

Course Offerings for the 2017 UMVIM/UMCOR Training Academy

FOUNDATIONS FOR DISASTER MINISTRY

Why engage in disaster ministry? What are the phases of disaster? Who are the players? What are the functions and opportunities for volunteers? Where do the resources come from? What are our mission and values? We will address these questions and more! This session is the foundational training that grounds all of our efforts in disaster ministry, so if you have not attended this in the past few years, please put this on your schedule! *UMCOR Staff*

DISASTER RESPONSE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Strategies for enhancing your conference / disaster response mechanisms

This inter-active workshop will identify opportunities for strengthening your Conference disaster response capabilities. Participants will exchange baseline and best practices for early response coordination and communication strategies, how to move from relief to recovery, training plans, disaster plans and ways to generate cabinet and conference committee support for disaster ministries. This class is designed specifically for CDRC's, DDRC's, DCM's and other conference level persons and long term recovery staff. *UMCOR Staff*

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

Become an UMCOR-authorized ERT Trainer! Those who successfully complete this course will be able to train ERT Basic and ERT200 classes within their Annual Conference. Those who attend should be willing and able to demonstrate and articulate ERT best practices. Pre-requisites: Recommendation from your conference disaster response coordinator and current ERT badge. (This course takes the entire teaching time at the Academy. If you register for this, you will not be able to register for any other courses.) *UMCOR - Barbara Tripp*

DISASTER EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL CAREGIVING

Disaster Emotional and Spiritual care is a versatile ministry that can be helpful in all phases of disaster and in context of varying roles. From times of peace, through the chaos of disaster response and the seemingly long road to recovery, this session provides an overview of the ministry of presence, reactions to traumatic stress, the importance of self-care, and an overview of the steps in developing a care team. *UMCOR - Wendy Vencuss*

DISASTER EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM CONFERENCE CAPACITY BUILDING

Creating a vision for disaster emotional and spiritual care for your conference; establishing policies and procedures, how to deploy, debrief and much more. Class is designed to help make decisions on the creation of teams for a conference. *UMCOR - Wendy Vencuss*

ERT 200: Site Assessment

Site Assessment class is designed for both team leader and logistics persons. This class explores ways to evaluate a site for safety and suitability for an ERT. ERT site assessment

specialty teams could be very helpful in the earliest days after an event to set the way for other teams to come. (This class is not designed for use in rebuilding or repairing.) *UMCOR*

ERT 200: ERT Team Leader/UMVIM Long-Term Recovery in US Disaster Response

Team Leadership, is designed to be for both leaders and assistant leaders. This class will explore more of what those functions involve as well as what all functions on a team should be doing. This class will be taught jointly by UMCOR and UMVIM to include tips for ERT as well as long term recovery teams. *UMCOR / UMVIM*

CONNECTING NEIGHBORS: Disaster Readiness and Response as a ministry of your church
Learn about the context of disaster ministry and how this curriculum can be useful to inspire congregants and churches to be better prepared so that they can respond to their neighbor in helpful, cooperative and caring ways on behalf of the church and in the spirit of Jesus Christ. There are 3 modules and a general introduction that participants will explore: Introduction (.5 hrs)-understanding how our structure as United Methodists increases our capabilities to respond to those in need. Ready Congregations (2.0-2.5 hrs)-preparing individuals and families, Ready Churches (2.0-2.5 hrs)-protecting church and property. Ready Response (2.0-2.5 hrs)-encourages churches to explore their capacity for various disaster response ministries.
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ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Learn how to engage a distressed community with dignity and effectiveness using Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD leverages the strengths and talents of a community to address its concerns and is a more effective and sustainable practice than trying to "fix" its shortcomings. This approach not only uses best practices for long-term community development, it also acts as a form of disaster risk reduction.
Phil Hissom, The Polis Institute

EXPLORING CONCEPTS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM AND PRIVILEGE IN MISSION

[Introductory treatment of concepts and terminology around systemic racism, implicit bias, white privilege, intercultural competency, etc.]
GCORR - Dr. Katelin Hansen & Rev. Dr. Jerry Devine

VITAL CONVERSATIONS AROUND RACE AND PRIVILEGE

[Deeper dive into role plays, situations a team leader might encounter, strategies for reducing defensiveness and calling people into conversation rather than calling people out.]
GCORR - Dr. Katelin Hansen & Rev. Dr. Jerry Devine

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Have you ever wondered why after years of mission trips and support conditions remain the same in some of our mission fields? Do you think mission is being impacted by the changes in our world and don't feel equipped to adapt to these changes? You may even have questions about the role of race in mission. God is dynamic and so is mission. Come and let's discuss "Global Health Mission in the 21st Century."
GLOBAL MINISTRIES - Dr. Olusimbo Ige

CENTER FOR MISSION INNOVATION: Best Practices from the Global Church

Explore and listen to the work of the Spirit as God leads us into a new mission age. The Center for Mission Innovation of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church is a forward-thinking

and forward-leaning laboratory, re-envisioning and redefining 21st-century mission practice with emphasis on being glocal (global and local). *GLOBAL MINISTRIES - Patrick Friday*

THEOLOGY OF MISSION: A Wesleyan Paradigm for the Local Church

Global Ministries is in mission to witness to what God has done and is doing, and to learn from what God is doing in every land where disciples gather in the name of Jesus Christ. Our Theology of Mission statement is foundational and instructive providing guidance for local churches to participate in the Missio Dei. This transformative concept, as defined by the renowned missiologist David Bosch, is described as follows: Mission is a movement from God to the world; the church is viewed as an instrument for that mission. There is church because there is mission, not vice versa. To participate in mission is to participate in the movement of God's love toward people, since God is a fountain of sending love.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES - Patrick Friday

50/50 PARTNERSHIPS IN GLOBAL MINISTRY

Good intentions are not enough. How do you empower others without creating dependency? The paradigm shifting 50/50 Partnership equips you and your church to move from short-term, needs-based, charity to long-term, asset-based, development. It fosters mutuality, self-sufficiency and capacity-building by grounding relationships in our shared gifts as the body of Christ.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES - Patrick Friday

JUSTICE AND MISSION

United Methodists often excel at mission efforts directed toward mercy for the least, the last, and the lost. But we often fail to address the "upstream" problems that create the need for those merciful actions. How can we re-envision the mission efforts of our local churches and Annual Conferences to include robust justice ministries? Learn about the intersection of justice and mission in the United Methodist Church from one of our current Global Mission Fellows who is doing this work in Philadelphia.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES - Rachel Ternes, Global Mission Fellow

GLOBAL MINISTRIES' EARTHKEEPERS PROGRAM

Recently, Global Ministries launched a new program called Earthkeepers. Earthkeepers are United Methodists who discerned a call from God to a vocation of caring for God's creation. Global Ministries' Theology of Mission asserts: "God's Mission reclaims the life of all creatures and redeems all creation for God's intended purpose." But who are the 45 newly commissioned Earthkeepers, and what do they do? Come find out in this informative workshop.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES - Karen Prudente, Earthkeeper

UMVIM COORDINATORS WORKSHOP

District and Conference-level UMVIM Coordinators are invited to a workshop to share strategies for training, recruitment, and volunteer coordination. We will also workshop a draft of an updated Team Leader Manual slated for publication in mid-2017. *UMVIM - Tom Lank*