

## *Training Questionnaire*

Who is making the request? (Name, Contact Information, Conference, Jurisdiction, etc.)

How many people do you anticipate?  
(Minimum of 12 required)

When and where do you want to hold the training?

Can you print manuals if e-mailed to you?

Will you be providing a meal/snack for this training?

Can you provide AV equipment? (LCD projector, chart paper, easel, etc.)

Is this the first training for this church or district? If no, where, when, and who did the training?

Do you have a local contact for the chainsaw safety training? For a roof to tarp?

What, if any, other basic disaster response training has been held in this church or district? (Please explain what, when and by whom)

Have you had conversations with local or state emergency management about the use of these teams? Is there a process for allowing them to work after a disaster?

For training, contact your:

- Conference disaster coordinator  
Trish Burket 712-303-8343
- Conference ERT trainer  
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# ERT

## Early Response Team Training

*A Collaborative Effort by:*  
United Methodist Committee on Relief  
*and*  
United Methodist Volunteers in Mission

*Providing a caring  
Christian presence in  
the aftermath of  
disaster*

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## ***Mission***

The mission of an early response team is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster. The team is neither a first response group of emergency workers nor a recovery, rebuild or repair team. Rather, it fills a specific need in the early days after a disaster to establish the presence of the church.

It is important to understand that ERTs are trained primarily to respond within their own community. To travel to another district, conference or jurisdiction requires an invitation from that area's ERT coordinator.

All ERTs are trained by authorized UMCOR trainers and given badges by their own conferences. We encourage all ERTs to wear bright green t-shirts as a means of recognition.



## ***Logistics***

This class takes an average of 8 hours in order to complete, not including meals or breaks

Suggested attendance is between 12-24 persons

While there is no upper age limit, all participants need to be in good physical health

No one under the age of 18 should serve on an ERT

Training is most effective when hands-on opportunities can be made readily available

It is important to participate in semi-annual or annual trainings to keep



your skills.

## ***Training Overview***



- Who? What? When? Why?
- Covenant Agreement
- Equipping a team
- Team safety
- Safe Sanctuaries Policies
- What exactly does an ERT do?
- Instructions for tasks
- Team building activities
- Forms
- Test your knowledge...

## ***Seven Basic Positions of a Team***

- Team Leader
- Assistant Team Leader
- Base Camp Manager
- Logistics
- Equipment Maintenance
- Safety Officer
- Listener/Team Recorder