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Mary Marr, Founder and President of the Christian Emergency Network, is a nationally recognized leader in the Christian community. Her expertise in equipping the Church to prepare and respond to emergencies large and small, coupled with her ability to network national and local organizations, is unprecedented. Mary is an accomplished educator, author, radio broadcaster and conference speaker.

Over the past ten years, Mary has equipped the Christian community to harness their emergency and security response capabilities in order to effectively collaborate, both locally and nationally, with emergency managers and law enforcement. Her media and network experience led her to develop the nation's largest Christian emergency and security-focused communications portal. As a result, the Department of Homeland Security invited Mary to participate in the DHS Homeland Security Advisory Committee Countering Violent Extremism Task Force (CVE). The CVE Task Force helped to form the National Strategy on Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism.

As a part of her work with the DHS CVE, Mary authored and developed the first Christian Information-Sharing pilot. The pilot established and tested protocols for effective, timely, and secure information sharing. In addition to authoring four books on church and citywide preparedness, she has contributed to recognized publications such as *Decision* magazine, *The Lighthouse Devotional*, and the *International Association of Emergency Managers* (IAEM). She also collaborated with the Department of Homeland Security Institute on their Faith-Based Katrina Report and the Center for Disease Control Faith-Based Guidelines.

With her radio broadcasting and writing experience, Mary has facilitated the expansion of the Christian media's capacity, enabling them to respond timely in disasters as well as to inform the community-at-large to be prepared and ready to respond. Prior to founding CEN, her nationally syndicated daily radio program, *Outreach Alert*, was heard on over 1,000 radio outlets for ten years.

Her background as a public school educator, career education administrator, author of the State of Michigan Guidelines for Career Education, and her church ministry experience taught Mary the value of strong faith and community partnerships.

As president of CEN, Mary Marr is an active member of the Mission America Coalition and the National Religious Broadcasters. She has also worked cooperatively with the Department of Homeland Security Faith-Based Office in both the Bush and Obama Administrations, as well as with the Department of Homeland Security National Preparedness Campaign.