

# FROM UMVIM APPROVED PROJECT LIST

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## 1. DISASTER RESPONSE SITES

Disaster areas that solicit volunteer teams for long-term recovery require sufficient time to assess damage and coordinate a response. Potential teams must be patient in the early stages of disaster.

**UMCOR: NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE**, [http://www.umcor.org/#901670 - Disaster Response, United States](http://www.umcor.org/#901670-Disaster-Response,UnitedStates)

### **CURRENT DISASTER SITES WHERE LONG TERM RECOVERY TEAMS (i.e. UMVIM Teams) ARE NEEDED**

#### **STORMS / DISASTERS of 2013-2016**

- 1. CALIFORNIA, WEED BOLES FIRE RECOVERY, SISKIYOU COUNTY.** The Weed Long Term Recovery Group (WLTRG) formed after the Boles Fire last Sept. 2014. Approximately 150 homes were destroyed. Brenda Duchi, Weed Long Term Recovery Group (WLTRG), Volunteer Coordinator, would welcome the short term "weekend teams" for landscaping and fencing especially. Remember these teams can also use teenagers with adult supervision. Some of you have already come to help this summer, and because of you we are finally getting some houses replaced, along with a lot of fencing. We are still in need of folks who know how to use a hammer, can take instruction, or give instruction. We also need people who can read blueprints. At least two houses are in need of help to get closed in before winter arrives. I am also asking that interested groups (and individuals) start signing up to come for next spring and summer, into fall. We want to make sure your team has a place to stay and know what kind of help we can plan on. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer, regardless of skill level. Let me know what you can help with and we will match you with a project/family who needs you. Would you please ask your congregation, neighbors, coworkers, or affiliated group if any are willing to give some time and help to these families. You don't have to sign up for long stretches of time; a weekend, or (if you are close enough) a day will help tremendously. Contact Brenda, [bjoyd.wltrg@gmail.com](mailto:bjoyd.wltrg@gmail.com), 530-408-0023. (**NEW! Added 10/29/15**)
- 2. COLORADO, 2013 FLOODS:** Colorado 2013 Floods: In September, 2013 the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains was hit with heavy rains and disastrous flooding causing loss of life and major damage. Twenty-four counties were impacted, more than 18,000 people were evacuated, approximately 28,000 dwellings damaged and 1,852 homes destroyed. Long Term Recovery Groups have been established in the three hardest hit counties: Boulder, Larimer and Weld. It has been a little over a year after the flood and we still have much work to do helping folks recover. UMCOR and the Rocky Mountain Conference are assisting with funds, staffing and volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help with debris clean up and structure rehab and building. Teams are also needed for cleanup efforts following 3 wildfires that affected Colorado. UMVIM teams who would like to assist beautiful Colorado recover from the devastating floods of 2013 are asked to e mail or call Deb Campbell, UMCOR/Rocky Mountain Conference Volunteer Coordinator at 303 532-7563 or

[dcampbell@rmcumc.com](mailto:dcampbell@rmcumc.com). At this time we are scheduling teams for late spring, summer and fall. Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers, love and support.

*Deb Campbell / Flood Recovery Volunteer Coordinator / UMCOR / Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Church / [dcampbell@rmcumc.com](mailto:dcampbell@rmcumc.com) / 303 532 7563 /*

*Website: <http://rmcumccoloradoflood.com>*

*Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/umcorcoloradofloods> (Updated 09/28/15)*

