

LONG TERM RECOVERY (UMVIM) TEAMS NEEDED IN THE NCJ

Flooding, tornadoes and even earthquakes have caused damage this past winter, spring and summer in the North Central Jurisdiction. Contact information for the Disaster Response coordinator and/or specific disaster site coordinator of the affected conferences are listed below. Contact these folks to find out if/when/where they can use your team!

1. ILLINOIS (ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS CONF) – (updated 6/15/09)

- ✓ In the month of March 2008, storms that hit southern Illinois caused major flooding. This is before the current flooding of June 2008. Fifteen counties were impacted. Three of these counties experienced damage in concentrated areas. There will be approximately 115-150 homes that will need repairs/rebuilding in Union County (rural areas), Saline County (the town of Harrisburg) and Franklin County (the town of west Frankfurt). It is anticipated that volunteers will be needed by mid-August. **Contact Person: Ed Hoke, edpathoke@yahoo.com [#901680](tel:901680) - [Midwest Emergencies](#)**

2. INDIANA – The floods may seem long gone and out of the news, however volunteers are still needed to assist residence in northwest, far northwest and the central parts of Indiana. (updated 10/28/09)

- ✓ **In far northwest Indiana**, contact the Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery in Indiana (LARRI). Visit <www.larri.info/>. Contact volunteer coordinator Rhonda Carlson at 219 836-1325 ext 102 or email her <rcarlson@larri.info>. Construction site managers will use any and all volunteers.
- ✓ **Across central Indiana**. For work team schedules in the Columbus area, **contact Angie Huebel** at the United Way of Bartholomew County, 1531 13th Street, Columbus, IN 47201. E-mail ahuebel@uwbarthco.org or phone 812-314-2344. For other communities, **contact Jenni Walker**, South Indiana Resource Administrator. E-mail jenniwalker@mac.com. Phone 812-893-1760.
- ✓ **In Northwest Indiana** contact **Alan H. Welch**, director, DANI-Disaster Assistance for NW Indiana, 1021 N 10th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904-1947 of Phone 765-742-4718. Call toll-free 877-773-0249 or send e-mail to welchah@gmail.com. DANI information is available by visiting <<http://daniflood.org>>. Some housing is available. Volunteers are needed through early spring.
- ✓ **Morgan County (Lannie Stecher, pastorlannie@yahoo.com, 765-318-8344)** is in need of both skilled and unskilled volunteers to assist with rebuilding and repairing homes damaged by the June 2008 floods. The "500 year flood" impacted over 2700 households, 48% of which fall below the Federal poverty guidelines. Housing in churches can be provided. Go to <www.mcltrc.com> to register and for more project information. (Updated 10/24/09)
- ✓ **Southern Indiana - Contact Disaster Response Coordinator(s) : Rev. David Powell**, 820 W Mill Street, Danville, IN 46122. 317-745-4330, info@danvilleumc.org Terra Haute and Bartholomew County Areas in need of volunteers.

3. IOWA – We have started our new Block by Block program and will need lots of volunteers in Cedar Rapids and other locations. Pastor Melisa Bracht-Wagner was hired as of Sept. 1, 2009, to be our full time Conference **Disaster Volunteer Coordinator**.

VOLUNTEERS ARE BADLY NEEDED! The work involves siding, flooring, electrical, plumbing, heating, dry wall, painting, door and window replacements, finish carpentry, etc. It is very helpful to have some skilled volunteers on each team that can oversee the work of the less skilled but willing and enthusiastic volunteers. A ratio of at least one skilled worker to four unskilled workers is suggested.

OAKVILLE, IA. Tayna Lantz is the rebuild/volunteer coordinator in Oakville, IA. They are part of the Block by Block program of the UMC. They are buying homes, rehabbing them and selling them back to flood survivors who want to come back to Oakville. If you can send groups of 10, 2 of them skilled and 8 willing to learn, that would be wonderful. We have accommodations and lunch is served weekdays at the community center". Tanya went on to tell me that they are trying very hard to get 11 families in homes by Christmas!

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. We are currently working on 32 homes. Some of them need minor repairs but, most are major rehabbing.

Stay abreast of the situation and register your team on line www.iaumc.org/volunteer or through Melisa, melisa.brachtwagner@iaumc.org. You can also call the flood office at 1-877-393-1607.

~Becky Wood, Director of Storm Recovery, becky.wood@iaumc.org. (updated 11/13/09)

4. **NORTH DAKOTA** – Spring Flooding of 2009 has soaked much of the landscape of eastern North Dakota. Local folks are needed to help with Case Management and Assessment. Major flooding did not abate in the Devils Lake (NW of Grand Forks) region until late summer. United Methodists are directing Case Management and Assessment and the Lutheran Disaster Services are managing other volunteers. **Contact: Joan Buchhop**, Volunteer Hotline 1-800-366-9841, LDRvolunteer@lssnd.org. Also, Western ND needs fencing teams. 1000's of miles need to be replaced. (updated 11/13/09)
5. **WISCONSIN, update** – Southwestern Wisconsin was hit with 2 major floods. We had not fully recovered from the August 2007 when hit by the June 2008 flood. **Contact Dean Young**, WI VIM dean.wivoad@gmail.com. (updated 6/15/09)

6. **HIGHLIGHT FROM WISCONSIN CONFERENCE: 2008 FLOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED**



The Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church, working in partnership with Wisconsin Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (WIVOAD), has been selected to administer the 2008 Flood Recovery Program (FRP) by the State of Wisconsin's Department of Health Services. In total, the Wisconsin Conference will manage a budget of \$6 million, which will primarily be used to help homeowners in Southern Wisconsin whose residences were damaged during the flooding and storms in 2008. Bishop Linda Lee is pleased that the Wisconsin Conference was selected to administer the program. "United Methodists believe that our God-given purpose in the world is to bring transformation by living our faith enthusiastically," she said. "We are so fortunate to have this opportunity to put our faith into practice, side-by-side with our ecumenical partners, including Wisconsin Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (WIVOAD) and United Methodist Committee on Relief." The funds awarded to the 2008 Flood Recovery Program will be distributed to help repair damage to primary residences, replace items such as furnaces and appliances, and provide case management support to homeowners affected by the devastating floods and storms that ravaged the 30 counties in the summer of 2008. Homeowners who need support and were victims of the flood and storms in the 30-county area are asked to call the FRP Call Center (either dial 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211). Additional information about the program is available at: www.2008floodrecovery.org.