

# Course Descriptions

**Yellow**=Other, **Green**=200 level ERT recertification, **Blue**=Connecting Neighbors Curriculum  
**Orange**=ERT Basic

## **Basic ERT 8 hour course, required for taking any 200 level class. Orange**

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.

## **Cascadia Subduction Yellow**

The western United States sits in a volatile geologic zone, learn about how this geology could cut the western coast off from the main part of the United States and how to be prepared in such an event.

## **Case Management and Construction Management Yellow**

How UMCOR helps us set up for long term recovery.

## **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.

## **ERT Self Care Yellow**

Caregiving comes with a cost. Responding to devastation and its survivors can contribute to questioning one's faith, physical exhaustion, conflict and compassion fatigue. In this workshop, the spiritual, physical, social and emotional aspects of caregiving will be explored and provide some tools to stay well.

## **FEMA Sequence Relief to Recovery Green**

Learn how to work with FEMA in a disaster from the beginning of a relief effort through the end of the recovery period.

## **Flood Clean Out 200 Level Green**

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

## **Foundations of Disaster Ministry Blue**

Basic to all we do in Disaster Ministry. Why do we engage in disaster ministry? What are the phases of disaster? Who are the players? What are the functions and opportunities for volunteers? Where do resources come from? What are our mission and values? These questions will be addressed and so much. **This session is the foundation training that grounds all of our efforts in disaster ministry. If you have not attended this in the past few years, please put this on your schedule.**

## **Hands-on Skills Event Yellow**

Learn how to...painting, tarping, removing and hanging dry wall, basic electrical 101, etc.

## **Logistics Officer 200 Level Green**

In the planning and coordinating supplies what are the responsibilities of an Early Response Team Logistics Officer in an ever-changing disaster situation.

## **Management of Volunteers 200 Level Green**

Volunteer Management will discuss tools to host and manage various types of volunteers in disaster situations. Topics that will be discussed includes recruitment, orientation, skill assessment, volunteers' records, logistics include feeding and housing volunteers.

## **Ministry of Care 200 Level Green**

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

**On-Site Assessment 200 Level Green**

Site Assessment is often the first step towards ERT relief efforts and survivor interaction. This class is designed to increase the abilities of an ERT to respond by empowering team members to assess the damage to a structure when an affected community has been overwhelmed. Site assessments can also relieve some of the pressure on those in charge by understanding the work before making the invitation for ERT's support. Class participants should wear closed toe shoes and appropriate clothing for outdoor field work.

**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.

**Safety Office 200 Level Green**

Detailed information on how to be a Safety Officer for Early Response Teams working in disaster.

**UMVIM Team Leader Training Yellow**

This United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Team Leader Training will cover how to lead Long Term Recovery or Rebuild Mission Teams. These tools strengthen leadership and planning skills, a must for team leaders who are leading teams into disaster areas. .

**Urban Wildfire Yellow**

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.