

1. How long has *Willing to Respond* been available?

It was launched by *The Church Responds* in January 2022, in collaboration with the disaster ministries of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

2. What is the time commitment that would be required?

This is your tool. Each congregation decides the level of engagement that is right for them. Some will use this registry primarily as a source for information and tips to become more prepared. Others will devote significant time and resources to developing disaster preparedness and response ministries, based on their needs, contexts, and ministry priorities.

3. Who can register?

Any representative of a local congregation can register – clergy, staff, or lay leaders. We encourage you to have a team of people involved in the work of disaster preparedness and response, but you can build your team after you register. It's up to you, based on the expectations and culture of your congregation.

4. When registering, should I use my contact information or the churches?

Use the physical address of the church and an email and phone number you (or the appropriate church leader) will check regularly.

5. Does my church need to have an existing disaster ministry or prior credentials to register?

No! You just need a willingness to learn, connect, and be responsive to serve your community in the event of a disaster.

6. How will resources be shared?

A plus for the network of partners is targeted resources for the church. *Willing to Respond* will share existing resources and translated when denominations have invested in that. Promoting and working together to provide houses of worship with the information and training they may need is a primary goal. In addition to the online resource library, *Willing to Respond* will send out a periodic newsletter with resources, stories, and opportunities to learn or serve.

7. Will there be translations available?

We hope to expand the language access of the resource library and of *Willing to Respond* as a platform in the future, but the capacity to do so is currently limited.

8. Who will keep track of the congregations and have access to data?

The Church Responds team will notify participating denominational ministry representatives when a registration from an affiliated church arrives.

The participating denominational ministry representatives have access to the full registration list to communicate with their affiliated congregations and make connections to other registered congregations.

9. How do congregations update information?

Currently, any updates should be emailed to willingtorespond@thechurchresponds.org.

10. Is there a way for congregations to indicate an interest in traveling, or is it only for congregations located near the disaster area?

Periodic email communications from *Willing to Respond* may include opportunities to serve in regions impacted by disaster. Survey & system should allow us to add that information. Denominational ministries may also share opportunities in their direct communication with affiliated congregations.

11. Is data shared with external parties?

Denominational ministry representatives are currently the only parties with access to registration data. This will not be shared with external parties without the permission of the congregation.

12. How does a congregation/individual request to be removed from the database?

A request would need to be made by email to your denominational ministry representative or to willingtorespond@thechurchresponds.org.