

**The New Orleans Religious Community Responds
to Katrina and its Aftermath**

Date of Interview: _____

1. Religious Affiliation (please circle):

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| AME | Baptist | Church of Christ | Greek Orthodox |
| Apostolic | Buddhist | Church of God | Hindu |
| Assemblies of God | Catholic | Latter-Day Saints | Holiness |
| Baha'i Faith | Charismatic | Episcopal | Interdenominational |
| Jehovah's Witness | Christian Science | Full Gospel | Islamic |
| Pentecostal | Jewish | Lutheran | Methodist |
| Presbyterian | Unitarian | Non-Denominational | |
| Nazarene | Seventh-Day Adventist | | |

Other: _____

2. Name of Church: _____

3. Current Street Address of Church:

3a. [If different] What was the Street Address of the Church when Hurricane Katrina struck:

4. Name of Respondent and Relationship to Church:

4a. Name of the Church Pastor:

4a. [If different] What was the name of the Church Pastor when Hurricane Katrina struck:

5. What is the distance from your church to the Superdome?
_____ Less than 1 mile from the Superdome
_____ Between 1 and 5 miles from the Superdome

- _____ Between 5 and 10 miles from the Superdome
- _____ More than 10 miles from the Superdome

6. How many households were in your congregation prior to Katrina? _____

7. How many households are in your congregation now? _____

8. What is the primary racial composition of your church?

- _____ African-American
 - _____ Caucasian
 - _____ Hispanic
 - _____ Asian
 - _____ Racially mixed congregation
 - About how many households of each? _____
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- _____ Other

9. In your congregation, approximately how many households experienced the following types of loss due to Katrina?

- _____ Total destruction of house
- _____ Major destruction of house
- _____ Minor damage to house
- _____ Injury
- _____ Damage to business property
- _____ Short term stoppage of work
- _____ Long term stoppage of work
- _____ Death

10. Were church owned building damaged by Katrina (please respond with a **YES** or **NO** for each category)?

	Total Damage	Major Damage	Minor Damage	No Damage
Main church building	_____	_____	_____	_____
Clergy living quarters	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

IF CHURCH PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED BY KATRINA, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. IF NOT, GO TO QUESTION 16.

11. What was the total loss of church property due to Katrina damage?
\$ _____

12. How was this damage paid for?

- _____ Insurance
- _____ Congregation funds / donations
- _____ Denomination funds / donations

- Out of church budget
- Fund raisers
- Private donations
- Federal grants
- State of Louisiana funds / grants
- Other (list): _____

13. As a result of the damage, do you plan to, or have you already repaired or rebuilt at the same location? YES NO

14. As a result of the damage, do you plan to, or have you already rebuilt at another location? YES NO

15. As a result of the damage, do you **NOT** plan to rebuild or repair?
 YES NO

16. How long were you **unable** to utilize your church facilities for normal worship services (please list time in days, months or years that you were **unable** to utilize your church facilities)
_____ days _____ months _____ years

17. What was the date when services resumed in your church (**month and year**) _____

18. If you were unable to utilize your church for normal worship services, where did you hold your services (other areas of Louisiana, out-of-state)? (write in name, location, type of place)

19. Since Katrina, approximately how many congregational members have come to you for counseling regarding personal problems which were caused by the Hurricane? _____ members

20. Do pastoral staff feel confident / comfortable in their abilities to provide counseling services for individuals with personal problems?
 Yes No

21. Do pastoral staff have specialized training that prepares them to provide counseling services?
 Yes No

22. Would pastoral staff be interested in training to prepare them to work with traumatized individuals following disaster?
 Yes No

23. Have pastoral staff referred individuals who have asked for counseling services to trained mental health professionals? _____ Yes _____ No

24. Have pastoral staff referred individuals who have asked for counseling services specifically to social work professionals? _____ Yes _____ No

25. After the Hurricane, did your congregation organize to participate in any of the following emergency activities? Please check whether these services were provided primarily for congregation members only (**Cong**) or for the community in general (**Comm**) (place "X" next to all that apply).

