

# Training Opportunity

## Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disasters



Sponsored by  
Collier County CISM Team

January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
Friday and Saturday  
8:30am – 5pm

Training Location  
Golden Gate Fire Station #73  
14575 Collier Blvd.  
Naples, FL

## Class Description

This advanced level workshop will enhance your skills to provide effective emotional and spiritual care (ESC) to meet the disaster-related needs of disaster responders and disaster affected families and individuals within disaster operations. This workshop builds on the crisis intervention principles taught in the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) core workshops to effectively integrate these principles within ESC teams for appropriate care throughout the disaster continuum from the immediate to long-term recovery process.

This workshop is designed for trained clergy, chaplains, mental health professionals, and CISM trained crisis responders who desire to enhance their skills in providing Emotional and Spiritual Care to survivors of disaster and trauma.

**Suggested but not mandatory prerequisites: Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support; Group Crisis Intervention; Pastoral Crisis Intervention.**

## Workshop Highlights

- One's own faith tradition and ESC
- ESC & the Incident Command System
- ESC & disaster relief operations
- Physical, psychological, emotional impact of disasters
- Behavioral, interpersonal and spiritual impact of disasters
- Range of ESC interventions in the aftermath
- Suitability to provide ESC
- Maintaining health during deployment
- Deployment personal care plans
- Intervention and care giving concepts

This course is registered with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF). Participants will receive the ICISF Certificate of Attendance upon successful completion of this course. This course meets the requirements set forth by the ICISF toward obtaining their certificate of Specialized Training. For more information visit [www.icisf.org](http://www.icisf.org)



## Instructor for this class:



The Rev. Dr. James J. Kirk is currently the Associate minister for Member Care at the Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples, FL. He has served at the church since August of 1988. Before serving in Naples he was the Associate Minister for Youth at the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta, NJ (1981-1988). He graduated from Moravian College with a BA in 1977 and from Union

Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA with a D.Min. in 1981.

Since arriving in Naples Jim has received training in Comprehensive Crisis Intervention through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF). He serves as a member of the Collier County Critical Incident Stress Management Team. He is also active in Disaster Response through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT). He has responded to many different communities to offer, ***“Care for the Care Givers”***. He (and other members of the Presbyterian National Response Team) were invited into those communities to offer the faith leaders the opportunity to gather for a structured time to reflect cognitively, emotionally, and spiritually on a particular disaster that impacted their community.

Viktor Frankl once said, “That which is to give light must endure burning”. More recently Jim has become aware of the negative effects of disaster response. Too often the negative effects lead to what has become known as Compassion Fatigue. Working with Dr. Eric Gentry, Jim has received training to help responders to understand, identify, alleviate, and often prevent the symptoms of Compassion Fatigue.