

RESOURCES:

Crisis Response and Care:
htcumc.org/crisis-response

Sexual Misconduct, Prevention, and Support:
htcumc.org/sexual-misconduct-prevention-support

Resource Persons/Advocacy:
htcumc.org/resource-persons-advocacy

United Methodist Sexual
Ethics Website:
umsexualethics.org

For questions, consultation or a confidential conversation, please contact the Response Team Coordinator or Regional Team Leader. Contact information is listed on the back of this brochure.

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CRISIS RESPONSE AND CARE MINISTRY

(For Congregational Crisis)



For reporting, resources and
information, please visit:
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PURPOSE

When a crisis occurs, congregations are thrown into distress. A crisis may involve alleged sexual misconduct by a clergy, staff or church leader, loss of property or life, fiscal malfeasance, or acts of violence on a church campus. As information surfaces chaos may develop.

The Horizon Texas Conference recognizes long term negative effects of congregational crisis can be avoided with practical, sensitive and competent assistance provided before, during, and after a crisis. The Crisis Response and Care Team provides resources for prevention, preparedness, response, and advocacy especially for, but not limited to sexual misconduct.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSE TEAM?

The Crisis Response and Care Ministry of the Horizon Texas Conference is designed to provide:

- Education, training, and resources for clergy, laity, and churches/ ministry settings regarding Sexual Misconduct and its prevention.
- Provide a trauma ready team of trained clergy and laity prepared to engage in the work of assessment, intervention, and healing care for congregations in the midst of an allegation of misconduct or crisis.
- Administer the Resource Person Program providing support for persons who may have been the direct recipient of misconduct or trauma, and advocacy should they choose to file a complaint.

WHO SERVES ON THE RESPONSE TEAM?

Clergy and laity within the Horizon Texas Conference with professional experience in mental health, pastoral care, and other human services, trained to listen with objective compassion, give support, and provide guidance during a time of crisis and loss.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN THE RESPONSE TEAM VISITS

The Response Team Coordinator or Regional Team Leader, in consultation with the District Superintendent and Bishop or Bishop's designee will meet with the church's leadership team(s):

- Assess the state of the congregation, staff, and any aggrieved and/or accused and their families.
- Explain the purpose and resources of the team.
- Provide educational and supportive "next step" resources addressing immediate needs regarding the nature and the impact of the crisis at hand.
- Collaborate with church leadership to address the needs and healing of all affected, which may include attention to individuals, affected groups, staff, and/or the congregation as a whole.
- Provide information regarding the services of the Resource Person Program.
- Facilitate congregational and small group meetings.
- Follow up with church leadership, affected persons or groups within the church, and conference leadership to further assess and resource for care and healing where needed.