	Cong		Comm	
	Yes	Yes but just a little	Yes	Yes but just a little
Providing emergency shelter				
Providing food or feeding victims and workers				
Providing emergency clothing				
Holding special worship services				
Providing care and counseling for individuals				
Providing transportation out of New Orleans				
Providing relocation assistance				
Digging out church facilities				
Locating church members				
Providing money for individuals in need				
Providing money for community emergency activities				
Providing volunteer labor for community emergency activities				

relief agencies				
Providing day care facilities				
Providing summer camp for youth				
Providing space for use by relief agencies				
Providing worship facilities for use by other churches				
Working with problems of the elderly				
Providing counseling services				
Participating in mental health training programs				

27. Approximately how many **households** affected by Hurricane Katrina have you served? _____

28. What services are you currently providing to families / individuals affected by Katrina (please list):

29. After normal worship services were resumed, did your church experience a change in attendance at regular church services?

- _____ large Increase in attendance
- _____ small Increase in attendance
- _____ large Decrease in attendance
- _____ small Decrease in attendance
- _____ No change

30. Is your congregation a member of any Inter-Faith Council or Organization?
 _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, what is the name of the Inter-Faith Council / Organization: _____

31. What was, or is, the position of your denomination regarding your particular congregation's joining the Inter-Faith Council / Organization?

- _____ Positive, we were encourage to join
- _____ Negative, we were discouraged from joining
- _____ No position was expressed by the denomination

32. Did New Orleans Parish churches of your denomination combine to organize a single denominational relief program (e.g., a combined Baptist / Catholic relief program)? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, what is the name of the combined denominational relief program:

33. Did your congregation receive any aid (e.g., volunteers, money, or material goods) for any Hurricane relief activities from any source outside your congregation? _____ Yes _____ No

34. IF **YES**, please rate (based on the quantity and usefulness of aid supplied) the importance of the following sources from which you may have received aid since the Hurricane on the following scale.

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Aid Received	
				National denominational organization
				Regional denominational organization
				Other churches of the same denomination
				Other churches outside your denomination
				Individuals (non-congregation members)
				Community Groups
				National Community Groups
				Federal Assistance (FEMA, Red Cross)
				State Assistance (?)
				Other (explain):

35. Has your church received any federal relief monies for services provided to individuals affected by Katrina? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, have the funds been adequate? _____ Yes _____ No

36. Has your church written any federal grants to provide services to individuals affected by Katrina? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, were those grants funded? _____ Yes _____ No.

37. Has your church written any state grants (State of Louisiana) to provide services to individuals affected by Katrina? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, were those grants funded? _____ Yes _____ No.

38. In your opinion, are there members of the New Orleans community who are receiving too many services? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, please list:

39. In your opinion, are there members of the New Orleans community who are **not** receiving the services they need? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, please list:

40. Has your church received any Faith Based Initiative funding for Katrina related services? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, what services do you provide with the Faith Based funding? (please list):

41. One important pastoral role following a disaster is the religious interpretation of disaster. Before you attempted to interpret the Hurricane and flooding to your congregation, were the following interpretations of the Hurricane held by **most, half, some, or few** congregation members?

Most	Half	Some	Few	
				Hurricane and flooding was the result of natural disaster or natural law
				Hurricane and flooding was the result of fate or chance
				Hurricane and flooding was God's punishment for sinful acts and / or a sinful community
				Hurricane and flooding was God's will; not understandable to humankind
				Hurricane and flooding was a man-made disaster

42. What was your pastoral interpretation of the Hurricane and flooding that you presented to your congregation?

43. Did you or your church recommend that congregants of your church evacuate New Orleans before or following the mandatory evacuation order?
_____ Yes _____ No.

44. If **YES**, how did you communicate the recommendation to evacuate to congregants?

45. If **No**, why did you or your church **not** recommend evacuation?

46. What would you as a minister, or your church in general, do in the face of another mandatory evacuation of New Orleans?

47. In what year was your church congregation founded? _____

48. How many ministerial staff were employed by your congregation prior to Katrina? _____

49. How many ministerial staff are employed by your congregation now?

50. Most decisions in a congregation are made in a complex way. In the following areas of church functioning, are most of the major congregational decisions made predominantly by **lay leaders** or **clergy**?

