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PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENING AS HE WILL BE SPEAKING THROUGH IMAGES AND WORDS ON THE "FACES OF DISASTER".

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WHO IS THE WESTERN JURISDICTION UMVIM?  
(UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION)  
WE ARE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST WHO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY CHRISTIAN LOVE IN ACTION THROUGH UMVIM TEAMS.  
WE HAVE A PASSION FOR MINISTRY AND OUTREACH BY LOCAL CHURCHES AND THEIR MEMBERS.  
WE BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN DIFFERENT CULTURAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS SO THAT THERE MAY BE MORE UNDERSTANDING, COMPASSION, AND PEACE ON EARTH.

# DISASTER RESPONSE ACADEMY MARCH 2-5, 2015 DENVER, CO

WESTERN JURISDICTION  
OF THE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**We look forward to the  
following sessions:**

**Foundations for Disaster Ministry**  
**Basic Spiritual Care**  
**Connecting Neighbors**  
**ERT Basic**  
**ERT Advanced**  
**Cabinet Training**  
**Team Hosting**  
**Grant Writing & Reporting**  
**Spiritual Care Team Leader Training**  
**UMVIM Team Leader Training**  
**ERT Advanced Team Leader Training**  
**Long Term Recovery**  
**ERT Advanced Muck Out Training**



Volunteers from the Lyons Community Church (Methodist) helping families through the Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF). LEAF moves Lyons area residents towards self-sufficiency, especially in the aftermath of natural disaster, like the September flood, by providing basic needs and homeless-prevention services where other available support is insufficient.



Volunteers from the First United Methodist Church (UMC) in Glenwood Springs, Colo., help Glen Haven land owner repair her flood-damaged pasture land.

## **REGISTRATION COSTS**

Event pass - \$200/person\*

\*meals, sessions and materials included

Full Day pass - \$45/day - or -

Monday PM or Thursday AM - \$25/class\*\*

\*\*handouts, sessions and materials only;  
meals extra

## **ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION:**

<http://goo.gl/BqQ9eP>

Pay online or pay by check

\$50.00 of registration fee non-refundable.



## **HOTEL COSTS SEPARATE**

\$109/night\*

\*rate also available for Sunday and Friday

Holiday Inn Denver East – Stapleton

3333 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207

303-321-3500 and ask for rates for “WJ3”

## Earth, Wind, Fire & Flood

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM			Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	7 - 8		Devotions & Announcements	Devotions & Announcements	Devotions & Announcements	UMVIM Coordinators' Annual Meeting Schedule TBD
	8 - 8:30		Foundations for Disaster Ministry	Grant Writing & Reporting	Caring for the Caregiver	
	8:30-12		Basic Spiritual Care - pt 1 of 2	Spiritual Care Team Leader Training	Conference Plans/Partners	
	Connecting Neighbors - pt 1 of 2		UMVIM Team Lead training - pt 1 of 2	Volunteer Management		
PM		ERT Advanced - Assessment	ERT Advanced - Team Leader training	ERT Advanced - Team Leader training	11 - 12 - Closing Worship	
	12 - 1	ERT Basic - pt 1 of 2	Conf Long Term Recovery - pt 1 of 2	Conf Long Term Recovery - pt 1 of 2	Box Lunches	
	1:30 - 5	Noon Meal	Noon Meal	Noon Meal	UMVIM/DRC Joint Session	
		Cabinet Training	Case Management Intro	Case Management Intro		
		Connecting Neighbors - pt 2 of 2	UMVIM Team Lead training - pt 2 of 2	UMVIM Team Lead training - pt 2 of 2		
		Team Hosting	ERT Advanced - Muck Out training	ERT Advanced - Muck Out training		
		ERT Basic - pt 2 of 2	Conf Long Term Recovery - pt 2 of 2	Conf Long Term Recovery - pt 2 of 2		
		Basic Spiritual Care - pt 2 of 2	Advanced Spiritual Care Team Leader Training	Advanced Spiritual Care Team Leader Training		
EVE	5 - 6	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal		
	6:30 - 7	Opening worship	Open	Open		
	7 - 8:30	UMCOR Overview	Open*	Paul Jeffrey		

### Course recommendations:

Cabinet Track
Connecting Neighbors Track
ERT Basic Track
ERT Advanced Track
UMVIM Team Leader Track
Spiritual Care Track

### \* Optional Open Evening Session

Panel Discussion - In the Trenches;  
Stories from Real Life Responders

Wildfires  
Alaska Recovery  
Colorado Flooding

[UMCOR Training Link](#)

