

Hurricane and Training Updates

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As we watch Hurricane Irma bear down on Florida, Texas begin the long recovery process and the Fires that are raging in the Northwest. It would be easy to lose hope and wonder what is happening in our world. As Christians we are people of faith, Faith that BELIEVES God is with us ALWAYS, Faith that Knows that God can (and does) turn mourning into dancing, tragedy into opportunity and challenge into blessing. You are a part of the response with your prayers, your gifts and your FAITH.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has been working with our Brothers and Sisters in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas, as well as Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands to shelter and begin to care for those affected by the storms. And in the Northwest as fires continue to consume acres of land and homes.

YOU CAN HELP

- PRAYING, for those affected, those in shelter, those responding.
- DONATING a financial gift to UMCOR, you can go directly to UMCOR.org or send your financial gift to the Iowa Annual Conference with Special Advance number 901670, the Iowa Annual Conference will send it to UMCOR.
- MAKING CLEAN-UP BUCKETS and HYGIENE KITS: We have already sent several thousand from Iowa and have plans to ship more, below are

details about where and when to have your buckets for shipping. Go to UMCOR.org for how to make Clean-up Buckets and Hygiene Kits.

- GET TRAINED AND GET A TEAM TOGETHER so that when the time is right you can go and help. At this time only invited, UMCOR Certified ERT Teams are invited to respond in Texas, soon ALL volunteers will be invited. ERT and UMVIM Training will help to prepare you for volunteering. Contact Catie Newman for ERT Training disaster.response@iaumc.org OR Melisa Bracht Wagner for UMVIM Leader Training at melisa.brachtwagner@yahoo.com.

Kit Shipping Information

DROP OFF LOCATIONS FOR KITS:

Please call ahead of time to schedule your drop off.

Northwest

Lake Okoboji UM Camp 712-336-2936

Sheldon United Methodist Church 712-374-4894

St. Johns, Mapleton 712-840-1834

Southwest

Salem UMC– Council Bluffs 712-366-1408

Or 405-833-7275

Atlantic United Methodist Church - 712-243-3156

North Central

Collegiate United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation 515-292-6936

Garner UMC 712-490-9693

Central

Camp Wesley Woods 515-961-4523

Altoona United Methodist Church – 515-967-2991

South Central

Oskaloosa UMC – 641-672-2564

Or 515-451-1161

Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center 515-961-4523

Northeast

Manchester UMC – 563-927-4439

Or 319-573-0589

East Central

Marion First UMC 1277 8th Ave. Marion

South East

Washington UMC 319-653-5446

Columbus Junction UMC - 319-728-2669

First United Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant: 319-385-1740

SHIPPING PLANS:

We have already sent 1000 Clean-up buckets to Texas thru the UMCOR system.

Our next Shipment will go out on Monday,
September 18, 2015.

Your kits will need to be delivered to the drop off locations
NO LATER than Friday, September 15, 2017 to be on that truck.

The next Shipment will go Monday October 2, 2017,
Your donations will need to be at the drop off locations NO LATER than Friday,
September 29, 2017. Any kits after that can go to In-Gathering, and we will
have trailers for Clean-Up Buckets at all of the In-Gathering sites.

At this time we are ONLY accepting Clean-up Buckets and Hygiene Kits for shipping. Financial gifts/offerings must be sent directly to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief, go to UMCOR.org) or to the Iowa Annual Conference, Special Advance #901670.

FAQ

**I would like to go help, I can cook and am very handy, when can I go?
They are still in the midst of the disaster. It will take several days or even weeks for the Trained Emergency Responders to do their work, and AFTER that there will be opportunities for volunteers.*

* How Do I sign up to help ??

At this point the Texas Conferences that are affected by Harvey are accepting ONLY Certified, UMCOR Trained, ERT Volunteers, (we have training opportunities in our conference) SOON, there will opportunities for ALL volunteers.

The procedure will be to pick your dates and back-up dates, and then to register online with the conference that you wish to volunteer in (Texas has many conferences)

They will ask questions like how many in your team (Teams only will be invited) what are the skill levels, etc...

Then they will assign you to a location to help and will let you know what the housing options are and who to contact.

Due to the VERY LARGE number of people displaced by Harvey you should be prepared to sleep on a Sunday school room floor on an air mattress,

AND you may be asked to do your own cooking or to share in the cooking with other groups of volunteers (this is usual).

When volunteer opportunities open up we will let you know.

Keep PRAYING, MANY are in Crisis

*Can we Donate other items?

NO! At this time ONLY Clean-Up Buckets, Hygiene Kits and Financial Gifts are requested. I know that other groups are collecting other items, but there is No place to take them and no one to handle them at this time. In the future we will be able to help in more ways.

