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**2023 APCE Annual Event, “Unforced Rhythms of Grace”**  
***Human Caused Disaster Ministry***  
**“Getting Outside the Box”**

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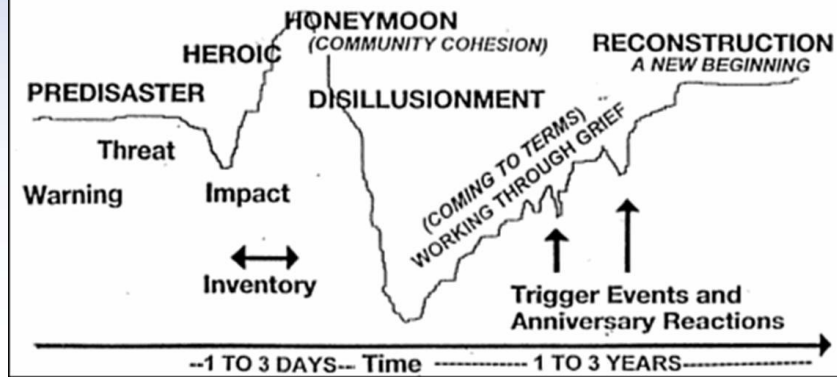


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**Overview Of The Four Phases  
 Of Natural Disasters**

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## Phases of Disaster



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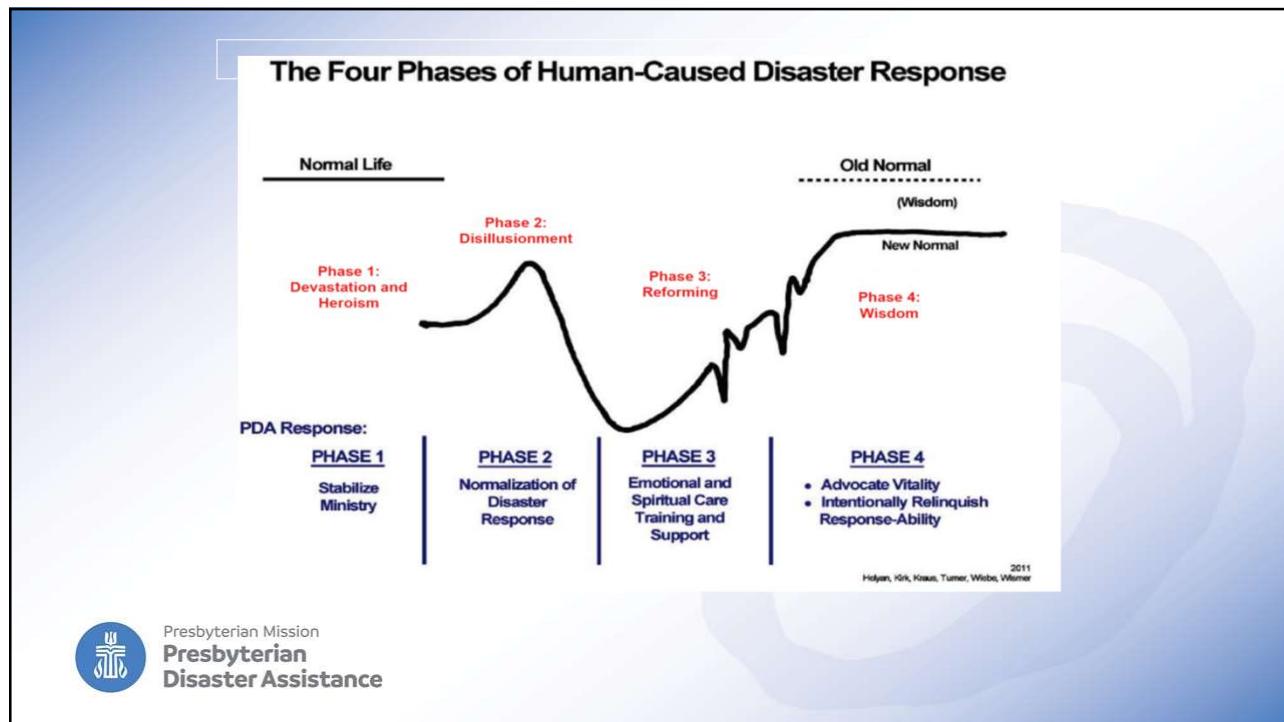
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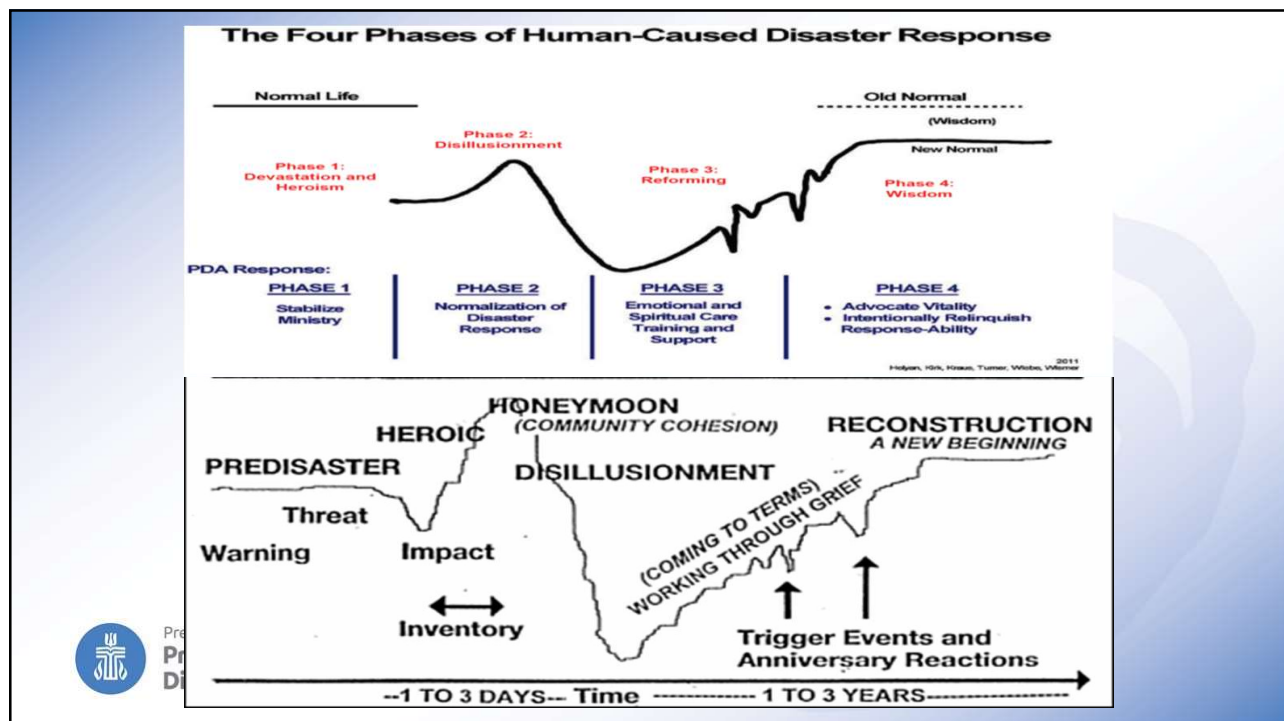


