

Emotional & Spiritual Care Committee

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These National VOAD Emotional & Spiritual Care resources are provided to enhance the supportive care and compassion offered to persons who have been impacted by disasters and other crises.

Created by the many organizations who support emotional and spiritual care, they are intended to be culturally sensitive, context appropriate, and guidelines leading to hallmarks of excellence for all organizations whose intent is always to be helpful and supportive in meaningful and appropriate ways providing respect and kindness throughout the disaster continuum.

These resources are “living documents” and grow and expand as nature and disaster needs expand.

Guide to Resources

The Emotional & Spiritual Care Committee’s mission is to foster emotional and spiritual care to people affected by disaster in cooperation with national, state, and local response organizations and VOADs.

12 Resources are available at nvoad.org for this purpose.

[Disaster Emotional Care - Points of Consensus](#)

[Disaster Emotional Care – Points of Consensus \(Spanish\)](#)

[Disaster Spiritual Care – Points of Consensus](#)

[Disaster Spiritual Care – Points of Consensus \(Spanish\)](#)

[Disaster Emotional Care Guidelines](#)

[Quick Reference Guide: Disaster Emotional Care](#)

[Disaster Spiritual Care Guidelines](#)

[Quick Reference Guide: Disaster Spiritual Care](#)

[Light Our Way: A Guide to Spiritual Care in Times of Disaster
2nd Edition \(2018\)](#)

[Light Our Way: A Guide to Spiritual Care in Times of Disaster
\(Spanish\)](#)

[Disaster Emotional Care & Disaster Spiritual Care Webinar Series:
Introducing the Guidelines](#)

[Benefits of Including Emotional & Spiritual Care during the Phases of Disasters](#)