Lay	Clergy	
_____	_____	Policy decisions
_____	_____	Programming decisions
_____	_____	Financial decisions
_____	_____	Property decisions

51. Prior to Katrina, how many of the following types of facilities did your congregation have? (Write in number)

- _____ Sanctuary / Sanctuaries
- _____ Kitchen(s)
- _____ Large social or meeting rooms
- _____ Small class or meeting rooms

52. Regarding church programming and participation, what is the average number of participants prior to Katrina and now?

Prior to Katrina	Now	
_____	_____	Worship service attendance
_____	_____	Sunday school attendance
_____	_____	Membership in men's organizations
_____	_____	Membership in women's organizations
_____	_____	Membership in youth organizations
_____	_____	Number of weekly worship services
_____	_____	Number of social occasions each month
_____	_____	Number of congregational newsletters each month

53. What was/is the total adult membership of your congregation?

- _____ Prior to Katrina
- _____ Current membership

54. What was/is the total child (under age 18) membership of your congregation?

- _____ Prior to Katrina
- _____ Current membership

55. In terms of the distance members reside from the church, which of the following statements best characterizes your congregation before Katrina and now?

Before Katrina	Now	
_____	_____	Members live widely dispersed at varied distances from the church
_____	_____	Members live in several clusters at varied distances from the church
_____	_____	Members live in one neighborhood close to the church.

56. If members live in one or two general locations in New Orleans, can you please name those locations for us?

57. What has been most helpful in reestablishing your church and congregation?

58. What has been the biggest obstacle in reestablishing your church and congregation?

59. Which of the following statements best described the educational and occupational make-up of your congregation before Katrina?

- _____ All members shared similar educational and occupational levels
_____ Many members shared similar educational and occupational levels with a few members from other levels
_____ Members came from a wide variety of educational and occupational levels

60. Which of the following statements best describes the educational and occupational make-up of your congregation now?

- _____ All members share similar educational and occupational levels
_____ Many members share similar educational and occupational levels with a few members from other levels
_____ Members come from a wide variety of educational and occupational levels

61. What is the current congregational budget for 2007? \$_____

62. What was the total congregational budget for 2004 (the year before Katrina)? \$_____

63. What is the total amount of benevolence sent to district, regional, and national level church bodies?

\$_____ Current benevolence for 2007
\$_____ Benevolence for 2005

64. During the year before Katrina (2004), did the pastor (**Clergy**), or your congregation (**Cong**), participant in any of the following activities? (Place an "X" next to all that apply).

	Clergy		Cong	
	<u>Yes</u>	Yes but just a little	Yes	Yes but just a little
Contribute funds to community services agencies				
Participate in volunteer social service work				
Donate goods through social service organizations				
Render social services directly to the community				
Sponsor outside youth groups				
Read about community problems				
Talk about community problems				
Belong to civic organizations				
Contact local officials about civic problems				
Belong to volunteer committees on civic problems				
Other (explain)				

65. Last year (2006), did the pastor (**Clergy**), or your congregation (**Cong**), participant in any of the following activities? (Place an "X" next to all that apply).

	Clergy		Cong	
	<u>Yes</u>	Yes but just	Yes	Yes but just

		a little		a little
Contribute funds to community services agencies				
Participate in volunteer social service work				
Donate goods through social service organizations				
Render social services directly to the community				
Sponsor outside youth groups				
Read about community problems				
Talk about community problems				
Belong to civic organizations				
Contact local officials about civic problems				
Belong to volunteer committees on civic problems				
Other (explain)				

66. Before Katrina, did your denomination have a national or regional unit which had as its purpose the administration of community aid programs such as those related to needs following a hurricane? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, what is the name of that national or regional unit?