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# Theological Framework



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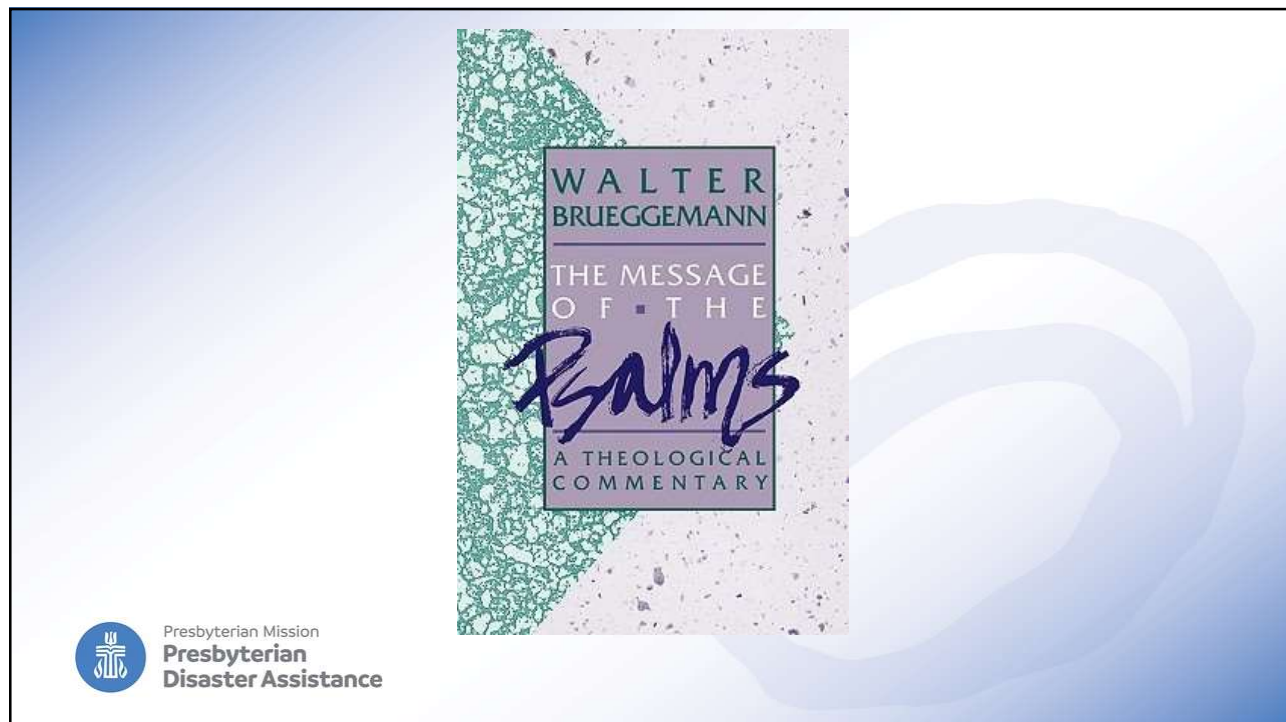
“He descended into hell.....”

