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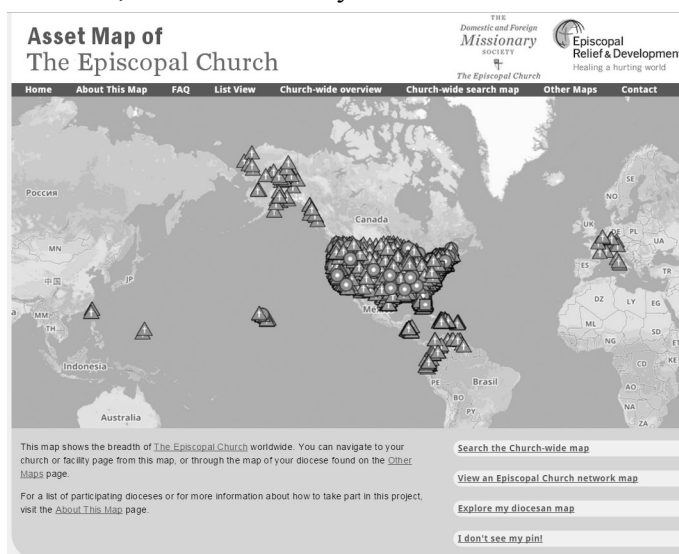


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The Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project between the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and Episcopal Relief & Development, invites dioceses across The Episcopal Church to establish and expand their digital presence through the new online platform. Available at no fee, the Map shows the location, contact information, and ministry offerings provided by Episcopal congregations, schools, and institutions across the Church.

“The Asset Map will help tell the stories of some of the truly inspiring Gospel ministry being done in local contexts across the country,” explained the Rev’d Canon E. Mark Stevenson, Domestic Poverty Missioner for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. “Episcopalians on the front line of mission will be the driving force behind this resource as it continues to develop for many years to come.”

A simple web-based survey, which can be filled out by anyone with knowledge of the programs, collects information about each location plotted on the map. Images and videos can also be uploaded to provide a detailed description of activities. When a diocesan bishop chooses to participate in the mapping process, he or she appoints up to three map administrators, who in turn review all information submitted to the map and publish it.



The Episcopal Asset Map can be particularly useful in disaster preparedness and response. The map is able to show churches and other locations that may be at risk of flooding or near where a tornado has touched down, and what nearby ministries or facilities could be mobilized to help. According to Katie Mears, Director of Episcopal Relief & Development’s US Disaster Program, “Coordinating a response is much easier when you can instantly see on a map where the nearest food pantry or shelter ministry is. Adding this information to the map can be an important part of disaster preparedness for any congregation or diocese.”

You can see the full Episcopal Asset Map and link to diocesan and network maps at www.episcopalassetmap.org. Find your church on the map and click “Take the Survey!” to update your congregation’s information.

A short video explaining the map can be found at <http://www.episcopalassetmap.org/about-map>.

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