Vital congregations invest time in:

**Leadership Development/Engagement**
- 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

**Disaster Preparedness**
- 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 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

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**Community Partnerships**
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