## Vital congregations invest time in:

Leadership
Development/
Engagement

Strong Relationships

Leaders who do the work of the church based on their gifts, talents, and passions

New and rotating leadership to sustain the work and support each other through joys and burnout

Disaster preparedness uncovers new avenues of ministry work and opens up new paths to leadership development through renewed energy and creativity

Automatically connects you to existing networks that are already doing this work

Being prepared and connected to other community entities will position you to respond immediately to the needs of the community

Disaster Preparedness

**Community Partnerships** 

Disaster preparedness work gives congregations a specific reason to reach out and get to know their neighbors

Having strong relationships with each other and your communities will build the trust necessary to cooperate effectively in an emergency

Being interconnected through relationships with others will increase the amount of people who want to help with this work

Being in partnership with others results in more hands to do the work and reduces overlap and redundancy

Recent examples