping to establish refugee-serving organizations all over the United States. Participants will learn of the ways in which this ministry is carried out through ecumenical partnerships, related church agencies, middle governing bodies, and congregations.

Dates & Locations

Wednesday, Sept. 5

First Presbyterian Church
47 Walnut St.
Milton, PA 17847

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Church on the Mall
Plymouth Meeting Mall
500 W. Germantown Pike #1900
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Thursday, Sept. 27

Village Chapel Presbyterian Church
3818 Venable Ave.
Charleston, WV 25304

Thursday, Sept. 6

Providence Presbyterian Church
2401 Broad Ave.
Altoona, PA 16601

**People of all
denominations and faiths
are invited to attend.**

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Crestfield Camp & Conf. Center 195
Taggart Road
Slippery Rock, PA 16057