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LOOKING BACK at SUMMER: Getting Ready for FALL

Summer is ending with disasters part of our everyday news and will create new opportunities for us to serve in the coming months. Let's start planning now about how we might serve. See below for a list of current team requests.

This summer most Annual Conferences were very different as they worked through the actions of the General Conference Special Session and looking at 'next steps' for the 2020 General Conference.

In July, the Jurisdiction Coordinators attended 'YOUTH 2019' conference in Kansas City, MO. We connected with many Youth Teams and workers and asked the youth "Why Are

You in Mission?". [Click here to view.](#)



In response to the damage done to Trona Community Church as a result of the Ridgecrest earthquake, a Cal-Pac Early Response Team (ERT) of 15 volunteers from 9 different churches across the Conference came to Trona to work for 3 days in late July. This small community church is held in trust by the North District Union with the intent that it eventually become a resource and meeting place for the whole community. [Click here to read the entire article.](#)

In August, the five jurisdictional coordinators and representatives from their Board of Directors, met in Nashville to discuss how to work more collaboratively. Several options were discussed and you should start to see some of the work in early 2020 . The group made one commitment and that was to continue to serve God through out the world, where they are invited.

As we head into the peak hurricane season, you can do the following:

PRAY

- Pray for the victims and the first responders of various disasters throughout the world;

SERVE

- If you are a certified Early Response Team member consider joining an ERT team when requested. UMVIM Long



Term Recovery teams will be needed in 2020. Also, support UMCOR as they work on the disaster relief effort

GIVE

- And You can join with UMCOR by donating to our disaster response and recovery funds. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Give to International Disaster Response and Recovery here: <https://advance.umcor.org/p-641-umcor-international-disaste...>

Give to United States Disaster Response and Recovery here: <https://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-...>



Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Special Requests for UMVIM Teams

Calling ALL VIM Teams!!



There's been a request for UMVIM teams at the Mendocino Redwood Retreat 4640 Albion-Little River Rd in Little River, CA (3mi. south of Mendocino on the California Coast.

Sunny Farley, Site Director of Mendocino Redwood Retreat is looking for an UMVIM team of 15-30 to help with various repair jobs around the camp.

This project is currently ready for teams!

From Sunny Farley, Site Director

Our campground serves disabled campers and needs wooden ramps, railings, porches repaired. We have a stockpile of some lumber, plus we are seeking more and asking for UMVIM for some help. Should money be an issue for UMVIM, we will attempt to secure still more money from local sources.

Our priority is volunteers with the skills to do the work.

We have various repair jobs around the camp - leaking sky lights, roofs that need to be patched and cleaned of debris, landscaping work. We are simply an old campground located in a place that rains a lot, which wreaks havoc on wooden cabins and other buildings. We also would like to blaze some new trails on our 27-acre site.

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1. Will teams be able to prepare food? YES, We have a commercial kitchen
 2. Will there be sleeping accommodations? YES, Members can sleep in cabins. Four cabins hold 8 people each.
 3. Can youth volunteer? YES, High school and older
 4. What type of skills are needed? Carpentry, landscaping, minor repair, possibly some touch up painting.
 5. Do teams need to bring special equipment/supplies? NO
- If you have a VIM team that has experience in these areas, please let me know and I will get you in touch with Sunny Farley.

Thank you in advance!

Shari Sandoval

VIM Project Coordinator

e-mail: umvim@calnevumc.org

direct line:916-374-1528

Saipan Still Need Teams

The need for Early Response Teams to Saipan is huge with more than 500 homes needing repairs especially to roofs. We have currently worked on over 50 homes. Team members will be assigned to multi-conference teams based on abilities and availability. Each team will have a trained team leader, or co-leaders. with Linda Wilson as project director, who interfaces with FEMA. Teams will work for 2 weeks, excluding Sunday, when we hope you will support the local United Methodist church (Rev. Debbie Wise, pastor).

Requirements:

- ERT trained and currently badged, non-United Methodists included
- Passport good for up to 6 months beyond deployment dates
- Excellent health, flexibility, and a sense of humor make for a great mission
- Money for meals (a per diem will be paid to your bank, so you pay upfront)
- SS# for FEMA travel authorization



- WJ international travel insurance—depending on days to and from airport, approx. \$60
- Proven construction skills (carpentry & metal skills) for current trussing/tin roof jobs is needed but not required.

FEMA will provide:

- Transportation to local airport and Saipan and home again. No extra days allowed.
- Housing on Saipan
- Ground transportation
- Per diem (for food) --reimbursed at end of deployment

Judy Lewis, Cal-Pac Disaster Response Coordinator; DFJKLewis@aol.com; 909-731-8248 For application packet: Linda Wilson, lwilson6215@gmail.com, 720-394-1567 For more information: Calpacumc.org disaster response task force.

