

Victorian Emergency Chaplaincy Network

2010 Briefings

Level 1 Personal Support

Level 2 Emergency Chaplaincy

VENUES TO BE ADVISED

FRANKSTON / MORNINGTON

March 16th

SHEPPARTON

March 23rd.

WANGARATTA

April 20th

FOOTSCRAY

May 11th.

BENDIGO

May 18th.

DANDENONG

June 10th.

BALLARAT

June 22nd.

MELBOURNE CBD

July 20th.

Level 2 Clergy briefings 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

- Please provide own lunch

Level 1 Personal Support briefings 700 pm -

A donation towards the cost of printing the seminar manuals would be appreciated.

Tea and coffee provided

Accreditation as a Community Chaplain or Personal Support Worker will provide clergy and lay people with opportunities for service and deeper contact with the wider community.

Emergencies Ministry

The Victorian Council of Churches is one of several agencies charged to "take appropriate and timely action when an emergency event occurs".

The VCC was first tasked by DHS in 1966. The Community Recovery Ministry has evolved over recent decades and holds a critical place within the Recovery element of the State Emergency Plan.

The VCC is a member of the State Emergency Health & Community Recovery Planning Committee.

VCC Role.

The role of faith communities is defined in the State Emergency Plan as follows:

- Provide personal support and pastoral services at emergency recovery centres.
- Support outreach activities with trained outreach and visitation workers.
- Provide personal support and other information to people and communities affected by emergencies.
- Conduct services of worship and assist in the organisation of public memorials and gatherings to support the recovery of affected communities.
- Provide Community Chaplains for early Psychological First Aid interventions.
- Act as the coordinating agency for the Victorian Emergency Chaplaincy Network.
- Provide an advisory and training resource for community recovery and development.



Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry



CHAPLAINCY & PERSONAL SUPPORT TRAINING

Levels 1 & 2
2010

The Challenge

Australia is a land subject to natural disaster. Fire, drought and flood are almost seasonal in their frequency. Human error and failure often leads to tragedy within our communities.

Clergy have a major role to play in meeting human need and mobilising the resources of a community. Chaplains who deliver psychological first aid to affected people provide an important link between the Response and Recovery elements of the State Emergency Plan.

Trained lay people of the faith communities are also of critical importance in times of emergency. They act together with other agency personnel to provide immediate personal and logistical support for victims and operations workers

Recent natural disasters as well as the New York September 11th. event, the blast in Bali, and the Madrid and London train bombings are reminders of our need to be ready to meet crises that could occur within our own country.

The Required Commitment

People who register are asked to make themselves available for call out within their region. There is no expectation of any other commitment.

Clergy may be activated by DHS and Local Government officers or VCC Coordinators.

Lay Personal Support workers will be activated and deployed by Local Government through VCC Coordinators.

Training & Accreditation

It is expected that experienced clergy and lay personal support workers of all faiths and traditions will be trained and accredited for in field emergency crisis ministry.

Training is organised through the Emergencies Ministry Office.

Briefings are conducted in metropolitan and regional areas by the State Coordinators.

Lay people must be nominated by a denominational representative.

The State Government offers training places within the advanced professional training programme for any person who may wish to deepen their understanding of emergency ministry.

The Victorian Emergency Chaplaincy Register (VECN)

A database is maintained in the Emergencies Ministry Office. Only operational and administrative information is provided to the Incident Coordination Centre, Local Government Emergency Managers and VCC Coordinators.

Registration of clergy and nominated personal support workers is dependent upon attendance at a one day briefing Seminar.

Denominations will be provided with their own membership registrations.

Photographic Identification tags will be issued.

Register Now!

Please provide the following information when registering

1. **Place & Date of Course**
2. **Level 1 - Personal support**
Or
Level 2 - Chaplaincy
3. **Name**
4. **Church Membership**
5. **Address & Postcode**
6. **Phone**
7. **Email**

Preferred Registration
email or phone
to VCC Emergencies Office

9654 1736

Emergencies@vcc.org.au

***For further information Contact the VCC
Emergencies Ministry Coordinators***