

DISASTER RESPONSE

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EARLY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) TRAINING

Led by UMCOR Authorized Trainers

This ERT training will provide:

- Information and hands-on training so you can assist survivors of natural disaster in their recovery.
- Upon successful completion of the course and a favorable background check, each participant will receive an UMCOR badge.
- UMCOR badge allows United Methodist Early Response Teams access to FEMA declared emergency zones.

Dates & Location:

Cost:

Limited to the first 24 applicants

Time:

Class starts

Class ends

Trainer(s):

Register: *Online at www.fumcva.org/serve-his-people/ online form
Select ERT Training.*

More Info: *Contact Trish Vaughan (540) 656-0905 or email serve@fumcva.org*

In partnership with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) and UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers In Mission) and VAUMC.

Emergency Response Training

April 6, 2019

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

308 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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.

We will meet from 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM and the cost is \$30 including lunch. The morning session will be in a classroom and the afternoon portion will be practical ladder and tarp learning outside, so dress accordingly.

Registration: <http://fumcva.org/serve-his-people/>

Parking: The Parking lot is located on Charlotte Street (around the block from Hanover Sanctuary Entrance). From Hanover Street, turn right on Princess Anne Street and then the 1st right onto Charlotte Street. The parking lot is mid-block on your right side. Lost? Call Trish (540) 656-0905.

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. After completing this training, taking the ERT knowledge assessment in class, and passing a background check, volunteers will be eligible to receive an UMCOR ERT badge.

Instituted May 1, 2009, this ERT badge is part of a national effort to certify early response volunteers across multiple agencies. This was born out of “lessons learned” from 9/11 and the need for volunteers to hold specific credentials to enter the disaster site. UMCOR ERT badge holders will be eligible to receive national certification to assist following a US disaster.

If you have a current badge about to expire or has just expired in the last few months you can attend part of this class to re-certify as an ERT volunteer.