





NEBRASKA DISASTER CHAPLAIN NETWORK NEWS

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 TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: There will be a **winter training** opportunity for Disaster Chaplains in a variety of locations across the state in late January or early February. Please see the attached flier for more details about the location closest to you. You are welcome to come to any training site, if the one scheduled in your area is not at the best time for you. The focus of this training will be on “Supportive Listening.” We will share in discussion, talk about a few strategies and participate in actual scenarios. More details are on the attached flier. Following the training session, we will make arrangements to interview those individuals who have applied to become disaster chaplains. If you are interested in being interviewed and have completed your application, please contact Harry Walles (harrywalles@alltel.net) so that we can make arrangements.

 FLU SHOTS: Last month we brought to your attention the importance of flu shots. We are reminded that your local health department is a great resource for information about pandemic influenza and they are willing to make presentations for groups in your congregation and community. They are also available to provide flu shots at a reasonable rate. The telephone number for your local health department is available on this map. (<http://www.hhss.ne.gov/puh/oph/docs/map.pdf>)

 NIMS TRAINING: Every emergency or disaster starts as a local event with local responders. If the circumstances are such that local community needs additional help, other response agencies will be called in. NIMS was developed so responders from different disciplines can work together to respond to disasters and emergencies. NIMS benefits include a unified approach to incident management; standard command and management structures; and emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management. The training for NIMS is available on line, and we are encouraging all Disaster Chaplains to take this training. It is our understanding that Disaster Chaplains will ultimately be required to take NIMS 100 and NIMS 700. By going to these pages (<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/is/is100.asp> and <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/is/is700.asp>) and scrolling down, you will find all required information and materials. When you have completed this training, please send a copy of the completion certification to Harry Walles (harrywalles@alltel.net) so that your record can be updated.

 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.... A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words. **- Rachel Naomi Remen**



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Winter Training - January & February, 2007

January

29 Community Center 424 North Main Street Bridgeport
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February

7 First Christian 1041 North Nye Avenue Fremont
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8 First Presbyterian 508 East 5th Street Atkinson
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9:00 am to Noon
at each location ex-
cept Atkinson which
is 1:00 am to 4:00 pm

DISASTER MINISTRY

Please register by calling or e-mailing the contact person listed for each workshop.

“Supportive Listening”

Discussion - We will discuss a reading by Rachel Naomi Remen on the matter of being present to people when they are in great distress

Strategies - There are things that we can do that will make our conversation with others following a disaster (no matter what the scale) more helpful and meaningful.

Practice - We will use some of the scenarios from a book entitled *When Life Meets Death: Stories of Death and Dying, Truth and Courage* by Thomas Shane. Everyone will have the opportunity to practice supportive listening in the context of one of these stories.

There is no cost to participate, but we ask that you please register.
For more information please call Interchurch Ministries of
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