3. **ILLINOIS – COAL CITY (IGR).** The Long Term Recovery Committee for the Coal City Tornado Relief is seeking volunteers for continued response in the aftermath of the EF-3 Tornado. The following three work days have been established this fall, 2015: Sept. 26, Oct. 24 and Nov. 28. Work assignments for Sept. 26 will include a house tear down, fence rebuilding, clean up at the park pavilion, playground, ball field and a few yards. Other needs are being identified for this and subsequent work days. If you have a team or if you are an individual willing to help on Saturday, Sept. 26, contact Lori Cora at 815-955-2286 or contact her at [cardsbylori@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cardsbylori@sbcglobal.net). Let her know how many people will be available to work Sept. 26 or either of the two remaining dates in October and November. (*Added 8/2015*)
4. **MICHIGAN (DETROIT AC) – NORTHWEST DETROIT FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT - Hope, Healing, Recovery.** Ellison Center of Second Grace UMC, 18900 Joy Rd, Detroit, MI 48228. We are walking with survivors of the August 11, 2014 flooding. We are accepting volunteers to assist with muck out and rebuild projects. Although the flood was more than one year ago the need for muck outs is still GREAT! We can accommodate individual and group volunteers for one day or multiple days of service. Housing options are available. Donations to the church serving as volunteer hosting site and to the project to help cover the cost of materials are welcome and appreciated. To learn more about our services and volunteer opportunities, please call the office 313-646-4052, [nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com), or contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Kayla Flannery, 313-559-2797, [kayla.nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.nwdfloodrecovery@gmail.com). Check out our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/nwdfrrp>. (*NEW! Updated 10/2/15*)
5. **NEBRASKA - GREAT PLAINS DISASTER RESPONSE**, Contact Holly Tapley, 316-978-9761, [htapley@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:htapley@greatplainsumc.org), 9440 East Boston, Wichita, KS 67207. Website: [www.greatplainsumc.org/disasterresponse](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/disasterresponse). Needs are in **DeWitt, Nebraska** – The Long Term Recovery Committee is making progress on assessing the unmet needs of the community. Case workers will begin the second week of October, and VIM teams are expected to begin work in late October 2015.
6. **NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION CONFERENCES: SANDY RESPONSE: THESE NEJ CONFERENCES** will be in the rebuilding stage for a long while.

**GREATER NEW JERSEY:** [www.AFutureWithHope.org](http://www.AFutureWithHope.org). Contact Lisa Park, Volunteer Manager, [info@afuturewithhope.org](mailto:info@afuturewithhope.org), O:732-359-1012 (*see #7 below*) (*Updated 3/27/15*)

**NEW YORK:** Tom Vencuss, Recovery Coordinator, Barbara Burnside, Volunteer Coordinator, [SandyRecovery@nyac-umc.com](mailto:SandyRecovery@nyac-umc.com), [www.nyac.com/recovery](http://www.nyac.com/recovery) We currently have three established recovery locations, in Staten Island, Brooklyn, and Long Island and have worked on 500 homes, helping over 1,300 individuals. We are also working some in Queens and Connecticut. As many other rebuild groups start to close down operations in various areas of NY, people who haven't recovered fully (literally thousands – by some estimates 6,000 to 10,000) are beginning to get more desperate because there are fewer groups available to offer the help homeowners need. UMCOR and volunteers hosted by the

NYAC will remain. YOU give survivors hope & we are thankful for your gift of service that allows our & your dollars to go further toward partnering with survivors in their recovery. *(Updated 3/25/15).*

**PENINSULA DELAWARE CONFERENCE: CRISFIELD, MD.** Contact Ben Botti, Site Coordinator, O: 410-968-1108, C:267-261-3714, [bbbotti@verizon.net](mailto:bbbotti@verizon.net), and Anika Jackson, Volunteer Coordinator, [umcorteamcrisfield@comcast.net](mailto:umcorteamcrisfield@comcast.net), 410-968-1108. Website: [www.pen-del.org](http://www.pen-del.org). *Office & Mailing Address:* Peninsula-Delaware Conference Sandy Recovery, The United Methodist Church, 3480 Freedomtown Road, Crisfield, MD 21817. *(Updated 3/25/15)*

**SUSQUEHANNA (CENTER OF PA):** Ron Salsman, [rsalsman@susumc.org](mailto:rsalsman@susumc.org), 570-336-2532 *(Updated 3/24/15)*

**NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE: HURRICANE IRENE FLOOD RECOVERY IN VERMONT:** Contact Barbara Burnside, [baburnside@neumc.org](mailto:baburnside@neumc.org), O: 978-682-8055, X 135 C: 203-470-1539. We have several hundred homes still needing volunteer recovery help and Central Vermont is a beautiful place to visit in the spring, summer or fall. [www.centralvermontmission.org](http://www.centralvermontmission.org) *(Updated 3/25/15)*