## 2015 Western Jurisdiction Disaster Training Course Descriptions

COURSES	DESCRIPTIONS
Foundations for Disaster Ministry	Foundations for Disaster Ministry is an introduction for all people interested in the unique and important role the faith community plays in disaster readiness and response in the United States. Participants learn about disasters, traditional responses to a disaster and how the faith-based response is different, how to prepare for a disaster, and how to get involved after disaster strikes. The module provides a vision of disaster response that includes emotional and spiritual care as well as physical rebuilding to assist in long-term recovery of those in need, and addresses the unmet needs of all survivors, particularly people who were vulnerable before a disaster. This is an update and replacement for the Disaster 101 course.
Cabinet Foundations for Disaster Ministry	This session is tailored for Cabinet and DRC attendees. Foundations for Disaster Ministry is an introduction for all people interested in the unique and important role the faith community plays in disaster readiness and response in the United States. Participants learn about disasters, traditional responses to a disaster and how the faith-based response is different, how to prepare for a disaster, and how to get involved after disaster strikes. The module provides a vision of disaster response that includes emotional and spiritual care as well as physical rebuilding to assist in long-term recovery of those in need, and addresses the unmet needs of all survivors, particularly people who were vulnerable before a disaster. This is an update and replacement for the Disaster 101 course.
Basic Spiritual Care	Provides training in identifying spiritual and emotional needs of individuals, communities, and congregations following disasters; responding to those needs; elaborating strategies for disaster responders' self-care, and understanding how Care Teams fit into the overall United Methodist disaster-response structure.
Connecting Neighbors	This is a Train-the-Trainer Program designed to teach conference representatives how to help local churches develop a disaster ministry. Churches can better provide a caring Christian response to local disasters if they have prepared their church families and facility before disaster occurs. Connecting Neighbors addresses the faith community's responsibility in disaster readiness and response and suggests tools to meet individual and community needs. Leaders are taught how to present the Connecting Neighbors program; how to connect the church to outside resources and to the community's emergency plans; where the church fits in; and how the church can help the community at large. Participants are given all the tools necessary to present a meaningful program to local churches and to assist the local congregation in developing a disaster ministry.
ERT Basic	Who Benefits: Volunteers who work with Early Response Teams (ERTs) are often the first people on the ground providing aid after a disaster strikes. Their mission is to create a caring presence. They immediately help to clean things up and make homes safe, sanitary and secure. ERT volunteers must go through ERT training with UMCOR. This ensures that they will operate under specific guidelines that allow them to be productive and caring while causing no further harm or being a burden to the affected community. Topics covered in the class include the who, what, when, where and how of doing ministry, as well as hands on experience in the specific tasks that early responders are expected to accomplish.
ERT Advanced - Assessment	TBD
Cabinet Training	This session is tailored for Cabinet and DRC attendees. How do the bishop and cabinet respond in event of emergency? What can UMCOR do to help? How do we do ministry in the face of a major disaster? This course is designed primarily to prepare and support the Bishop and Extended Cabinet* in their roles in disaster response and recovery. Specific emphasis is placed on the necessity of having a comprehensive disaster response plan revised and maintained within the annual conference. Additional topics include: How UMCOR supports the Conference; roles of the Conference Disaster Response coordinator and committee, and financial officers; and how the Conference can support local pastors.
Team Hosting	Volunteers play a critical role in any disaster recovery effort. The local church and community can provide hospitality and meaningful service by hosting volunteers in disaster response and recovery efforts. Participants learn how to manage volunteers so those volunteers can contribute effectively and find great personal rewards through their work. This workshop will help prepare you for providing volunteer housing, food, transportation, recreation, and affirmation.
Grant Writing & Reporting	This session is tailored for Cabinet and DRC attendees. Current UMCOR policies and procedure for grant application and required reporting.
Spiritual Care Team Leader Training	Provides Care Team leaders with tools and skills to lead Care Team members during and after deployment. Basic Care Team Training is a prerequisite.

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Conf Long Term Recovery	This longest phase of disaster response can take several years, depending on the scope of the disaster. Survivors face a myriad of challenges as they work toward restoring normalcy. Recovery includes helping survivors find long-term solutions to their needs. This can include reconstruction or relocation, support for livelihoods or securing employment, transportation and especially restoration of hope.
UMVIM Team Lead training	Are you planning to lead a mission/outreach team responding to a disaster or some other ministry? This can be local, national, or international – whichever you are leading, this is the training for you. The training gives you detailed information on the best practices of team participation, on insurance coverage, on support available, as well as practical guidelines on preparing yourself and your team to serve. You will gain valuable information to inspire, equip, and empower.
ERT Advanced - Team Leader Training	Aimed at people who have time and can be self-sufficient, on-site managers are expected to remain for two weeks or more at a location in order to assist the local community in receiving the immediate help. This class introduces people to the ERT system and guidelines and enables them to set up appropriately for the incoming teams. Special emphasis is placed on permission from homeowners for work to be done, coordination of teams, and the tools necessary for setting up and reporting activities.
Case Management Intro	This session is tailored for Cabinet and DRC attendees. Overview of the role and function of Case Managers in disaster recovery. The full Case Manager course only is presented following an actual disaster for those who will fill this critical role in the recovery process.
Advanced Spiritual Care Team Leader Training	Provides Care Team leaders with practical ideas for working with congregations that have experienced disaster in their communities. Basic Care Team and Care Team Leader trainings are prerequisites.
ERT Advanced - Muck Out	TBD
Caring for the CareGiver	This session is tailored for Cabinet and DRC attendees. Helps participants recognize the signs of stress and burnout and provides suggestions on how to cope with these realities.
Conference Plans/Partners	Workshop with UMCOR leadership for Conference DRC and UMVIM Coordinators and other Conference leaders to review lessons learned and other Conference-level matters. Will include elements of the Grant Writing & Reporting session to accommodate those unable to make the Wednesday AM session.
Volunteer Management	TBD