



## 2017 Southeastern Jurisdiction Disaster Response Academy



September 26-29, 2017

Central United Methodist Church  
300 S Main St, Asheboro, NC 27203

Hosted by the

Western North Carolina Conference

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&

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Early Bird Cost \$75

\$100 after August 2d, 2017

Register at:

<https://www.etchouches.com/academy17>

or call Candy Caron (704) 714-2356, ext. 123

### Break-out Sessions Descriptions

**Connecting Neighbors** Learn about the context of disaster ministry and how this curriculum can be useful to inspire congregants and churches to be better prepared to respond to their neighbors in helpful, cooperative and caring ways on behalf of the church and in the spirit of Jesus Christ. This class covers all three modules and a general introduction.

#### **Disaster Case Management:**

**Conference Capacity Building** This workshop will present steps to build a conference's capacity to engage in disaster case management in advance of a disaster. Topics include: recruiting and training leaders as disaster caseworkers and case managers; integration of caseworkers in district teams, strategies for relating to government and voluntary partners; pros and cons of government funding, and alternative approaches for resourcing.

#### **Disaster Case Management: Construction**

Participants will learn ways to expedite survivor recovery through the implementation of effective coordination strategies between the functions of disaster case management and volunteer construction.

#### **Disaster Response Coordinator Workshop**

This advanced inter-active workshop will identify opportunities for strengthening your conference disaster response capabilities. Participants will exchange baseline and best practices for early response coordination and communication strategies, training plans, disaster plans and ways to generate cabinet and conference committee support for disaster ministries

**Site Assessment:** Designed for team leaders and logistics persons. It explores ways to evaluate a site for safety and suitability for an ERT. This specialty team are helpful in the earliest days after an event to set the way for other teams to come.

**ERT Train-the-Trainer** Become an UMCOR authorized ERT Trainer! Those who successfully complete this course will be able to train ERT Basic within their Annual conference. ***Pre-requisites: Recommendation from your conference disaster response coordinator and current ERT badge.***

### ERT 200 Series

**Cleaning Out Flooding Homes:** Learn about the current best practices and safety procedures for cleaning out ("mucking out"), stabilizing and sanitizing water damaged homes.

**Safety Officer:** ERT safety officers learn how to assess and mitigate potential hazards that could pose harm to the over-all well being of team members and the team as a unit.

#### **Team Leadership: First team through last team**

Designed for leaders and assistant leaders, this class will explore more of what those functions involve as well as what all functions on a team should be doing. This class will be taught jointly by UMCOR and UMVIM to include tips for ERT as well as long term recovery teams.

#### **Volunteer Hosting in Disaster Response**

Learn to effectively coordinate and support volunteers who are willing to come to your community after a disaster to repair and rebuild. Learn creative ways to manage expectations of volunteers, importance of orienting volunteers and what information is helpful.

**Wildfires:** Enhances ERTs knowledge and skills to provide clean-up and other relief phase activities in the aftermath of wildfire. This class is designed for further education of ERT basic team members, and may also be useful for just-in-time training of volunteers.

**Foundations for Disaster Ministry** This session addresses why engage in disaster ministry, the phases of disasters, who the players are, the functions and opportunities for volunteers, where do resources come from, and what our mission and values are. It is the foundational training that grounds all of our efforts in disaster ministry. *Required if you haven't attended in a few years!*

**ICS and Communication** Participants will review the recommended flow of communications for initial disaster response, drawing upon the strength of the connectional UMC. Highlighted will be the roles of the Incident Coordinator/conference Disaster Response Coordinator, conference VIM Coordinator, and District Coordinators. ERT Coordination, inter-conference and jurisdictional communications, relief supplies coordination, and UMCOR support will also be reviewed.

**International Disaster Response: Haiti and Cuba** This workshop will discuss the efforts of UMCOR and UMVIM in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and Cuba.

**Long Term Recovery Group Development** The recovery of many individuals and families is often dependent upon a well-functioning group effort. This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to explore ways they might participate in the group's development on behalf of the church.

**Ministry of Care** Emotional and spiritual care is a versatile ministry that can be helpful in all phases of disaster and in the context of varying roles. From times of peace, through the chaos of disaster response, and the seemingly long road to recovery, this session provides an overview of the ministry of presence with an emphasis on listening as a vehicle for healing, reactions to traumatic stress and the importance of self-care.

**Navigators** This class prepares caring volunteers and local church leadership to respond to neighbors (affected by disaster) by providing accurate and timely information as a gesture of care and a sign of hope. Gives the tools and guidelines to carry out neighborhood "walk-about" that provides the presence of the caring church. (Great just in time training and for those who are unable or can't do ERT in the early days of disaster).

**Transitioning from Relief to Recovery** Transitioning can be daunting, particularly as roles evolve and resources ebb and flow. Participants will explore similarities and differences between relief and recovery, identify ways to provide leadership in developing recovery coalitions, and ways to resource recovery of individuals and families.

**UMVIM Projects Workshop** Come to this workshop to find out more information on where to serve, how projects are selected, the relationship that is developed, and how to decide where you or your church should serve.

**Contract Hotels:** Make sure you mention "UMC."

- (1) Fairfield Inn & Suites Asheboro, #920 Executive Way, Asheboro, tele (336)626-9197
- (2) Hampton Inn Asheboro, #1137 E. Dixie Drive, Asheboro, tele (336) 625-9000

**Cost** Single \$109.00, Double occupancy \$119.00 includes breakfast

**Airport Information:** Piedmont Triad Airport (GSO) is 45 minutes from Asheboro.

**Shuttle from Airport :** Contact Rev. Scott Davis (336)460-0831 if you require transportation to/from airport.

## General Schedule

### Tuesday, Sept 26, 2017 \*

5:30 pm Dinner  
6:45 pm Opening Program

### Wednesday, Sept 27, 2017

8:00 am Devotion  
8:30 am Session 1  
Noon Lunch  
1:00 pm Session 2  
5:30 pm Dinner  
6:45 pm Plenary

### Thursday, Sept 28, 2017

8:00 am Devotion  
8:30 am Session 3  
Noon Lunch  
1:00 pm Session 4  
5:30 pm Closing Worship  
6:30 pm Dinner on your own

### Friday, Sept 29, 2017 for Conference DRC and UMVIM Coordinators

8:00 am Meetings  
10:00 am Academy Debriefing

\*Pre-Academy courses to be offered on Tuesday, Sept 26, 2017 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm (indicate if there are any special registration requirements:

Foundations – Foundational disaster training required before engaging in Disaster Ministry

DRC Workshop – only for Conference Disaster Response Coordinators

Early Response Team Train-the-Trainer  
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