

UMCOR trained  
Early Response Team (ERT)

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Following a major disaster in which FEMA, the National Guard, or other civic agencies are involved, no volunteers will be allowed past the checkpoints except those which have undergone training and have identification badges. Upon request, the Methodist Church will send teams of trained volunteers to the disaster areas. No untrained teams or individuals will be contacted.

The Methodist Church has a one day training class entitled "Early Response Team" ("ERT"). This team is not a search and rescue team nor a long term recovery team – its mission is somewhere in the middle. After the area has been secured by law enforcement, UMCOR authorized ERTs enter the area on a three day mission to make property as safe as possible. Some services might include debris removal, chainsaw work, tarping roofs, etc.

In the June 2009 newsletter of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission North Central Jurisdiction (UNVIM-NCJ), ERT teams are described as follows:

*These persons are trained to go into a disaster situation after the "professionals" (firemen, policeman, etc.) have deemed the area safe enough for specialized volunteers to enter the area. In most locales and very soon in **ALL** disaster situations, persons doing this type of volunteering will have to wear a **badge**. Upon successful completion of this 6 – 8 hour course, the ERT trainee will receive a badge that allows you and your team to respond when a disaster strikes. It should be noted, that these teams should respond to local disasters first and then as invited to disaster farther away from home. [www.umvimncj.org](http://www.umvimncj.org)*

On January 30, 2010, there will be an ERT class at Old North United Methodist Church from 8:00 a.m until 4:00 a.m. This class is identical to the ERT class at Salem UMC which was offered on September 7, 2009. The class will be conducted by UMCOR Instructor Rev. Jim Byerly from Versailles, Indiana. The cost is \$25 which will include lunch and the processing of the identification badge. UMCOR now requires a child protection background check which will be coordinated through the home church. If this is something that you might be interested in, please mail the attached reservation form and a check for \$25 to Bruce Wright.

DISASTER RELIEF TEAM RESOURCE SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED? \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ PART TIME? \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ HOBBIES: \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHURCH MISSION WORK EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSPORTATION: Car Van Truck Trailer

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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