

2026 Utah MWVOAD as of **March 29th Agenda (subject to change)**
There's No Place Like VOAD- Prepared Together, Stronger Forever.

When: April 13-16, 2026

Where/Time: 709 South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Host: Utah VOAD

Monday						
Date	Start	End	Activity	Title/Subject	Room	Presenter
4/13	9:30 am	12:00 pm	Optional CPR AED Class CPR Class fo...			Volunteer Ministers from the Church of Scientology
4/13	1:00 pm	4:30 pm	Optional CPR AED Class CPR Class fo...			Volunteer Ministers from the Church of Scientology
4/13	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Optional Technical Tours – For Early Arriving Attendees Delta Center Emergency Operations Time not finalized.	If interested in the Optional Activities click here to receive and email about the details of each		
4/13	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Salt Lake Temple Campus Seismic Upgrade and	If interested in the Optional Activities click here to receive and email about the details of each		

			Restoration Project Time not finalized.			
4/13	6:00 pm		Invocation and Welcome			
4/13	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	Welcome, Social		Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 951 E 100 S Salt Lake City, UT 84103	MW Leadership
4/13	7:00 pm	7:45 pm	Independent State VOAD Report Outs	Welcome, Social, and introductions		MW VOAD and State Leadership
Tuesday						
4/14	7:30am	8:30 pm	Registration/ Check-in	Continental Breakfast		Light breakfast/coffee, drinks
4/14	8:30	8:45 am	Invocation & Welcome		Chapel	
4/14	8:45 am	9:45 am	Keynote	There's No Place Like VOAD: Prepared Together. Stronger Forever.	Chapel	Rev. Dr. David Guadalupe, EJ, ThD, Interim President and CEO NVOAD
4/14	9:45 am	10:00 am	Transition			
4/14	10:00 am	10:50 am	Breakout 1.A	The Invisible Wounds: The Spiritual and Emotional Impact of Disaster	Chapel	Chaplain Matt Ferguson, Critical Incident Stress Management and Pastoral Crisis Intervention Specialist
4/14	10:00 am	10:50 am	Breakout 1.B	The Role of Faith Based Organizations in a	Seminar Room A 105	Michele WhiteEagle, Region 4 Board Chair,

				Disaster		Mennonite Disaster Services
4/14	10:00 am	10:50 am	Breakout 1.C	How Local Government Activates: What Nonprofits Need to Know The importance of EM's and VOADs' collaboration	Public Theory Room 115	Chris Blinzinger, Provo UT EM
4/14	10:00 am	10:50 am	Breakout 1.D	The 4 C's in Action: Understanding Capabilities without Duplication	Room 103	Aaron Titus, Executive Director, Crisis Clean-up
4/14	10:50	11:00	Transition			
4/14	11:00 am	11:50 pm	Moderator and Panelists	<i>Western Wildfires: How VOAD and Community Leaders Collaborated to Respond, Recover, and Rebuild Post Fire</i>	Chapel	Jeri Curry, Executive Director, Marshall ROC (Restoring Our Community)
4/14	11:50 am	12:00 pm	Transition			
4/14	12:00	12:05	Lunch Prayer		Chapel	
4/14	12:05 pm	1:15 pm	Lunch and Networking		Lunch	Provided by The Salvation Army
4/14	1:20 pm	2:10 pm	Breakout 2.A	Typhoon Halong – From Response to Resilience: Turning Plans into Partnerships, Building Communities that Recover Stronger	Chapel	Alan Budahl, Executive Director of Lutheran Social Services of Alaska
4/14	1:20 pm	2:10 pm	Breakout 2.B	When Tragedy Strikes: Coordinated Response and Community Recovery	Seminar Room A 105	Trevor Sperry, MPS, CEM, UCEM Emergency Manager Spanish Fork, UT and Coleton Stam,

						Red Cross Disaster Program Manager, Central and Southern Utah
	1:20 pm	2:10 pm	Breakout 2.C	Public Leadership in Times of Crisis: Who's at the Table -- Aligning Policy, People, and Purpose	Public Theory Room 115	Sheila Curtis, State Agency Support Liaison Manager, Utah Division of Emergency Management
4/14	1:20 pm	2:10 pm	Breakout 2.D	Disaster Emotional Care: A Shared Responsibility, A Service to All	Room 103	Kevin Broaderick, LMFT, Emergency Response Program Manager for Family Services, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4/14	2:10 pm	2:20 pm	Transition			
4/14	2:20 pm	3:10 pm	Speaker	From Information to Action: Effective Communication and Fundraising Within the VOAD Network	Chapel	Jenny Gannaway, Executive Director of Emergency 411, and Former Executive Director, West Virginia VOAD
4/14	3:10 pm	4:10 pm	Interactive Group Game		Chapel	Aaron Titus, Executive Director, Crisis Clean-up
4/14	4:10 pm	5:00 pm	Daily Wrap Up and Buzz Groups		Chapel	