7. **NEW JERSEY, SANDY RECOVERY, A FUTURE WITH HOPE, INC.** Lisa Park, Volunteer Manager, Office: 732.359.1066, [info@afuturewithhope.org](mailto:info@afuturewithhope.org) and Denise Tiedemann, Administrator, [dtiedemann@afuturewithhope.org](mailto:dtiedemann@afuturewithhope.org), 732-359-1086. Website: [www.afuturewithhope.org](http://www.afuturewithhope.org). We started our recovery projects at the end of March 2013 and currently have about **37 homes** in process. We had great outpouring of love and interest from the people in your jurisdictions and others from all over the country. It has been phenomenal working with your teams. Our goal is to repair/rebuild 300-500 homes in the next 3-5 years. This can only be accomplished with your volunteers that come with their heart and willingness to help the survivors here in NJ. We hope that will continue as we approach the colder months. We are accepting registration for spring and summer. Please encourage participation to help in this effort. *(Updated 3/27/15)*
8. **UPPER NEW YORK CONFERENCE** - Unfortunately, multiple flooding events leave multiple opportunities for UMVIM recovery teams! The following locations are receiving teams:  
*Fort Plains – Pastor Alan Griffith – 518-265-0416, or [ftplainumchurch@juno.com](mailto:ftplainumchurch@juno.com)*  
*Herkimer – Marlowe Millard – 315-717-1912; [marlocrew4@verizon.net](mailto:marlocrew4@verizon.net)*  
*Oneida – Rev. Brian Fellows, - 315-363-1921 or [www.oneidamadisonflood.org](http://www.oneidamadisonflood.org)*
9. **2015 OKLAHOMA FLOODS AND TORNADOES** - The Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church Disaster Response Ministry focuses on three areas of disaster response; volunteer and construction support, disaster case management, and spiritual and emotional care. Volunteers support those impacted by disaster through assisting with immediate physical property needs following emergency events and with reconstruction in the years after disaster. Currently we are working on repairing homes impacted by tornadoes, straight line winds, and widespread flooding throughout Oklahoma during a succession of storms from March through July of 2015. Our primary service areas:
  - a. Northeast Oklahoma - the city of Tulsa and nearby counties;
  - b. Central Oklahoma - Oklahoma City, Bridge Creek, and surrounding counties; and
  - c. South central Oklahoma - the city of Ardmore and the counties around Lake Texoma.Nearly 11,000 Oklahoma families have registered with FEMA for financial assistance and 4,592 households have been approved for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program with verified storm damage.

Primary Contact: Karen Mangano, [KMangano@okumc.org](mailto:KMangano@okumc.org), 405-802-0904; Secondary Contact: Luke Pratt, [LPratt@okumc.org](mailto:LPratt@okumc.org), 405-693-5685. Project Cost Request of \$100/person. Accept A,S,I,F. RV's by some projects, SS, Max 50. Y at least 16 years of age. Website: [www.okumc-dr.org](http://www.okumc-dr.org). (UMVIM Project # SCJ-OKC-1115-01; **NEW!**)

10. **TEXAS – RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE, - BORDER HOPE**, Eagle Pass, TX 78852, In Maverick County Texas, about 50% of residents live in poverty with income more than 400% below the poverty guidelines. Mission: Border Hope facilitates poverty mission in Eagle Pass, TX, through construction and home repair, food and clothing, literacy, and mission to youth at Border Hope Restorative Justice Center. **Flood cleanup!** In June 2013, 17 inches of rain fell flooding more than 700 homes creating deplorable living conditions for hundreds of families unable to repair homes and a total loss of furniture and household items. Mission teams are repairing walls, ceilings, roofs, and replacing many household goods and clothing. We have a mission house that can accommodate about 20 people with a full kitchen and 4 showers. We ask for \$10/day for each team. Normally our teams feed themselves and the \$1000 below seems a standard cost for what most teams spend for food and building materials. Each team is asked to bring \$1000 project funds. A,J,S,I, F, RV, CSS. Max: 100. (UMVIM Project #SCJ-RTX-1113-01)
11. **TEXAS – RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE, BASTROP AND SPICEWOOD**. is in need of teams **now** to help with in Long Term Recovery from the Bastrop/Spicewood fires of 2011, you can register online. Or contact Margery Marshall [disasterresponse@umcad.org](mailto:disasterresponse@umcad.org), 775-848-0766 for registration information. Teams needing housing register--<http://www.umcswtx.org/faith-village-registration>. For day teams register at <http://www.umcswtx.org/umvim-registration> (UMVIM Project # SCJ-SWT-0612-01, Updated 12/15)
12. **TEXAS - RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE DISASTER RECOVERY** – 16400 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78248. Five different sites in Rio Texas need help:
  1. Blanco River Floods,
  2. San Marcos River Floods,
  3. Hidalgo County Winds and floods,
  4. Bastrop County Floods,
  5. Tornado and Floods in Nueces County.Many teams will be needed for several years. For now register on Rio Texas Conference Home page: <http://riotexas.org/disaster-recovery-team-registration>. Contact is Eugene Hileman, [aehileman@riotexas.org](mailto:aehileman@riotexas.org) 210-557-8698. A, J, S, I, F. no max. RV hookups within reasonable distance. Asking \$50/person for materials. (UMVIM Project # SCJ-RTX-0915-01; updated 12/15)
13. **TEXAS - CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE - WILLIAMSON COUNTY FLOODS**. Long Term recovery site is open for help with the repair and rebuild. The majority of the work is in the community of Taylor, TX which is located East of Round Rock and Hutto. Please go to this link [http://volrock.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=43989](http://volrock.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail/?agency_id=43989) to register your team. We are working through the Round Rock Volunteer Center for team registration. Indicate them what days of the week you are available using the comment section. Our United Methodist Volunteer Coordinator will contact you to work out details or your service. Volunteer Center, 512-733-7625, [volrock@volrock.org](mailto:volrock@volrock.org), or Karah Ricketts, Volunteer coordinator, [karahricketts2015@gmail.com](mailto:karahricketts2015@gmail.com), 1-512-917-9874. Thank you for your willingness to serve! (UMVIM Project # SCJ-CTX-1115-01; updated 12/15)
14. **TEXAS - CENTRAL TEXAS DISASTER RESPONSE**, Contact Lorraine Waughtal, 817-877-5222, [laraine@ctcumc.org](mailto:laraine@ctcumc.org), 3200 E Rosedale ST, Fort Worth, TX 76105. Website: [www.ctcumc.org/ctcdisasterresponse1](http://www.ctcumc.org/ctcdisasterresponse1). For Information on Navarro County:

