



Disaster Response Relational Network

Workshop 1

1:00-2:15pm

Long Term Recovery and Rebuilds – (Elementary - Upstairs)

Host: Joe Carson (Panel: Stephen Boyken, Aaron Stetson, John Otwell, Chris Chiles)

When the headlines fade, the real work begins. This powerful workshop explores how churches and organizations can lead in the long rebuilding phase—helping families return home through strong partnerships, mobilized teams, and practical strategies that maximize resources and create lasting impact.

Weather Watch with Warren – (Clubhouse - Upstairs)

Host: Warren Causey

Join this practical, real-world workshop equipping disaster response leaders to monitor severe weather before, during, and after impact. Warren will share the exact public tools and real-time intelligence he uses to track threats, identify high-impact areas, and make faster, more confident deployment decisions.

Fundraising Playbook – (Upstairs Meeting Room)

Host: Evan Cox

Evan Cox, a StoryBrand Certified Guide, equips church and nonprofit leaders with practical strategies to clarify their message, strengthen marketing, and build simple fundraising systems. Drawing from work with over 1,000 nonprofits, this workshop helps you create a clear campaign plan and embrace fundraising as essential to your mission—with actionable steps you can implement immediately.

Site and Volunteer Management – (Fireside - Downstairs)

Host: Molly McDonald (Mercy Chefs Volunteer Manager)

Managing volunteers in disaster response environments is both vital and complex. In this workshop, seasoned experts will share practical strategies for building a culture of excellence, fostering a healthy spirit of service, keeping volunteers engaged and motivated, and leveraging effective tools and resources for volunteer management.

Supporting Connections - (Serve Source - Downstairs)

Host: Michael Gardner

How partners use Serve Source to connect during disasters - faster communication, clearer coordination, and better shared awareness. Track active events, see response activity at a glance, and share timely situation updates so churches and organizations can work closer with less duplication and workflows that support other ministry connection points year-round.

Proven Outreach Strategies – (Main Auditorium)

Hosts: Dennis Harris & Derick Zwerneman

Ready to amplify your outreach impact? With 50+ years of combined experience, this high-energy workshop delivers practical, proven strategies you can apply in any setting. Learn how to spot opportunities, mobilize volunteers, build strong partnerships, and expand your capacity—so your church or organization can move from good intentions to meaningful, measurable impact.