Information on Trainings Offered

North Central Jurisdiction

Disaster Preparation Training (UMCOR Courses) –

***Early Response Team Training*** and ***Recertification***: This eight hour training equips individuals to go into disaster areas as soon as it is safe for volunteers to enter. Training includes how to help survivors sift through debris, how to tarp roofs, safe removal of debris and how to interact with people who have been traumatized. Background checks are a requirement for credentialing.

***Connecting Neighbors:*** Preparing for disaster begins at home. This coursewill help you develop next steps to

 • Develop a disaster plan that fits with the church’s mission

 • Connect the church to outside resources and to the community emergency plans

 • Identify types of disasters likely to impact the church community and needs that may arise

 • Assess church resources to meet those needs

 • Identify the role of the church in disaster readiness and response

***Emotional and Spiritual Care:*** This training offers best practices for providing emotional and spiritual care before, during, and following disasters. E&SC teams reach out from the faith community to help disaster survivors connect with personal and community spiritual, emotional, and basic life resources.

***Early Response Team Leader Training:*** Some early responders step to serve as leaders for ERTs. ERT Team Leader Training includes basic UMVIM team leader training with an additional focus on leading short-term early responders.

Children’s Disaster Service Training (Church of the Brethren curriculum) –

Participants in the 27-hour workshop learn to provide comfort and encouragement to children by offering the healing young children need in traumatic situations. They learn to create a safe, friendly environment that gives children the chance to engage in therapeutic play activities designed to relieve stress and calm fears. This workshop includes a simulated shelter experience (an overnight stay) and will be provided to any group of 15 or more adults interested in working with children after a disaster. Participants completing the course will have the opportunity to become certified Children’s Disaster Services volunteers. Because children can experience personal disasters people who come in contact with a distressed child can benefit from this workshop.

UMVIM Team Leader Training (TLT) and Refreshers –

This six-hour training equips individuals to lead national and international teams to approved United Methodist project sites. It touches on what constitutes an UMVIM team, team duties, team dynamics, cultural understanding, team spiritual formation, tips for travel and fundraising, timeline for organizing a team, forms and insurance needed.

Mission Volunteer Training–

Mission Volunteer training happens in all Jurisdictions once each year. The next training in the NCJ is May 3-6, 2017 at Epworth Forest Conference Center, North Webster, IN. Interested individuals apply online and complete a phone interview. Mission Volunteers serve two months or longer in a variety of settings throughout the World. For more information, visit [www.individualvolunteers.info](http://www.individualvolunteers.info).