All UMVIM teams are reminded to contact their hosts prior to international and domestic travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission - Western Jurisdiction
Equipping Volunteers, Empowering Partnerships
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Continuing in Mission just Differently

Tammy Kuntz, the North Central UMVIM Jurisdiction Director, found this in "The Faith We Sing #2443) by Rusty Edwards. It is a reminder of God's mission for us.

We all are called for service
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So ev'ry folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

What are you doing to continue your mission work?

Have you been on a Virtual Mission? Or participated on webinars from Global Ministries #stillinmission Zoom meetings with missionaries? Have you participated in a one-day mission journey to a nearby mission site? The reasons to be in mission are still here, but we are finding new ways to serve differently.

Here are some ways to continue your mission service:

- **Virtual Mission Journeys** go to the [UMVIM website](https://umvim.org) for the entire list. Follow the Mission Journeys on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/umvim)
  - *Mission Journeys scheduled for August include:*

  ![Costa Rica 2020](image1)
  ![Honduras 2020](image2)
  ![Gyttje Mexico 2020](image3)
  ![Trinidad and Tobago 2020](image4)
  ![Tanzania 2020](image5)

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• Learning the new ways mission can be done through various trainings from UMVIM, annual conferences, and Global Ministries.
• Watch for Jurisdiction Academy's with Team Leader Trainings during the Fall and Winter with North Central UMVIM Jurisdiction Academy in October.
• Preparing for Disasters by participating in training webinars. (see below)
• Working on "Done in a Day" Mission Projects like helping asylum seekers or working to clean up after a disaster.
• Support those missions that we have been in relationship in the past or develop new ones. Continue those relationships through emails, zoom or giving to their Advance.

For more information, contact Ronda Cordill your WJ UMVIM Coordinator at umvimwj@gmail.com

Helping Asylum Seekers, Migrants, and Immigrants
by Susan Harriss, Cal/Pac Disaster Response/UMVIM Taskforce

How does one start a new ministry? Sometimes it is just a matter of offering to
help existing ministries. The California-Pacific Disaster Response Task Force recognized last fall that the humanitarian crisis on our southern border is a disaster in which our Task Force should be taking a more active role. We have since become more involved with the CalPac Immigration Task Force in searching for ways to address the problems facing asylum seekers, immigrants and migrants. The Lord must have heard the people crying out for help. This spring the Disaster Response Task Force received a large donation of hotel hospitality items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc). What to do? Read More

To give to the Disaster Response Toiletry Kit Fund, visit calpacumc.org/donate
Mass Care / Sheltering in a COVID World (WJ Disaster Response) 2020

Date: August 26, 2020 (4:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDT; 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM HST)

Location: online

Cost: Free (sponsored by Western Jurisdiction Disaster Response)

Registration Deadline: August 23, 2020

Classes are open to participants from all Western Jurisdiction conferences.

About the Class:

- This event will take place via an online meeting platform, and you will be sent the link closer to the event date via the email you give in the registration. One registration per participant.
- **Technical requirements:** To participate, participants must have a reliable Internet connection, and a laptop, tablet, or smartphone device that can download and install apps or software. A web or phone camera and a microphone are highly recommended.
- **Instructors:** Erin Fox, Program Manager, San Bernardino County American Red Cross. A Q&A session will be facilitated by Conference Disaster Response Coordinators.
Mission Volunteers Virtual Training, Sept 3-4

Whether you are interested in becoming a Mission Volunteer, want to be an advocate for the Mission Volunteer program, or are just curious to know more about mission opportunities, you are invited to register for the Mission Volunteer virtual training on Sept 3-4. Those interested can register at missionvolunteers.org

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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.