Wednesday

4/15	7:30 am	8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast			
4/15	8:30 am	8:45 am	Welcome and Invocation		Chapel	
4/15	8:45 am	9:35 am	Keynote	When Communities Need Us Most: VOAD Leadership That Serves, Connects, and Restores.	Chapel	John Berglund, Western Territorial Emergency Disaster Services Director, The Salvation Army
4/15	9:35 am	9:45 am	Transition			
4/15	9:45 am	10:35 am	Networking		Can network or visit sponsor tables	
4/15	10:35 am	10:45 am	Transition			
4/15	10:45 am	11:35 am	Breakout 3.A	Tribal Government and Sovereignty in Disaster Response	Chapel	Anna Boynton, Tribal Liaison and Consultant, Utah Department of Public Safety
4/15	10:45 am	11:35 am	Breakout 3.B	Survivor Advocacy: Protecting Survivor Dignity	Seminar Room A 105	Chaplain Shantel McBride, The Cheerful Chaplain
4/15	10:45 am	11:35 am	Breakout 3.C	<i>Volunteer and Donation Management</i>	Public Theory Room 115	Nicole Kanne, Emergency Disaster Services Deputy Director The Salvation Army
4/15	10:45 am	11:35 am	Breakout 3.D	Crisis Communication: Trusted and Timely Information	Room 103	Tina Brown, Public Information Officer and Joint Information Center

						Manager, Salt Lake County Emergency Management
4/15	11:35 am	11:45 am	Transition			
4/15	11:45 am	12:35 pm	Panel	From Disaster to Significance: Leading with Purpose When It Matters Most	Chapel	Dan Clark, CEO, Clark Success Systems, Leadership and Resilience Specialist
4/15	12:35		Lunch Prayer			Lunch by Church of Scientology Disaster Relief
4/15	12:35 pm	1:45 pm	Lunch and Networking			
4/15	1:45	2:35	Breakout 4.A	Serving Vulnerable Populations: Trauma-Informed Response Across Agencies and Non-Profits	Chapel	Sadie Martinez, Access and Functional Needs Access and Functional Needs Program Supervisor, Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
4/15	1:45 pm	2:35	Breakout 4.B	Supporting Youth and Children in Disasters	Seminar Room A 105	Rebecca Chidister, LCSW, School Counselor, Idaho Falls School District Emergency Response Coordinator
4/15	1:45 pm	2:35 pm	Breakout 4.C	The First 72 Hours: A County Emergency Manager's View from the EOC	Public Theory Room 115	Kathryn McMullin, Summit County, Utah, Director of Emergency Management and Legislative Liaison for the Utah Emergency Management Association

4/15	1:45 pm	2:35 pm	Breakout 4.D	Training Volunteers Before the Disaster Strikes	Room 103	Aaron Titus, Executive Director, Crisis Clean-Up
4/15	2:35 pm	2:45 pm	Transition			
4/15	2:45	3:45	Skill Building Workshop	<i>If Our Own Well is Empty, We Cannot Give Water To Those Who Thirst</i>	Chapel	Kevin Broderick, LMFT Emergency Response Program Manager, Family Services, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4/15	3:45	3:50	Quick Buzz Group		Chapel	Aaron Titus
4/15	3:50 pm	5:00 pm	Utah Food Bank Service Project	Link to parking map Address and Reminders	3150 3 900 W Salt Lake City, UT 84119	Facilitator: Matt Anderson & Chloe Boutelle, Utah Food Bank
4/15	6:30 pm	7:30 pm	<u>Optional</u> State of Utah Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	If interested in the Optional Activities click here to receive and email about the details of each		
Thursday						
4/16	7:30	8:15	Breakfast and Registration			
4/16	8:15	8:30	Welcome and Prayer		Chapel	
4/16	8:30 am	9:20a m	Speaker	Why We Serve: The Moral Core of Disaster Work	Chapel	Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director and CEO, New York Disaster & Interfaith Services (NYDIS)
4/16	9:20 am	9:30 am	Exercise	Utah's Great Shake Out Drill	Chapel	Ken Kraudy, Utah Division of Emergency

						Management Voluntary Agency Liaison, and Aaron Titus, Executive Director, Crisis Cleanup
	9:30	9:40	Transition			
4/16	9:40 am	10:30 am	Breakout 5.A	Ask Us Anything! Ever wished you could just sit down with some seasoned leaders of VOAD and ask questions. This is your opportunity!	Chapel	VOAD Leaders
4/16	9:40 am	10:30 am	Breakout 5.B	Emotional Surge After Impact: Mental Health and Spiritual Care Integration in Disaster Response	Seminar Room A 105	Chaplain Scott McKenzie, BCC, BCPC, Mountain West Medical Center and Tooele County Sheriff's Office for Critical Incident Stress Management
4/16	9:40 am	10:30 am	Breakout 5.C	Shaking Together: Understanding the Western US Geology to Strengthen Community Preparedness and Response	Public Theory Room 115	Ryan Maw, PE, GE, BCGE, FASCE, Principal at Gerhart Cole Engineering
4/16	9:40 am	10:30 am	Breakout 5.D	Seismic Retrofits and Disaster Readiness: Strengthening Communities Before the Quake	Room 103	Georges Bonnet, Salt Lake Temple Seismic Renovation Special Projects Manager – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4/16	10:30	10:40	Transition			
4/16	10:40 am	11:10 am	Reflections	How Do You Feel? What Did You Learn? What Do You Plan To Do Next?	Chapel	Aaron Titus
	11:10 am	11:35 am	Business Meeting	Reports & Commitments	Chapel	<i>Joava Good, MW VOAD President</i>

4/16	11:35 am	12:00 pm		Closing Remarks and Adjournment <i>Prepared Together. Stronger Forever</i>	Chapel	<i>Utah VOAD Committee Conference Chair: Kari Malkovich</i>
4/16	1:00 pm	7:00 pm		Optional – Participate in the UVU Emergency Management Utah Great ShakeOut Event	If interested in the Optional Activities click here to receive and email about the details of each	<u>ARC Mega Shelter Exercise and Preparedness Expo in Orem, UT</u>