

The State Emergency Management Agency is inviting Missouri's faith community and emergency management directors to five regional conferences in support of the Governor's Faith-Based Organization Disaster Initiative September 21-25, 2009. The invitation was distributed to more than 2,000 individuals and organizations:

STATE OF MISSOURI FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION DISASTER INITIATIVE



REGIONAL CONFERENCES

You are invited to the Governor's Faith-Based Organization Disaster Initiative Regional Conferences to be held across Missouri. All conferences run from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and lunch will be served. The goal of the Initiative is to support Missouri's faith community in preparing for disasters and to facilitate the use of time, talent and treasure in assisting those in need. On August 26, Gov. Jay Nixon addressed almost 300 faith leaders in Jefferson City to "kickoff" Phase II of the Initiative. The regional conferences will offer hands-on preparedness training and are designed to link faith organizations directly with area emergency management directors and responders. We hope to see you there for what we believe is an invaluable opportunity to prepare to respond together.

Phase II attempts to expand the Faith-based Organization Disaster Initiative by identifying and reaching out to more faith groups across Missouri and by directly extending invitations to local organizations as well as the leadership of their denominations. The goal of Phase II is to encourage greater collaboration between faith-based organizations and local emergency managers and to provide tool kits, mentoring sources, technical assistance, and training resources to build lasting relationships between emergency management directors, other faith groups, and all those working to assist their communities.

Monday, September 21:

The Salvation Army, 701 Good Hope Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tuesday, September 22:

St. Joachim & Ann Care Services, 4116 McClay Road, St. Charles, MO 63304

Wednesday, September 23:

First Assembly of God 1900 Route C, Jefferson City, MO 65109

Thursday, September 24:

South Haven Baptist Church, 2353 South Campbell Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807

Friday, September 25:

Crown Pointe Church, 5950 N.E. Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Please register to attend this free event at

<http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm> and click on the Conference that you wish to attend. For further information see the SEMA website at www.sema.dps.mo.gov or call (573) 526-9104.