67. Which of the following terms best describes the theological position of your church? (check the term that comes the closest)

- _____ Fundamentalist
 _____ Neo-evangelical
 _____ Liberal
 _____ Conservative Evangelical
 _____ Non-orthodox
 _____ Other (explain): _____

68. The following statements are about your church congregation. Please indicate for each statement whether you **strongly agree (SA)**, **agree (A)**, **disagree (D)**, or **strongly disagree (SD)** with the statement as it applies to your congregation

SA	A	D	SD	Undecided	
					People get personal satisfaction from working in our church
					Our church is concerned with the needs of the unchurched people in the community
					On the whole, the work of our church is well organized

					Part of our program is directed to wider community concerns beyond the internal life of the church itself
					Congregation members believe our church should stick to religion and not concern itself with social, economic, and political questions
					Aside from preaching, congregation members believe there is little our church can really do about social, economic, and political concerns
					Congregation members believe it is proper for our church to state positions on questions regarding the local, state, or national government
					In a disaster situation, congregation members believe the role of our church should be primarily one of directing persons to appropriate services rather than playing an active role in rehabilitation

69. Before Katrina, what was the role of the pastor in your church? (check statement that comes closest to your personal opinion)

_____ As a spiritual leader, but with **equal importance** to being a leader and advocate for people in the social, political, and economic realms

_____ Primarily as a spiritual leader, but with **some** responsibility as leader and advocate for people in the social, economic, and political realms

_____ **Solely** as a spiritual leader

_____ Other (explain):

70. Has the role of the pastor in your church changed since Katrina?

_____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, please select the role of the pastor in your church now:

_____ As a spiritual leader, but with **equal importance** to being a leader and advocate for people in the social, political, and economic realms

_____ Primarily as a spiritual leader, but with **some** responsibility as leader and advocate for people in the social, economic, and political realms

_____ **Solely** as a spiritual leader

_____ Other (explain):

71. Did your church, or church volunteers, attempt to connect Katrina victims [survivors?] with outside resources (i.e. FEMA, Red Cross)? _____ Yes _____

No. If **YES**, to which outside resources were victims [survivors?] referred (please list):

71a. Did your church, or church volunteers, attempt to provide expert, legal, or technical advice for Katrina victims [survivors?] about applying for outside resources they may be entitled to, like Insurance, Road Home, SBA loans, other Government benefits? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, for which outside resources were victims [survivors?] advised (please list):

72. Did your church sponsor any families? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, how many families did your church sponsor? _____

73. Did your church, or church volunteers, attempt to reconnect Katrina victims [survivors?] with family members evacuated to other places, or reconnect evacuees with family that live in other places? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, are there resources that made this process easier? (please list):

74. Are there resources your church did not have that could have made the process of caring for those affected by Katrina more manageable? (please list):

75. What advice would you give other churches who find themselves in a disaster?

76. Does Katrina have a special spiritual meaning for you? _____ Yes _____ No. If **YES**, please explain briefly:

77. Our colleague, Dr. Rick Weil of the LSU Sociology Department, is conducting surveys of congregation members or parishioners. Would you be willing to have your congregation participate in this survey? We will give you the results, which may help you understand your congregation's needs more fully. Dr. Weil can contact you or a church administrator about distributing the congregational survey.

____ Yes ____ No. If **YES**, please tell us whom Dr. Weil should contact and what contact information he should use (phone, email, etc.):

Thank you for your participation in this survey. We have 2 questions about "church stories" of Katrina and spiritual messages and themes of sermons following Katrina. We can send an interviewer to speak directly with you or another church representative about these items. Would you or another representative of your church be interested in speaking with an interviewer?

If YES – Great, how should the interviewer contact you?

_____ phone number
_____ phone number
_____ phone number
_____ electronic email address

Who should the interviewer ask for when calling?

An interviewer will be in touch with you or the designated respondent very soon.
Go To End

If NO – Go To End

Thank you for your participation. Please feel free to contact Dr. Daphne Cain or Dr. Juan Barthelemy at the LSU School of Social Work at (225) 578-0433 or (225) 578-0434 should you have any questions or concerns about this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated and a copy of our findings will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

77. **(for face-to-face interviews only)** We'd love to hear more about your Katrina experiences. Please tell us the story of how and what your church did during and in the aftermath of Katrina to serve the community (use additional paper as needed).

78. **(for face-to-face interviews)** We'd also like to learn more about what spiritual messages you passed on to congregants after Katrina. Could you share the themes of the sermons in the aftermath of Katrina and / or would you be willing to provide some excerpts from post-Katrina sermons? (use additional paper as needed):