<http://www.etcumc.org/disasterresponsenewsandinfo>. Please continue to watch the conference website, CTC Quick Notes and your district communications for further information and more narratives as the work to rebuild and restore Navarro County continues over the next weeks and months.

15. **WASHINGTON, OKANOGAN COUNTY - CARLTON COMPLEX FIRE RECOVERY.** There were 270 primary residences destroyed in the fire which covered 256,000 acres. The goal is to build 10 houses this summer with at least 2 phases to follow in the next two years. The difficulty is lack of funds. They did not get a FEMA declaration nor is there any State money. All the rebuild funds will have to come from grants and donations. Early estimates indicate they are about \$3.5 million short. Contact Kathy Power, Volunteer Coordinator, Carlton Complex Long Term Recovery Group, [kathy@reawareness.com](mailto:kathy@reawareness.com), 509-429-3133, [www.carltoncomplexrecovery.com](http://www.carltoncomplexrecovery.com). Also search for “The Carlton Complex Fire: Partnering Together” and check out the PNW YOUTUBE video! (*UMVIM Project # WJ-PNW-0415-01; Updated 11/5/15*)

### **Previous HURRICANES – Long Term Recovery Team Information**

16. **LOUISIANA – LOUISIANA DISASTER RECOVERY** has significant needs for long term recovery teams across its coastal areas and inland from damage by **Hurricanes Katrina**, [[#982523 - Hurricanes 2005](#)] and **Isaac**. The Epworth Project is stilling working on Katrina and now Isaac damaged homes. We also are working on homes for low income elderly and handicapped family who need assistance repairing their home related to deferred maintenance.
- a. **EPWORTH PROJECT.** Dale Kimball <[dkimball@epworthproject.com](mailto:dkimball@epworthproject.com)> Executive Director, 985-781-7990. Epworth Project is housed at Aldersgate UMC, Slidell, LA. The cost is \$225/person which includes supplies, lodging, leadership, tools and orientation. Food can be added for an additional \$50/person. website: [www.epworthproject.com](http://www.epworthproject.com) (*UMVIM Project # SCJ-LAC-0211-01 Reviewed 3/25/15*)
- b. **Epworth Summer Project for youth groups:** Epworth Project knows how challenging it can be to plan a mission experience for your youth group. We are here to provide you an all-inclusive experience - no planning required! Our Summer Program is run by trained and capable summer interns that bring fellowship, fun, and safety on the worksite. The cost for our summer program is \$300/person. All meals, lodging, theological programming, fun evening activities, supplies, summer t-shirt, worship, and a unique cultural experience is provided. Dates: June 1-Aug 7, 2015. (*UMVIM Project # SCJ-LAC-0211-02 Updated 3/25/15*)

