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Part I

Our author's purpose for writing such a meaningful and thoughtful manual for Christendom

today is to plan, prepare, respond, and recover congregants globally about the necessities of church exemplifying preparation on how to handle natural disasters, crisis, and calamities. Each year families are affected by natural disasters that cause people to be the misplacement of loss and turmoil. Catastrophic events are inevitable, however, the church transparency in facilitating pastoral caregiving and counseling for those who affected by natural calamities.

First, the church has an enormous mandate to show compassion towards those who are affected by natural disasters, calamities, and turmoil. When calamities occur, it serves as purposeful opportunities for the church to exemplify Christlike characteristics of compassion. Disasters will happen; nevertheless, the church should implement plans for networking and collaboration with other organizations. There are a multiplicity of agencies that exist throughout the United States, and the Church leadership presence required for counseling and spirituality.

Second, leadership and preparation play a significant role when crisis and disasters transpire. Preparation for the worst-case scenario during a crisis is the fundamental principle of Christendom. Strategic planning and preparation give the parishioners opportunities to implement love, empathy, and compassion for those who are traumatized by natural disasters and crisis.

Finally, implementing a response devoted principles to achieve during disasters fulfill the void of families, communities, and individuals who are affected by the crisis. Responsive and compassionate personal demonstrates the preparedness, strategic planning, response, and recovery for those individuals impacted by natural disasters. Also, it is crucial for pastoral leadership caregivers, and counselors operate in the fullness of restoration holistically and totality.

Part II

The authors provide a strategic plan for managing personnel, allocating funds properly, adequate training, and showing how to implement systems of networking and collaboration that facilitate ministry for disaster success. Programs to assist those affected by the crisis with successful implementation, where the church can influence and share creative and innovative ideas on how to set up a crisis ministry in our local churches. Fortunately, more pastors are becoming aware of leaders are finding opportunities to minister during the crisis.

Implementing a strategic plan for our congregation and family has enlightened us on the importance of planning, responding, recovery, and providing spiritual and emotional care for the crisis victims. Every crisis is different, but with proper planning, it can be manageable if preparation is the foundation. Regular exercises drills and exiting plans can be useful for those who live in areas where trains, biohazards materials transported, and oil refineries exist.

First, pastoral leadership works with other professionals in a community to meet the needs of individuals who are affected by the crisis. Next, ministers should forge relationships with other organizations to serve better the community in which he/she lives. Thirdly, pastors and leaders active time to a crisis can be a critical part of establishing a presence during a trauma or natural disaster. The church has a considerable responsibility to assist not only congregants, but we have an even higher mantle to carry for the non-parishioners who live in the community where we serve.

Pastoral leadership is a phenomenon that is growing at a rapid pace. Many pastor leaders produced in seminaries, however, they're only learning a fraction of what it means to become a real leader with integrity, character, ethics, and moral who will stand the test of time during a crisis. We are responsible for creating an atmosphere where individuals who experience human

casualties and natural disasters can perform ongoing pastoral caregivers, counseling, and leadership duties.

Part III

Understanding my struggles with crisis and unfortunate events is teaching that continual training is necessary for my relevance in the community where I live and serve. Most pastor/leaders fill that teaching and preaching are their only responsibilities. However, my awareness of crisis is sensitive and more compassionate toward those individuals who experience loss, death, divorce, fires, or any other trauma that disrupts their way of living.

As a leader, embracing my pains and struggles brought healing, hope, and deliverance to family and me first, and secondly to those who are dealing with the crisis. There are personal struggles I have encountered this semester with my health and not being able to provide for my family as God intended, but as I continue to heal, God is restoring my eyesight, renewing my strength, and bringing change to my current situations.

Part IV

As a leader, volunteering to meet the critical need for those who are emotional and spiritual caregivers and counselors who respond rapidly during disasters and crisis as a chaplain is essential in the community where I currently serve. A natural disaster is a significant part of Louisiana, and our citizens should know that Christian leaders are concerned about the well-being and welfare of those who are affected by crisis or disasters. Also, Christ Jesus examples of being compassionate, empathic, and sensitive towards others exhibit our concern for those who are emotionally and spiritually ruined when trauma takes place.

According to Scripture, He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.¹ The Bible clearly and concisely articulates from Genesis to Revelation how we as the Body of Christ

¹ NIV, Psalm 147:3.

should be a light in a dark world. As the Holy Spirit continues to challenge me with volunteering my time, talent, and treasure, I see the need for chaplaincy even in the school system here in Louisiana. When families are affected by calamities, crisis, or disasters the church needs an opportunity to exemplify a Christlike characteristic from a holistic perspective.

Our authors challenge the Body of Christ for more volunteers to come forward to heal the land. Natural disasters and humanitarian crisis are opportunities for Christians to share the love of Christ to those who are unchurched. The church must be trained to strategically plan, prepare, respond, and bring recovery those individuals who are impacted by natural disasters. The crisis is an opportunity for pastoral leaders to share Christ with those who would ordinarily not attend church. If the Church shows compassion, empathic, and love for those who are brokenhearted it is the way for the Church to glorify God, magnify Christ Jesus, and edify the entire community.

Chaplaincy is very needed in my community. Therefore, I will continue to volunteer my time, talent, and treasure to those who need to know Christ. As the Church, we have the propensity to bring change to a world filled with darkness, doubt, and coldheartedness. Also, the church must lead by example. Insurance policies, protecting the neighborhood, and implementing restoration after a disaster is imperative when the crisis occurs.