



**WORKGROUP PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

*(Please read before signing, as this constitutes as an agreement as a volunteer and the understanding of your working relationship with the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge and state the following:

I have chosen to travel to the work site to perform chainsaw/cleanup/construction work in disaster relief.

I understand that this work entails a risk of physical injury and often involves hard physical labor, heavy lifting, and other strenuous activity. Some activities may take place on ladders and building framing above ground level.

I certify that I am in good health and physically able to perform this type of work.

I also agree to keep the information of those who we are helping private and not discuss or disclose any information to outside agencies, organizations, or private individuals, companies, or agents of those entities.

I understand that I am engaging in this project at my own risk. I understand that this is a "grass roots" activity to support individuals adversely affected by a disaster. I assume all risk and responsibility for any damage or injury to my property or any personal injury and for related material cost and expenses which I may sustain while involved in this project.

I further understand that I am to abide by whatever normal safety rules and regulations that may be in effect my national standards, and the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church or given to me at the disaster site.

In the event that my supervising disaster organization arranges accommodations, I understand that they are not responsible or liable for my personal effects and property and that they will not provide lock up or security for any items. I will hold them harmless in the event of theft or for loss resulting from any source or cause.

I further understand that I am to abide by whatever rules and regulations that may be in effect for the accommodations at that time.

I also agree to the use of any photographs taken for the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church website, brochures or any other publications.

By my signature, for myself, my estate and my heirs, I release, discharge, indemnify, and forever hold the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church together with their officers, agents, servants, and employees, harmless from any and all causes of action arising from my participation in this project, and travel or lodging associated therewith, including any damages which may be caused by their own negligence.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_