

Course Descriptions

Foundations of Disaster Ministry Green

Deeply explore the rationale and methods of ministry in disasters, expanding the introductory information of the basic ERT training.

Connecting Neighbors Blue

Is UMCOR's program that gives congregations the tools and information they need to guide the development of their disaster-response ministries. Congregations that invest their time in "Connecting Neighbors" training are better prepared for what emergencies may come, able to draw on local resources more quickly in the wake of a disaster and more confident that United Methodists will be a resource for community recovery.

Basic ERT 8 hour course, required for taking any 200 level class. Green

Learn the mission of responding to survivors in the early phases of disaster recovery, focusing on our mandate, how to talk with survivors and help them make critical decisions, how to organize a team, skills needed on-site, and above all the unique safety issues involved. You will receive certification, background check, and badge for \$30.

Site Assessment 200 Level Green

Both class time and a hands-on field trip will teach responders to make accurate assessments of safety and suitability for ERT assistance.

UMVIM Team Leader Training Blue and Green

These tools strengthen leadership and planning skills, and qualify participants for UMVIM certification.

Flood Clean Out 200 Level Green

Learn the procedures for cleaning out, stabilizing, and sanitizing water-damaged houses.

On-Site Management 200 Level Green

ERTs will understand what should be in place before the invitation/reception of ERT teams: types of assessments, forms, and other arrangements that speed up the process when the disaster is in your conference.

Logistics Officer 200 Level Green

Planning and coordinating supplies in an ever changing disaster situation.

Safety Officer 200 Level Green

Detailed safety information for disaster situations.

Volunteer Management 200 Level Green

Coordinating volunteers and teams in disaster response centers.

Ministry of Care 200 Level Green

Find practical information and ideas for supporting survivors facing the unique emotional and spiritual challenges that accompany disaster.

Urban Wildfire Green Track

When wildfires interface with communities the recovery becomes complicated with local, state, and FEMA protocols and leadership issues. The ERT response is creative each time.

Table Top Activity: Hoover Dam has been compromised! Green and Blue

Will the ERTs and churches spring into action, to evaluate, organize and minister to survivors, or collapse into chaos and confusion? Where is help needed? Where can ERTs help quickly? Evaluate the effect on travel, water supplies, flooding, electrical consequences. Organize. Negotiate. Set up the UMCOR disaster center. Recruit ERTs and GO.