

Partnership in Disaster



The United Methodist Church through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) have been working in partnership with emergency services and local churches since 1940.

The United Methodist Church seeks to provide relief for human suffering by responding to the needs of all people who are in need of relief.



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Disaster Response Ministries

A Caring Christian Presence in
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How We Work

The UMC Disaster Teams will only respond when invited by either local churches, district offices, or emergency services. We have the ability to call up support teams nationally if needed. Our teams are trained, certified, and background checked to provide for the care of those in need.

What We Do

Early Response Teams (ERT) are specially trained teams of 3-7 persons, who are equipped to respond during rescue or relief stages to provide emotional, spiritual, and physical support for survivors of a disaster.



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ERTs are completely self sufficient, so as not to take away services or supplies meant for emergency workers and survivors.

Disaster Ministries can help with case managing, tarp roofs, flood abatement, property recovery, tree and debris removal (chainsaw certified teams), securing homes, making homes safe to enter if possible, and providing spiritual and emotional care.

UMVIM Long Term Recovery

After the relief phase of a disaster is complete, it can take years for a community to rebuild. The UMC, in partnership, can provide long term support, leadership, and resources to help a community rebuild from a disaster. The services we provide include:

- Setting up long term recovery sites to manage rebuilding.
- Providing case management for survivors of a disaster, who would otherwise fall through the cracks.
- Providing volunteer led support in clean up, abatement, and construction.
- Provide access to non government funding.
- Providing long term spiritual and emotional care with trained pastors and volunteers.
- Help survivors navigate federal financial aid.

