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The emergency ends. The harm doesn't.

I. Malik Saafir works with community organizations, faith networks, foundations, and public health institutions on the long-term human and systemic effects of disasters and environmental harm. He brings thirty years in ministry, college teaching, twelve years of military service, and Red Cross disaster workforce leadership, helping organizations prepare, care for their people, and rebuild trust.

CORE SERVICES

Disaster Readiness & Spiritual Care Capacity

Gives congregations, interfaith networks, and agencies a clear role in disaster recovery and trains their people to care for survivors.

Format: Assessment + half- or full-day training; train-the-trainer · **Deliverable:** Disaster Readiness & Care Plan

Theater of Justice: Opening Stage Intensive

A published method in which your board or staff examine a real local issue: who held power, what it built, and what remains.

Format: Half- or full-day intensive; later stages as follow-on · **Deliverable:** Opening Stage Report

After the Emergency: Frontline Advocate Care

Helps organizers, disaster volunteers, and community health workers process secondary trauma, grief, and moral distress.

Format: 3-hour workshop or two-part retreat · **Deliverable:** Team Care & Moral Distress Protocol

Coalition & Interfaith Strategy

Pairs the Commons Compass (inward) with the Theater of Justice (outward) to build shared ground across faith, race, and sector.

Format: Summit or alignment series · **Deliverable:** Shared Governance & Community Engagement Charter

Advising, Grant Partnerships & Keynotes

Advisory retainers; community-engagement or co-investigator roles on public health and environmental grants.

Format: Retainer, grant role, or talk · **Deliverable:** Scoped per engagement

CREDENTIALS

Education. M.Div., Vanderbilt Divinity School; M.A., Islamic Studies, The Islamic College / Middlesex University; M.Ed., Adult Education, and B.A.s in Philosophy and History, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Published method. "Performance Pedagogy Using the Theater of Justice," The SAGE Handbook of Critical Pedagogies (SAGE, 2020).

Disaster response. Disaster Workforce Engagement Manager and Training Team Lead, American Red Cross Kentucky Region (2024–2026).

Clinical grounding. Clinical Pastoral Education, UofL Health.

Teaching. Philosophy of religion, Philander Smith College (2012–2020); Visiting Lecturer, African and African American Studies, University of Central Arkansas.

Environmental justice. GreenFaith Fellow, board member, and Education and Training Associate; Audubon/Toyota TogetherGreen Fellow.

Institutions. Founder & Executive Director, The Village Reed; Founder & Creative Director, The Black Rumi.

IDEAL PARTNERS

Faith-based and interfaith networks

Environmental justice coalitions

Public health research teams

Foundations and intermediaries

Emergency management partners

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