UMVIM TEAMS NEEDED IN WJ THIS FALL

Cal/Nev:

California-Nevada Annual Conference Disaster Response Ministry is in **immediate need of UMVIM Teams to help REBUILD HOMES destroyed in:**

2017 Firestorm - Mendocino County (Redwood Valley and Potter Valley).

- Work is typically Monday - Friday with a Sunday evening arrival.
- All levels of skill are welcome.
- Volunteer housing is available at \$50 a week per person!
- Proof of SAFE SANCTUARIES CLEARANCE (with online training and background check) or your conference equivalent is required.
- This work is being done in partnership with Hope Crisis Response Network

- **For more information contact:**
 - **Volunteer Coordinator, Danielle Rodrick Juszcak** at danilla3comet@yahoo.com
 - Please cc: Shari Sandoval at umvim@calnevumc.org

2015 - 2017 Fires - Lake County (Middletown)

- **UMVIM Teams from across the nation love coming to Middletown!**
- **Dorm housing with full commercial kitchen, large eating and gathering area, meals provided with lots and lots of snacks, and pretty good WIFI.**
- **Arrangements for your mission are made directly with our partner, "Hope City" at <https://hopecityinspiringhope.org/lake-county>**
 - ***NOTE: Although the Hope City website includes links to register for Mendocino and other locations, we ask that UMVIM teams register only for Lake County directly through the link. If you are wanting to go to Mendocino, please contact Danielle, our Volunteer Coordinator, listed above. Information on other locations will be sent out as soon as our Conference has support in place***
- **Construction coordination and tools are provided by Hope City.**
- **Contact Shari Sandoval at umvim@calnevumc.org or Danielle at danilla3comet@yahoo.com for more information.**

Santa Rosa/Sonoma County rebuilds coming soon! 2018 Carr Fire and Camp Fire will be announced in the future. Please help us get the 2017 families on their feet and into a new home!

Contact [Shari Sandoval](#) for more information

Alaska

In addition to potential teams for the earthquake recovery, we are also looking for teams to help with fire recovery. The McKinley Fire has destroyed 50+ homes, 80 additional structures, and 3 businesses. It is not yet fully contained, but we already have people ready for construction/Case management/volunteer management. We'll have a better picture of work team needs in the coming months. It is anticipated that Long Term Recovery Sites will be available for UMVIM teams in Spring 2020. The work will be repair and rebuilding of homes. More information will be available later this fall so keep this site as an option.

Around the Jurisdiction - Early Response and UMVIM Trainings

- Be ready to help when a disaster strikes.
- Learn how to clean out a flooded home, tarp a roof and work alongside survivors while staying safe.
- Early Response Team's provide a caring christian presence in the aftermath of disaster.
- Class is open to those 18 years or older.



Alaska:

Alaska is focusing on the Long Term Recovery after the 2018 Earthquakes. A call for LTR teams is anticipated for this Fall. Contact [Dan Wilcox](#) for more information about Early Response Training.

Cal/Nev:

For the Fall Early Response Training schedule contact [Leslie Carmichael](#) or go to the [Cal/Nev website](#) for more information.

Cal/Pac:

Early Response Team Training, Oct 2019 @San Diego

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019

Location: St. Mark's UMC of San Diego (3502 Clairemont Dr, San Diego, CA 92117)

Cost: \$40 (includes light lunch and manuals)

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 14, 2019

Early Response Teams (ERTs) to fill specific needs in the early days after a disaster, such as cleaning out flood-damaged homes, removing debris, placing tarps on homes and otherwise helping to prevent further damage, while providing a caring Christian presence. To be eligible for an ERT team, participants must take the 8 hour Basic Class ERT. After completion, participants will receive an ERT identification card which is valid for three years. A Renewal Class of 4 hours is required every 3 years. A background check (conducted through UMCOR's Verified Volunteers program) is required in order to receive an ERT identification card and participate on a team.

Class instructors are Judy & Doug Lewis, from the California-Pacific Conference.

Additional Materials: Participants owning a laptop or WiFi-enabled tablet are encouraged to bring one, in order to efficiently process paperwork related to certification. Laptops and tablets

are not required, but helpful. Participants must have an individual email account for personal use.

[Register online](#) or learn more by contacting Judy Lewis, Cal-Pac UMVIM/Disaster Response Coordinator, at DFJKLewis@aol.com or 909.731.8248.

Desert South West::

The DSW Conference is offering ERT training for anyone interested. October 5 at Green Valley UMC, Las Vegas, NV. Tom Mattick, trainer

Registration at 7:30, course 8-5. Cost \$30. Lunch and snacks served. Photo for badge and on-line background check will be done on-site.

Contact Polly Turner @ Polly@ix.netcom.com or Tom Mattick @ tmattick@me.com for additional information.

Mountain Sky:

For the Fall Early Response Training schedule contact [Jay Vestal](#) or [Jim Robison-Cox](#) for more information.

OR-ID:

For the Fall Early Response Training schedule contact ERT Coordinator, [Larry Johnson](#), at oridumcert@gmail.com

PNW:

For the Fall Early Response Training schedule contact [Kathy Bryson](#) for more information.

UMVIM Team Leader Training Scheduled for October

The California-Nevada United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Team Leader Training is being offered Saturday, October 26, 2019, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Los Altos UMC, 655 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024. UMVIM Team Leader Steve Elliot, a veteran of many trips, will facilitate.



