



National VOAD Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee

Timeline and Process in Creating the Spiritual Care “Points of Consensus”

1. December 3-4, 2007: Full committee met in a face-to-face meeting (Chicago) to gather general notes.
2. Spring 2008: Writing group was appointed by committee chair (Tom Davis, CWS) and Spiritual Care Sub-committee chair (Mary Hughes Gaudreau, UMCOR).
3. May 2008, AVC:
 - a. ESCC committee meeting discussed various key points and a proposed outline.
 - b. The outline was presented for discussion at a 2008 Annual Conference Talkshop.
 - i. The outline was based upon the Light Our Way summary (pp. 52-54) plus other points garnered from the December 2007 meeting. Most comments from the December 2007 meeting fit neatly into the Light Our Way summary.
 - ii. The Annual Conference Talkshop provided all participants an opportunity to comment on the outline.
4. June 1, 2008: The period for written comment and feedback was closed.
5. August 25-26, 2008: The writing group met in a face-to-face meeting to consolidate feed-back and comments and complete a draft document.
 - a. The writing group included the following persons:
Mary Gaudreau, Chairperson, National VOAD ESCC, United Methodist Committee on Relief
Kevin Ellers, Chair-elect, National VOAD ESCC, The Salvation Army
Steven Kaye, National Association of Jewish Chaplains
Earl Johnson, American Red Cross
Kevin Massey, Lutheran Disaster Response
Stephen Roberts, United Jewish Communities
Naomi Paget, subject matter expert and member of APC, ARC-SRT
Roy Winter, National VOAD Board Liaison, Brethren Disaster Ministries
6. September 8, 2008: The draft was disseminated to the full ESCC committee for one more round of comment through the “Survey Monkey” tool. Deadline for comment was October 3, 2008.
 - a. Working with a consensus model, designed as a cooperative, relationship-building process rather than competitive, divisive or partisan decision process, respondents were ask to “consent” or “give permission to” the group to go ahead with a solution or decision that would be in the best interest of those we serve and of the National VOAD ESCC. In that light, the survey simply asked respondents if they could “live with” the specific points as written.
 - b. The draft received 100% approval by survey respondents. Some minor editorial suggestions were offered and taken under advisement by the writing group.
7. November 2008: Minor editorial changes were made by the writing group through conference call consultation.
8. December 1, 2008: A final version incorporating minor edits by the writing group was sent to the full committee and the NVOAD board.
9. January 2009: The National VOAD board approved the final draft.
10. May 2009 AVC: The final version is scheduled for approval vote by the full National VOAD membership.
11. May 19, 2009: Points of Consensus approved by the National VOAD membership.