
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Acronyms

This is a list of acronyms commonly used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and other organizations active in disaster preparedness and response.

An extensive list of FEMA and government acronyms, abbreviations, and terms can be found at: https://www.fema.gov/pdf/plan/prepare/faatlist07_09.pdf

ACT Alliance	- Action by Churches Together
Adv Comm	- Advisory Committee
ARC	- American Red Cross
C4CG	- Care for Caregivers (Now R & R) a PDA program
CAN	- Coordinated Access Network
CF	- Compassion Fatigue (PDA program)
CISM	- Critical Incident Stress Management
COAD	- Same as VOAD except usually a county organization
CWS	- Church World Service
DRC	- Disaster Response Coordinator
DSC	- Disaster Spiritual Care
ERD	- Episcopal Relief & Development
ESC	- Emotional & Spiritual Care
FEMA	- Federal Emergency Management Agency
HCD	- Human-Caused Disaster
HOPE	- Helping Others through Personal Engagement (basic NRT training)
Hosp	- Hospitality (hosting volunteer work teams)
ICISF	- International Critical Incident Stress Foundation
IT	- Information technology
JFO	- Joint Field Office for FEMA
LIRS	- Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service
LDR	- Lutheran Disaster Response
LDS	- Mormon Disaster Relief
LTR	- Long-Term Recovery can be LTRG (group), LTRC (committee), etc.
MoP	- Ministry of Presence
MOU	- Memorandum of Understanding

NARSC	- National Animal Rescue & Sheltering Coalition
NCC	- PDA National Call Center
NECHAMA	- Jewish Disaster Response
NFIP	- National Flood Insurance Program
NGO	- Non-Governmental Organization
NRT	- National Response Team
NVOAD	- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
NVOAD.org	- web address
NVT	- National Volunteer Team (same as NRT with no time commitment)
OEM (EMD)	- Office of Emergency Management (Emer. Man. Dept.)
PC(USA)	- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PMA	- Presbyterian Mission Agency
Prep	- Disaster Preparation; PDA collaborates with PW on this
PPEs	- Personal protection equipment
PW	- Presbyterian Women
QP	- Quiet Page (info for NRT & Mid Councils)
R&R	- Resilience & Renewal for Disaster Responders, a PDA program
RT&T	- Recovery Tools & Training (a NVOAD training)
SBA	- Small Business Administration
UCC	- United Church of Christ
UMCOR	- United Methodist Committee on Relief
VALs	- Voluntary Agency Liaisons – FEMA hires who help in recovery
VISTA	- Volunteers In Service To America
VOAD	- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (state: KY-VOAD)
YAV	- Young Adult Volunteer