*When do we have to have Clean-up Buckets finished??

We have already shipped 1000 Clean-up buckets, the next shipment is set to go out on September 18, 2017, You will need to have Complete Clean-Up Buckets and Hygiene Kits delivered to the drop off sites NO LATER than Friday September 15, 2017

A final Shipment will go October 2, 2017; Kits will need to be dropped off at the drop off location NO LATER than Friday, September 29, 2017.

*Any kits after that can be shipped with In-Gathering
(List of drop off sites to follow at the of this message)*

*Do I list these Kit Donations on my In-Gathering Form ??

YES! You can get credit for these Kits, by adding them to the total kits that you donate at In-Gathering.

**Do Clean-Up Buckets and Hygiene Kits have to be complete??*

YES!

**Where do I find the list of what goes into a kit?*

Go to "UMCOR KITS" or www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies

Or on the Iowa Annual Conference Website look for "In-Gathering Kits"

(apologies – this was incorrect in the first message)

**Can we send the extra kit items that we have?*

Yes! But they must be packed in boxes and clearly marked "Miscellaneous Extra Hygiene Kit Items" (or bucket items) you can also send these to In-Gathering, clearly marked.

**Do we Put Toothpaste in Hygiene kits for Harvey??*

YES! Hygiene Kits headed for Texas CAN have a regular size tube of toothpaste in them.

**Do we send money for Shipping??*

NO! Any and all financial donations can be sent directly to UMCOR, see the UMCOR.org website for details or thru the Iowa Annual Conference with Special Advance # 901670

**How Old do you have to be to volunteer?*

16 to take ERT Training, 18 to serve on a team

UMVIM Leader Training is for the LEADER of the team.

Serving on UMVIM teams depends on host needs, team makeup and safety requirements, (many teams have youth and adults working together)

**What is the difference between ERT and UMVIM?*

ERT – Early Response Training is from UMCOR

UMVIM - United Methodist Volunteers in Mission

VIM - This training is helping you to know how to lead a team, focused more on Long Term Team Response.

ERT - Emergency or Early Response Team- Is more hands on, immediate response. What to do what not to do, what to expect when you get to a recovery site, how to "be" with survivors, focused more on immediate response in the first days after the disaster.

ERT Teams are self-sufficient - sleep on floors - cook their own meals, and are there in the first days after a disaster to help in whatever ways that they can.

ERT Teams may help recover possessions, clean out homes, move survivors

into new housing, tarp roofs, cook meals for community or a variety of other tasks.

ERT Training is great for Volunteers who come later also as it helps with shared language, expectations and how to deal with the clean-up we will be asked to do.

The trainings work together very well

**How Do I Register for the Training??*

For ERT Training, email Catie Newman at disaster.response@iaumc.org

FOR UMVIM Training email Melisa.Bracht-Wagner@yahoo.com

**I can not make the Training on September 8 and/or 9, 2017 Will there be another training offered??*

YES! Dates and Locations to be finalized, in Early October and Early November

**How do we sign up to volunteer?*

Each of the Texas and Louisiana Conference will have a Volunteer Team Sign up connection on their conference website, WHEN THEY ARE READY, it may be several weeks, please be patient. In the meantime consider getting UMVIM Leader Training and ERT Training, so you are ready when the time comes, (see attached flier)

Feel Free to contact the District Disaster Coordinator in your District or Conference Coordinator Catie Newman with further questions.



EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TEAM LEADER TRAINING

Join us if you have been looking for a place to put your faith into action!

FRIDAY SEPT 8, 2017 5:00PM - 9:00PM | \$20

ERT RE-CERTIFICATION

To register email [Calie Newman](mailto:Calie.Newman@iaumc.org) at disaster.response@iaumc.org

FRIDAY SEPT 8, 2017 5:00PM - 9:00PM | \$25, includes training manual

UMVIM LEADER TRAINING

To register email [Melisa Bracht-Wagner](mailto:Melisa.brachtwagner@yahoo.com) at Melisa.brachtwagner@yahoo.com

SATURDAY SEPT 9, 2017 8:30AM - 5:00PM | \$40

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

\$40.00, includes training materials, background check, and lunch

To register email [Calie Newman](mailto:Calie.Newman@iaumc.org) at disaster.response@iaumc.org

SATURDAY SEPT 9, 2017 8:30AM - NOON | \$25, includes training manual

UMVIM LEADER TRAINING

(Please note that lunch is not provided)

To register email [Melisa Bracht-Wagner](mailto:Melisa.brachtwagner@yahoo.com) at Melisa.brachtwagner@yahoo.com

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*The mission of UMVIM is to train team leaders in the basics of mission trips and beyond.
The mission of ERT is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster.*



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