



QUEENSLAND DISASTER CHAPLAINCY NETWORK

WHAT IS THE QDCN?

Formed in 2022 following the flood events of that year, the Queensland Disaster Chaplaincy Network (QDCN) is a coordinated ecumenical network of Chaplains of which the Uniting Church is a member. It is responsible for facilitating all government deployments of Queensland Disaster Recovery Chaplains, providing significant support in response to disasters and critical incidents.

In times of distress, when the world seems chaotic, Disaster Recovery Chaplains can help restore a sense of hope, purpose, and community.

ABOUT QDCN TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

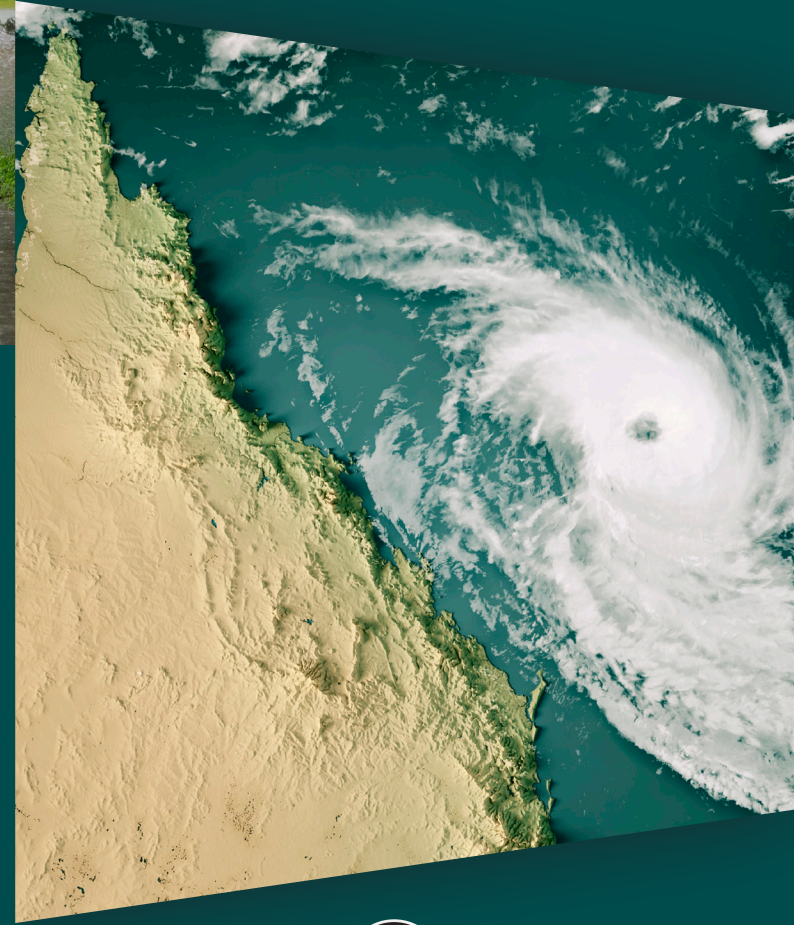
Where and when training can be arranged, is still in the planning. At this stage, we are seeking Expressions of Interest to gauge where we can focus training events.

It is likely that training can be organised on an as needed basis when a core number of participants are confirmed for a broad location. Costs may need to be met locally.



READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A DISASTER?

Disaster Chaplaincy – bringing hope in tangible ways when people are in crisis



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DISASTER CHAPLAINCY?

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READY TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?

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DISASTER CHAPLAINS: NEED TO KNOW

DEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS

The QDCN facilitates the deployment of QDCN Volunteer Chaplains on behalf of the state government. As the government authorised disaster response chaplains, you may be deployed to Refuge Centres or Evacuation Centres (short-term places of shelter), Recovery Hubs (post-crisis event support and care) or other crisis events such as those involving violence, terrorism, or trauma.

DEPLOYMENT COSTS

The government contracts usually provide for QDCN to deploy Chaplains as volunteers on a reimbursement of costs basis. These include costs associated with travel, accommodation, meals, and related incidentals.

DEPLOYMENT TIMES

The length of deployment is dependent upon a range of variables – where the crisis event is, need for travel, QDCN Chaplain availability and rostering. Regional/long-distance deployment may be for a period of five to seven days at a time, while local deployments may be rostered for a day or two a week over a period of weeks, availability dependent. Each response is unique.

AVAILABILITY

If approached by QDCN for deployment, Chaplains should consider their own personal, ministry and other local community needs. These can be worked through on a case-by-case basis.

In the wake of disasters, the impact on individuals and communities can be profound. While the physical damage may be visible—homes destroyed, landscapes altered—the emotional and spiritual toll often runs deep, manifesting in grief, anxiety, and a sense of loss.

This is where the Queensland Disaster Chaplaincy Network (QDCN) Chaplain's presence can be a valuable source of support.

QDCN Certification Requirements

Meet pre-requisite requirements:

1. Successful completion of QDCN Disaster Recovery Training (face to face):
 - o two-days of targeted trauma-informed care disaster recovery training
2. Application to Queensland Disaster Chaplaincy Network (QDCN)
3. QDCN will then review all applications and advise when granted certification.

Pre-requisite Criteria for Application to QDCN

Accredited by the UCA Qld Synod:

- as Ministers or Pastors who have completed a Pastoral Care unit or equivalent
- have a calling to walk alongside those impacted by disasters
- have a willingness and availability to –
 - o undergo disaster chaplaincy training
 - o be deployed into disaster areas
- have good people skills
- are a team player.

**For more on accreditation, please email:
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NOTE: Only QDCN certified Disaster Recovery Chaplains can be deployed with government Disaster Recovery Teams. It is a government requirement that other Ministry Agents or lay-people do not self-activate into disaster recovery areas.