

## CONTRACT DESCRIPTION

(March, 2022)

<b>POSITION:</b>	Research Consultant (Disaster/Crisis Response in Canada, Researcher/Writer)
<b>ACCOUNTABLE TO:</b>	National Director, Diaconal Ministries Canada
<b>STATUS:</b>	Short term contract (approx. 10 weeks @ 20 hours per week)
<b>COMPENSATION:</b>	Nine Thousand dollars (\$9,000) plus expenses

### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

With the growing understanding that doing natural disaster and crisis\* response work in Canada is different from doing this work in the USA:

1. Research\*\* and write a “best practices report”
2. Present the “best practices report” to Diaconal Ministries Canada and World Renew Disaster Response Services helping them decide on how best to move this work forward in Canada

*\*Examples of crisis response work include the repair of buildings damaged by arson, the repair and upgrades of shelters, the provision of food and spiritual care during the Covid pandemic.*

*\*\*This work will include regular interactions with the Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition (ADRC), supporting their efforts, learning from their experience, and sharing relevant information with them. And, when possible, will also explore ways in which the organizations listed below have worked (or have tried to work) with indigenous communities in Canada.*

### PRIMARY DUTIES including but not limited to:

1. Research and write a “best practices report” on ways in which
  - a. **various CRC groups have responded to natural disasters and other crises in Canada**
    - i. This research must include (but not be limited to)
      1. World Renew-Disaster Response Services (DRS)
      2. Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC)
      3. The CRC in Canada including
        - a. Individual congregations (e.g. Evergreen CRC in Ft. McMurray, Gateway CRC in Abbotsford and CRC of High River)
        - b. Groups of Churches (e.g. Abbotsford CRCs)
    - b. **various other organizations have responded to disasters/crises in Canada**
      - i. This research must include (but not be limited to)
        1. The Canadian NGO Alliance
        2. Mennonite Disaster Services Canada
        3. The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services
        4. Samaritan’s purse
        5. Canadian Red Cross

- c. DRS has responded to natural disasters and other crises**
    - i. in Canada
    - ii. in the US
  
  - d. various levels of government in Canada respond to natural disasters and other crises in Canada and how this influences the ways in which faith based organizations can respond.**
    - i. As time allows, compare this to the ways in which the various levels of government in the US respond to natural disasters and other crises and how this influences the ways in which faith based organizations can respond.
- 2. Present the “best practices report” to Diaconal Ministries Canada and World Renew-Disaster Response Services helping them decide on how best to move this work forward in Canada.**
- a. Understanding:**
    - i. *Diaconal Ministries Canada and World Renew-Disaster Response Services – in cooperation with each other, intend to develop a robust Disaster Response presence in Canada.*

*Based on the decisions made under #2 above, a further contract may be offered in which the contractor will be asked to develop a “manual” for how DMC and/or DRS will respond to natural disasters in Canada in the future.*