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Mr. Gudaitis is the president of the National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN) – a 501(c)(3) non-profit which provides consulting, speakers, research and training to disaster human services and faith-based initiatives to faith communities, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, colleges/universities, foundations and government agencies who seek to engage and enhance the mitigation, readiness, response, and recovery capacity of faith communities and government partnerships with whole communities. Since November 2012, he has been on long-term deployment with New York Disaster Interfaith Services, as the Chief Response Officer to Hurricane Sandy.

He also lectures and offers trainings nationally and internationally on religious competency and building sustainable faith-based partnerships as well as disaster readiness, response, and recovery services best practice. From 2003 to 2009 Mr. Gudaitis was the Executive Director & CEO of New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) - a 501(c)(3) federation of faith-based human service providers and charitable organizations that work in partnership to provide disaster readiness, response, and recovery services for 9/11 and other New York City hazards. NYDIS collaborates with local, state, and national agencies involved in facilitating the delivery of non-sectarian spiritual care, secular disaster human services, resources, and information to religious communities, underserved victims and impacted neighborhoods. Mr. Gudaitis has over 25 years of experience in chaplaincy, emergency management, faith-based philanthropy, program management, and social services administration. He is a former EMS supervisor and EMS Chaplain. Mr. Gudaitis holds a Master of Divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church and a B.A. from Kenyon College. He participates on many local and national disaster human services and non-profit boards and committees. Gudaitis is a Research Associate at the University of Southern California Center for Religion and Civic Culture and a Guest Lecturer and member of the Emergency & Disaster Management MPH Advisory Board at Metropolitan College of New York and Adjunct Professor at Hartford Seminary. In 2012, he was appointed to the NY State Respond Commission by Governor Andrew Cuomo.