### **WAREHOUSES / DEPOTS needing volunteers**

17. **UMCOR SAGER-BROWN** – Volunteer Coordinator, PO Box 850, Baldwin, LA 70514, 337.923.6238 or 800.334.4221, F: 337.923.4849, [volunteers@sagerbrown.org](mailto:volunteers@sagerbrown.org). Year-round work in depot assembling, verifying, packing various kits; campus maintenance such as landscaping, painting; working in the community doing home repairs and tutoring. Meals are provided on campus. Live in dorms with showers. Own transportation. J, S, A, OA, I, RVs. Max. 55. [[#901515 - UMCOR SagerBrown](#)] (*UMVIM Project # SCJ-LAC-0204-05: updated 12/13/2013*)
18. **UMCOR-WEST, SALT LAKE CITY, UT** – Opened in February 2009, this 22,000-square-foot warehouse will primarily serve as a material resources depot to store UMCOR supply kits and will provide new opportunities for kit ministry. Volunteers are welcomed year round to build, shelve and distribute disaster relief kits around the world. To volunteer or donate supply kits, please contact Rev.



Brian Diggs, 801-973-7250, [Bdiggs@UMCOR.org](mailto:Bdiggs@UMCOR.org). (*UMVIM Project #WJ-RMC-0304-14 Reviewed 3/25/15*)

- 19. MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER, CHATHAM, IL** – P.O. Box 56, 1022 New City Road Chatham, IL 62629. [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:office@midwestmissiondc.org), [www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org). O:217/483-7911, F:217/483-7981. Receive, sort, pack, and prepare for shipment of disaster response goods and humanitarian aid around the USA and abroad. Stay on campus in dorm (bring own bedding). Must have own transportation. Costs: \$15 per person per day for room (dorm kitchen is provided), plus \$50 per person for the week to pay for supplies. Work M-F 8:30am-4pm. J (age 11+), S, F, A, OA, RV. Camping or dormitory facilities. Max 32. (*UMVIM Project # NCJ-IRG-0204-05, updated 12/12/13*)
- 20. MISSION CENTRAL, MECHANICSBURG, PA**, 5 Pleasant View Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 O:717/766-1533, [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org). Mission Central is the mission warehouse affiliate of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Along with our satellite operations called “HUBS”, we respond to natural and man-made disasters with relief supplies and supply humanitarian goods and logistical services to hundreds of different ministry and social service agencies. Since our beginning in June 2002, Mission Central has hosted tens of thousands of volunteers who come in service to “connect God’s resources with human need.” With our volunteers, we process disaster response materials, UMCOR “relief kits” for use around the world, provide all types of needed supplies for local and national ministries, and assist many projects that are sending God’s love, locally, nationally, and around the world. Housing available through partner UMC churches in the area and special rates arranged with local hotels. Accept Y,YA,A,OA. (*UMVIM Project # NEJ-SQC-0204-04; Updated 12/13/13*)

### **ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- 21. CAMP NOAH\*** is a week-long day camp for youth who have experienced disaster/trauma. As a volunteer Camp Leader you will provide a safe, caring and fun environment for children to build resiliency skills within the familiarity of their own communities. Camp Noah uses a proven curriculum designed to help children process their disaster and/or trauma experience through creative activities and play. Camp Noah’s traditional team is led by a team leader who works with a team of 15-25 volunteers. Camp Noah provides comprehensive training for both the Team Leader and their team. Volunteers need not have a background working with youth. The curriculum is prescribed and follows a model similar to most camps – arts and crafts, games, large group songs and skits, small group activities, etc. Camp Noah ships all of the materials directly to the site. Each team is responsible for transporting themselves to the site of the camp (which is presented in the area in which the disaster happened) and providing evening meals. Daytime meals and housing are provided by Camp Noah. Each year about 30 Camp Noah programs happen around the US, which a large concentration of them during spring and summer school breaks. Teams are able to give the timeframe that works for their team, and the general area they are willing to travel to. Sites will then be assigned to teams as they are set up. This is a great opportunity for a multigenerational team or partnership between area churches. Camp Noah typically works with ages 16+, but is willing to make exceptions depending on the circumstances. For more information please contact Rebecca Lewis at [Rebecca.lewis@lssmn.org](mailto:Rebecca.lewis@lssmn.org) or 1.800.987.0061, or 651.969.2258 or fill out the online interest form at <http://goo.gl/forms/SP1Q4yzGcd>. (*UMVIM Project # UMCOR-0116-01*)
- \*UMCOR partners with Camp Noah at many disaster sites across the country.