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## Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day  
and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its  
season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the  
congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the  
righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



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### Psalm 74:1-11

O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? Remember your congregation, which you acquired long ago, which you redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage. Remember Mount Zion, where you came to dwell. Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary. Your foes have roared within your holy place; they set up their emblems there. At the upper entrance they hacked the wooden trellis with axes. And then, with hatchets and hammers, they smashed all its carved work. They set your sanctuary on fire; they desecrated the dwelling place of your name, bringing it to the ground. They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them"; they burned all the meeting places of God in the land. We do not see our emblems; there is no longer any prophet, and there is no one among us who knows how long. How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever? Why do you hold back your hand; why do you keep your hand in your bosom?



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### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



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# Expecting the Unexpected

Can faith communities prepare  
for public violence response?



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Resources...Resources and  
more Resources



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## Planning Resources

<https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>

### Free Online Resource

- FEMA/DHS
- Insurance Companies
- Faith-Based Institutions
- ALICE Training



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## Gun Violence Archive

<https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>

Gun Violence Archive (GVA) is a not for profit corporation formed in 2013 to provide free online public access to accurate information about gun-related violence in the United States. GVA will collect and check for accuracy, comprehensive information about gun-related violence in the U.S. and then post and disseminate it online.



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## Print Resources

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/gun-violence-resources/>



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## Video Resources

<https://www.pcusa.org/StoryProductions>



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## Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence

***Trigger***, selected for the Martin Luther King Jr. D.R.E.A.M Film Series, frames gun violence as a “disaster” and “public health” issue. It examines how one shooting impacts individuals, families and communities and gives voice to the questions and insights that arise. In the documentary, all those scarred by gun violence arrived at the question, “Why did this happen to us?” After looking at these in depth experiences of gun violence, *Trigger* turns its attention to the bigger question, “What can we do to prevent gun violence?”



