



WA DISASTER RECOVERY CHAPLAINCY NETWORK (WA DRCN)

Noranda Uniting Church, 79 Camboon Rd Noranda from 2-4 April 2019.

The **Council of Churches WA**, in partnership with the **WA Synod of the Uniting Church**, is in the process of training a group of ministry agents to assist in the recovery of communities following disasters and emergencies within the state. This will be done with the view to form a state-wide network of pastoral carers who can engage with the community and churches beyond the initial emergency into the recovery phase, as these communities establish new beginnings. This network will be known as the **WA Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (WA DRCN)**.

Similar networks operate through every state and territory in Australia (currently with the exception of WA and Queensland) and are gathered into a national body known as AVECA (Australian Volunteer Emergency Chaplaincy Alliance). AVECA is a network of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA). It is anticipated that the new WA DRCN will be incorporated in the State Disaster Welfare arrangements and, even in its infancy, already has representation on AVECA.

A three-day training course will take place at **Noranda Uniting Church, 79 Camboon Rd Noranda on 2-4 April 2019**. This training is useful for ministers and chaplains in their everyday work and covers the following units:

April 2 and 3 – Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy

Unit 1 – Introductions; Unit 2 – The Nature of Chaplaincy in Crisis; Unit 3 – The Nature of Disaster and Emerging Issues; Unit 4 – Human Needs and Development; Unit 5 - Overview of Trauma Response; Unit 6 – Skills in Caring for Traumatized People; Unit 7 – The Practice of Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy; Unit 8 – DR Chaplains' Code of Ethics and Guiding Principles

April 4 – Peer Support Training

This day trains pastoral carers to care for other pastoral carers in disaster, emergency and crisis situations. It is useful in understanding the dynamics for ministers in disaster situations and strategies in caring for and equipping them in the recovery phase.

The three days of training course will accrue 21 hours of Professional Development. Ministers will obtain training points for Continuing Education/Professional Development and Certificates will be issued on completion.

Who may apply?

DRCN chaplains are ministry agents from a range of faith organisations who are ordained or equivalent, **or** are employed in institutional chaplaincy (eg. Hospital, Gaol, Aged Care) and who have the support of their denominational or faith body for involvement.

What are the Costs?

No Charge. Morning /afternoon tea and lunch provided. Please Let us know of any special dietary requirements 2 weeks prior the workshop.

How do I apply?

1. Fill out the **application form** (find attached) and email it to simone.micke@churcheswa.org.au
2. Send the **nomination form** (find attached) to your denominational overseer (eg. Presbytery Officer or Bishop) and have them return it to simone.micke@churcheswa.org.au

For more information:

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The DRCN is ministry of CCWA, coordinated and supported by the Uniting Church in Australia (Synod of WA). It is also a partner of the Australian Volunteer Emergency Chaplaincy Alliance (AVECA) – a network of the National Council of Churches in Australia.