



Contact: Rev. Julie Taylor, Executive Director
Disaster Chaplaincy Services
Phone: (646) 879-9029
julie@dscs-ny.org
P.O. Box 7373
New York, NY 10116

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Disaster Chaplaincy Services Deploys Chaplains to Help People Affected by Crane Collapse

NEW YORK, May 30, 2008 -- Disaster Chaplaincy Services (DCS) today deployed 3 chaplains to provide spiritual care to all people affected by a construction crane collapse on New York's Upper East Side including their relatives and members of the community. According to initial news reports, 2 people were killed and 2 people were hurt by the accident.

"Spiritual and psychological first-aid is indispensable in helping people facing loss or trauma," said Rev. Julie Taylor, executive director of DCS. "Disaster Chaplaincy Services provides crisis support to help people draw on spiritual resources in times of loss." Rev. Taylor added, "DCS chaplains, who come from 28 faith traditions and speak 27 languages, are trained and credentialed to provide spiritual care that respects the broad nature of each person's spiritual tradition. Chaplains respond to human need in times of loss. They also provide support to first responders to ease compassion fatigue and burnout."

DSC chaplains are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

Disaster Chaplaincy Services is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization whose purpose is to ensure skilled and appropriate interdisciplinary spiritual care for all people affected by disasters, crises and emergencies in the New York City tri-state area. Disaster Chaplaincy Services is the only multi-faith group that trains, credentials and deploys chaplains on behalf of the faith communities in the New York Metropolitan area. Its 228 chaplains come from more than 28 faith traditions and speak 27 languages. The organization is constantly reaching out to new faith traditions and organizations.

For more information about Disaster Chaplaincy Services, please visit the website www.disasterchaplaincy.org.

###