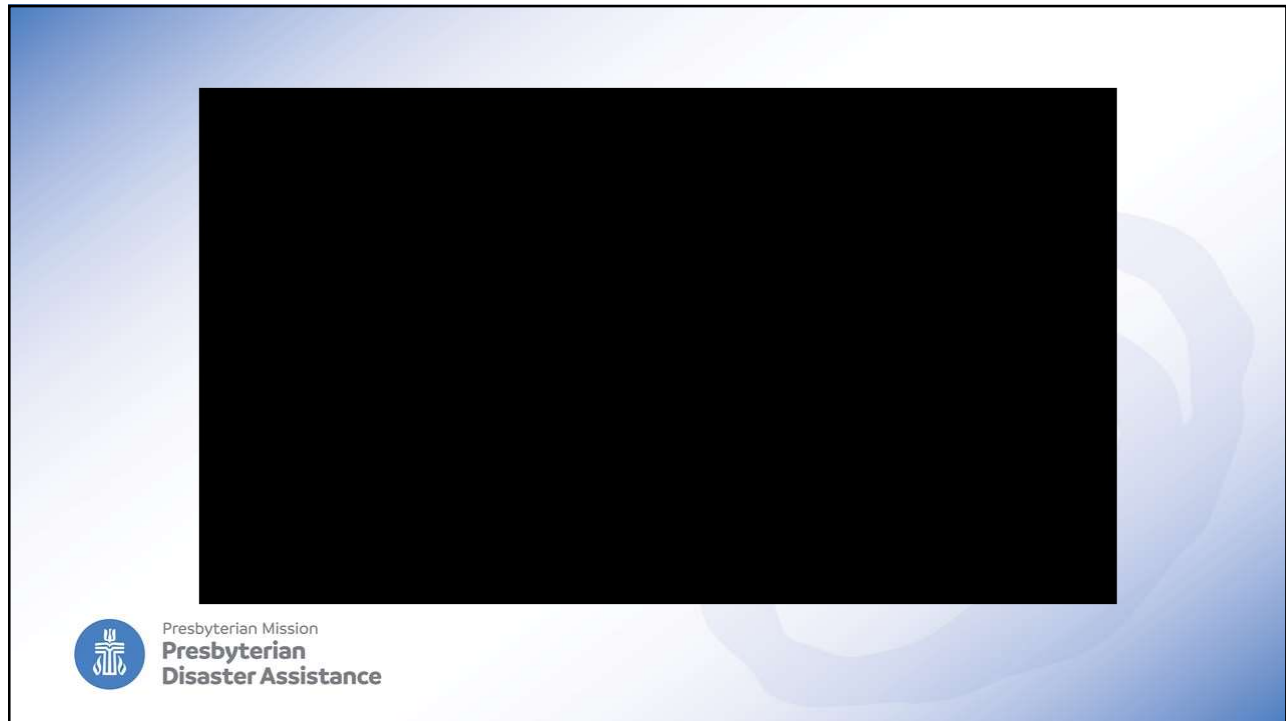
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# What if it happens to you?

How can we be more responsive than reactive?

How can we be a helpful spiritual presence in the broader community?

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## How PDA Responds

PDA's National Response Team provides a ministry of companionship and presence throughout the various phases of a human-caused disaster from impact to recovery.

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## How PDA Responds

- Ministry of Presence
- Assessment of Resilience/Spiritual Discernment
- Stabilization
- Understanding the Phases of Human Caused Disaster Response
- Emotional and Spiritual Care for Self and Others
- Facilitating the Ecumenical and Community Partnership in Response and Recovery



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## How PDA Responds

- Liturgical Resources for Worship and Special Services
- Advocacy for Spiritual Caregivers
- Theological Reframing in the Midst of Disaster Response
- Facilitate Clergy Retreats
- Resilience and Renewal for Responders
- Compassion Fatigue and Resilience
- Clergy Sabbatical



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## Resources on PDA Website

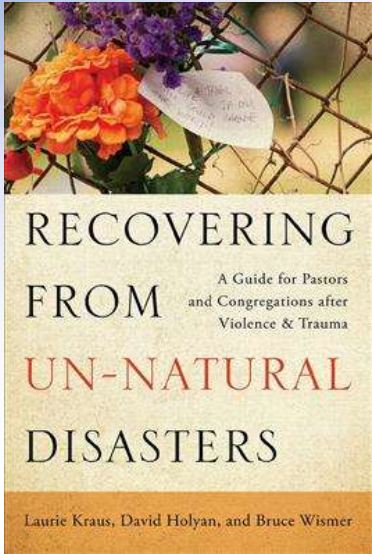
<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hcd>

- Worship Resources
- Guidance for Pastors and Congregations
- Videos that can raise awareness of gun violence issue
- Training videos for pastors caring for traumatized individuals



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**RECOVERING  
FROM  
UN-NATURAL  
DISASTERS**

A Guide for Pastors  
and Congregations after  
Violence & Trauma

Laurie Kraus, David Holyan, and Bruce Wismer

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## Trauma Pastoral Care Series

<http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/Trauma-Pastoral-Care-Series/>

- [Introduction to trauma](#)
- [Basic support for trauma survivors: stabilization, education and referral](#)
- [4 ingredients that go into healing from trauma](#)
- [Basic support for trauma survivors: a pastoral guide](#)
- [Dealing with the press after a human-caused disaster](#)
- [Gun violence as a disaster](#)
- [Self care for clergy](#)
- [The four phases of human-caused disaster response](#)
- [This changes everything](#)
- [Human-caused disaster: through the valley of the shadow](#)
- [Solo pastors and recovery from human-caused disaster](#)
- [Theology of disaster](#)
- [Forgiveness after violence](#)
- [Trauma: the head helping the body to heal](#)
- [Compassion fatigue](#)



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# Q & A



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