UMVIM Teams can serve close to home or travel to faraway destinations around the globe to work with host communities. They address a wide variety of needs such as disaster recovery, medical, justice, construction, and Bible study.

Attend the event for answers to questions such as:

- How do I arrange lodging and travel?
- How do I help my team be culturally sensitive?
- What about insurance?
- Does my team need a background check?
- How do I start a mission team?
- How do I register my trip?
- What about youth?
- How do I help my team members reflect and grow from their experience?

[Register here.](#) \$30 reserves your spot and pays for your Team Leader manual, “A Mission Journey Handbook,” along with lunch and snacks.

[Download flyer](#) here.

Other Sites Requesting UMVIM Teams

Puerto Rico Rebuild Update: Youth Teams Being Accepted!



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There is still a lot of work to be done. in Puerto Rico Many people are not in their homes after more than a year since the Hurricane. Teams are still needed to help with rebuilding in Puerto Rico. Tymera Jackson informed us that in Jan. 2020, the MCPR will start receiving teams again to serve on Jan. 9th when they return from their Christmas and Three Kings' Day celebrations. We have already received a tremendous response from UMVIM teams to serve in early Jan. 2020, to the degree that Jan. 9 – Jan. 19, 2020 is now completely full (over 10 teams). There is still plenty of room from Jan. 20th throughout the rest of the year in 2020.

Tymera stated that she has been receiving emails from teams inquiring about VBS, and youth teams wanting to serve in Puerto Rico. These type of programs fall under something called “Church to Church (CTC)” in Puerto Rico. The “CTC” program falls under the purview of Volunteers in Mission. I wanted to provide you with the contact

person in Puerto Rico who oversees the program. Her name is Paloma Rodriguez and she can be contacted directly. Her email is: paloma.rodriguez@metodistapr.org
She, always, wants to thank you so much for your continued support with the disaster recovery efforts in Puerto Rico!!! Thank you!

Contact Tymera Jackson for more information or get a **Volunteer Application:** [Click Here](#)

Tymera Jackson, Puerto Rico Volunteer Coordinator - Mainland
puertoricovols@umcor.org 914-615-2248

Mission Volunteers

Mission Volunteer Placement Promotion September 2019

Each month the Mission Volunteer Office highlights current placement openings in order to encourage people looking to serve in God's mission throughout the world to apply to be Mission Volunteers.

Mission Volunteers are individuals or couples (ages 18 and up), who seek long-term partnerships with communities around the world. Mission Volunteer opportunities are diverse and range from working with refugees, children and youth, serving as a teacher, pastor, camp director or health care professional. The length of service ranges from two months to more than two years.

A video series made to empower, equip, and resource individuals and couples interested in long term service by engaging in God's mission in the world. To view this video series and more, visit the Mission Volunteer website at: <http://missionvolunteers.org>

Current Mission Volunteer placement openings with immediate need:

Bahamas:

Serve for 6 months in the Bahamas as a Volunteer Coordinator who will assist volunteer groups with their mission to BMH, coordinate activities, recruit teams, and prepare and lead excursions.

St. Mary's Ohio:

Serve as a Mission Volunteer at The Victor House which seeks to provide a Christian, sober-living, transitional home for men ages 18 and up. The volunteer would assist with monitoring activities of each participant, guiding participants in spiritual growth and development of life skills such as budgeting, communication and decision making as well as help to lead weekly Bible study and community groups.

To find more information and apply for these placement openings contact the Mission Volunteer Office directly at mv@umcmmission.org. For a complete list of placement sites requesting long-term volunteers visit our website at <https://www.umcmmission.org/serve-with-us/mission-volunteers>



2020 Mission Volunteer Training Dates

For more information to the the Mission Volunteers Website at <https://www.umcmmission.org/serve-with-us/mission-volunteers>

February 5 – 8th, 2020

Nearest airport – Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT)

Biloxi, MS 39530

1410 Leggett Drive

Seashore United Methodist Assembly

April 22 – 25th, 2020

Lake Williamson Christian Center

17280 Lakeside Drive

Carlinville, IL 62626

Nearest airport – St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL)

September 2 – 5th, 2020

Episcopal Church Center of Utah

75 South 200 East

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Nearest airport – Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC)

December 2 – 5th, 2020

Nazareth Retreat Center

1814 Egyptian Way

Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Nearest airport – Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)



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Your UMVIM WJ Conference Coordinators are there to assist and support you as you answer your call to serve as a short-term mission volunteer. If you are already scheduled to serve on a mission journey, let us know about it, so that

we can share your story. Please feel free to contact them for information or connection to other VIM Resources.

UMVIM OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities for all ages, teams, couples, and individuals in the USA and around the world.

[Projects in the USA](#)

[Projects International](#)

[Projects for Individuals](#)

We're just like you. We're teachers, business executives, parents, retirees, students...you name it. But the one thing we all have in common is our dedication to change. And the more volunteers we have, the bigger impact we can all make - TOGETHER.. [Learn More](#) about what it means to be a volunteer.



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