

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT  
AND DISASTER RELIEF RECOVERY PREPAREDNESS**

Episcopal Relief & Development and Disaster Relief Recovery Preparedness Commission (DRRPC) continue to offer resources for Disaster Preparedness training and local disaster grants to all Deaneries and Parishes in the Diocese of East Carolina. Each Deanery has reported being up to date on reviewing and updating their 2021 annual Emergency Plan.

East Carolina was not seriously impacted by disastrous weather in 2021. However, we were able to bring closure to a 2020 partnering grant awarded to St. George's Engelhard and the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department, which provide Hispanic families residing on Ocracoke Island, NC to successfully recover from unmet needs leftover from Hurricane Dorian. The long-term recovery effort was not complete until early fall (2021).

The Disaster Relief Commission (DRRPC) recently sent out emails to Diocesan Deans seeking assistance with recruiting new members to serve as local representatives from each Deanery. We are optimistic new volunteers will soon submit their applications to join the Commission.

Lastly, Episcopal Relief and Development and Disaster Relief Recovery Preparedness Commission have gone to great effort to ensure Bishop Skirving's Coronavirus strategies and mandates are communicated to Deaneries and Parishes.

DRRPC'S 2022 goals include further recruitment of at least one representative from each Deanery. To ensure East Carolina Diocese is adequately trained on ways to improve their individual Church Preparedness Plan.

And to remain a constant resource available to those individuals and families who are in need of getting unmet needs addressed via Episcopal Relief and Development assistance or DRRPC'S grants.

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