Mission
To unite, empower, and mobilize churches in Spring/Woodlands to multiply collective impact on critical needs in their community, respond to crises, and prepare for future disasters.

2021 Key Initiatives / Accomplishments
- Coalition Founded (Feb 2021)
- Established Monthly Meeting Schedule
- Developed Leadership Team
- Winter Storm Uri Response
- Food Distribution
- LA Hurricane Supply Donations

STORY: Unending Love – Lana’s Story

Following Winter Storm Uri, Church Project began helping repair homes damaged by water from broken pipes. Lana, an elderly homeowner, was in the hospital when Uri hit. She returned home to severe water damage. Volunteers from Church Project showed up to help with the repairs.

"I've been in my home for about 47 years and have had cancer for the last 10," Lana says. "I have chronic lymphocytic leukemia and receive blood transfusions regularly. My medication started out at $12,000 a pill, twice per day. Medicare finally got it down to $2,700 a month, which is still a lot for me. While I was in the hospital, my neighbors shut off my water, but a pipe had broken, and the damage was already done. When I got home, I wasn't sure what I was going to do. I was so sick. I was fretting and worrying about it, and finally, God said to me, 'Be still and let me be who I am.' So, I just didn't worry about it."

Lana's niece called her and said some people were coming from Church Project. "I was thankful," she recalls, "for whatever they would be able to do for me, but it was more than I thought. They just kept coming and kept coming. They tried to repair the pipes, but they kept breaking." The volunteers decided they would re-pipe the entire house. "I just didn't know what to say," says Lana. "Then, a nice lady from the Church Project showed up at the door. She wasn't there to work on the house. To my surprise, she was there to bring me dinner. They had thought of everything! They didn't let one thing fall through the cracks. The volunteers just wanted to show people Jesus. That's all I could say because I don't know where they were getting the stamina, love, happiness, and joyfulness. That was something that has stayed with me. They were so joyful about it. I would hear them singing to the Lord out in the garage praising and worshipping God. The love just never stops."

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Church Project received hundreds of requests from other residents like Lana from across Greater Houston. Houston Responds helped connect many of these neighbors with a local coalition that could help. As a result of the Uri storm response, Church Project and several other local congregations helped launch the Spring/Woodlands coalition.

Leadership Team
- Pam Huntsman
  Bammel Church of Christ
- Bobby Maynard
  Woodlands Church
- Chance Park
  Woodlands Church
- Billy Schiel
  Church Project
- Donna Stephen
  Bammel Church of Christ
- Madison Wentworth
  Spring Community Church

2021 | Highlights
Thanks to the churches and organizations who made the collective impact in our community possible.

- Participating Churches: 20
- Volunteers Hours: 28,144
- Homes Restored: 307
- Families Served: 6,729
- Pounds of Food Distributed: 63,000
- Value Invested in The Community: $936,370
Monthly Convening

In 2021 a new local leadership team recognized the need to get to know and trust one another more. They decided to meet monthly, twice per quarter by Zoom, and once per quarter for in-person luncheons hosted by a participating church. Convenings have focused on building relationships, expanding participation, strategizing for disaster readiness, and conversations about community needs and how churches might collaborate to meet them. In addition, participants have begun to use a messaging platform for sharing needs and resources.

Disaster Response

At the request of numerous congregations, the coalition provided multiple training sessions for people to learn the basics of mucking and gutting water-damaged homes. Hosted by several participating churches, these training sessions offered hands-on instruction for the safe removal of drywall and debris, led by the director of The Restoration Team; another Houston Responds coalition. Participating churches contributed to a supply drive to support Louisiana neighbors affected by Hurricane Ida. Several churches also sent volunteer teams to join in Ida relief efforts.

2022 Goals

Church Participation
Double church participation, including churches that better represent the diversity and geography of Spring & The Woodlands.

Stronger Relationships
Cultivate more and trusting relationships amongst church and community leaders.

Asset Mapping
Develop a usable database managing as much information as possible on available resources and services offered by church and community partners.

Collaborative Initiatives
Undertake at least two collaborative initiatives that engage most participating churches in addressing a community need.

Disaster Readiness
Equip local churches to create their own internal disaster readiness plan and develop a plan for coordinating efforts in the event of a crisis or disaster.

Participating Churches

- Bethel Church
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Bammel Church of Christ
- Bayou City Fellowship
- Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
- Church Project
- Covenant United Methodist Church
- Dominion International Center
- Dominion Park Church of Christ
- Faith Bible Church
- Faithbridge Church
- Hope Haven
- New Direction Christian Community
- New Life Church
- Houston’s Northwest Church
- Restoration Church
- Spring Community Church
- The Ridge Community Church
- Vibrant Church
- WoodsEdge Community Church
- Woodlands Church
- Woodlands United Methodist Church

Participating Organizations

- Battle Cry Ministries
- Christ in Action
- Hope Beyond Bridges
- JustServe
- Second Mountain Ministries

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