Topic 5 DQ 1

What spiritual considerations surrounding a disaster can arise for individuals, communities, and health care providers? Explain your answer in the context of a natural or human caused disaster. How can a community health nurse apply the Christian worldview to the care of the individual, community, self, and colleagues during disaster management?

Answer:

Natural disasters like tornadoes, severe storms, hurricanes, tropical storms, floods, wildfires, earthquakes and drought, are large-scale geological or meteorological events that have the potential to cause loss of life or property, according to US Department of Health and Human Services (September2022).Human caused disasters examples include "industrial accidents, shootings, acts of terrorism, and incidents of mass violence and as with natural disasters, these types of traumatic events may also cause loss of life and property, and they may also prompt evacuations from certain areas and overwhelm behavioral health resources in the affected communities," US Department of Health and Human Services(September 2022).

"Natural and human-caused disasters affect thousands of people every year which have the potential to cause catastrophic loss of life and physical destruction since they are often unexpected and can leave whole communities in shock, with where people experience emotional distress, anxiety, constant worrying, trouble sleeping, and these are common responses to disasters before, during, and after the event," US Department of Health and Human Services (September 2022).

Many people are able to recover from disasters with help from family and the community, but others may need additional support to cope and move forward. The spiritual considerations that can exist for an individual or a community in association with a man-made or natural disaster can include emotional support and patient care which is aligned to their religious or faith preferences, (US Department of Health and Human Services, September 2022). Disaster spiritual care is a process through which