



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION (UMVIM-NCJ)

CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICES (CDS)

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TOM HAZELWOOD, UMCOR, has asked us to partner with the Church of Brethren as they teach us their curriculum on working with children caught in disaster situations.

As part of the teachUM program in August in Milwaukee (see page 2), the CDS workshop for equipping volunteers will be taught on Monday and Tuesday, Aug 10-11 from 9:00 AM on Monday to noon on Tuesday. This includes a simulated shelter living situation where you are required to stay in the church Monday night on cots.

Since 1980, CDS has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by tornados, floods, hurricanes, wildfires and natural or human caused disaster.

Volunteers...

- participate in an experiential workshop,
- undergo a rigorous screening process,
- learn to work w/children after a disaster,
- are capable of mobilizing rapidly,
- respond both locally and nationally.

The CDS 27-hour workshop utilizes a variety of hands-on activities that the participants put into action when mobilized. Topics include:

- shelter simulation (one overnight stay),
- disasters (types and phases),
- children's needs after a disaster, how to respond to children in a healing manner, the role of play after a disaster, & using play to start recovery in children,
- How to set up & operate a Children's Disaster Services Center, w/ appropriate safety procedures, and the roles of volunteers,
- Self-care onsite & after returning home.

What should you bring?...

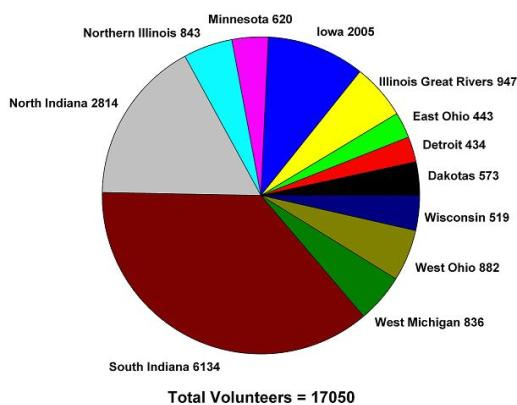
- An openness to new experiences,
- Clothing for active participation and sitting on the floor,
- Camping gear (sleeping bag or blankets, pillow, air mattress, flashlight),
- Personal items (towel, washcloth, toiletries, soap, devotional books).

Cost for the CDS Workshop.

A registration fee of \$45 covers the cost of the training materials for this workshop alone. Food will be extra. Participants completing the course will have the opportunity to become certified CDS volunteers.

Visit : www.brethren.org/ look under "Serve menu"

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Volunteers by Conference in 2008

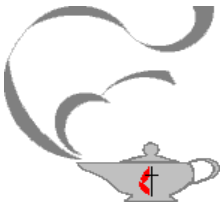


Listings of all NCJ Conference UMVIM and Disaster Coordinators, UMVIM-NCJ Board members, and members of steering committees for teachUM, Mission Discovery, and Rx ConneXion and Authorized ERT Trainers are listed on the UMVIM-NCJ webpage site.

Watch for postings of future trainings: <www.umvimncj.org>. Click on the Upcoming Leadership and ERT Trainings link - bottom of the page.



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August 9-14, 2009, Native American Ministry UMC, Milwaukee, WI

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414-764-1776

Reserved under the UMVIM name / Make your own reservation
Deadline is July 19, 2009

EVENT FORMAT

Sunday evening : arrive 5:00 PM, 6:00 meal and 7:00 keynote
Special workshop from Children's Disaster Services all day
Monday and Tues AM. Includes an overnight shelter simulation.
Weekday mornings: 2 workshops
Weekday afternoons: VBS, ESL or construction project, your
choice
Thurs evening: teachUM event officially finished
Friday AM: UMVIM leadership training will be offered or stay to
complete construction projects.

WORK PROJECTS:

- ◆ VBS with Native American and Karen youth (The Karen tribe are Burmese refugees sharing the church for worship)
- ◆ ESL classes for interested adult Karen students
- ◆ Instruction by Church of the Brethren on working with children who have been through a disaster (M&T AM only)
- ◆ Construction work as requested by the Elders of the Church (one plumber requested, if possible)

SPEAKERS & WORKSHOP LEADERS:

- ◆ REV. DEBORAH THOMPSON, Director of Missions for the Wisconsin Annual Conference will be the keynote speaker on Sunday evening as we start our time together with a meal and fellowship.
- ◆ Monday AM
 - BETH FERRELL, Resident Mission Interpreter for the NCJ
 - JOE AND CAROLYN WAGNER, Operation Classroom
- ◆ Tuesday AM
 - LANDON TAYLOR, GBGM Individual Volunteer Coord.
 - CAROLYN CARTER, IA &/or PAMELA KARG, WI, Individual Volunteers currently serving in Nigeria and Armenia
- ◆ Wed AM: STEPHANIE ESCHER, seminary student at GETS and intern at Divine Savior UMC, Madison tells us of her journey as an adopted Native American in search of her roots. She was featured on UMCgiving.org for the Native American Sunday offering, 2009.
- ◆ Thurs AM: two Native American presenters from the Native American Ministry Church
- ◆ Friday AM: UMVIM Leadership training for those interested

COST

Will depend on # days participating
Sunday evening meal : \$12.00
Weekday Meals : lunch, dinner and snacks for \$16.00/day.
Project fee : \$50.00 (for VBS & construction materials + evening meal for VBS children and ESL students)
Children's Disaster Services workshop, separate \$45.00 fee
Optional UMVIM leadership manual, \$20.00
\$25 late registration fee if after July 25
Hotel cost : you pay separately

Hosted by the Wisconsin Annual Conference and the teachUM Steering Committee of UMVIM-NCJ

Get More Information and your Registration Form

www.umvimncj.org click on the link at the bottom of the page

Registration deadline is **July 25, 2009** / \$25 late fee assessed for registrations after July 25

NCJ DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRESS

North Central Jurisdiction gains in potential Authorized Trainers for Early Response Teams (ERT)

To our best knowledge, in 2007, the North Central Jurisdiction had ONE trainer for Early Response Teams (Minnesota Annual Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, HEATHER KLASON) and only a few folks actually involved on Early Response Teams (MN and East OH). Since that time, several hundred new volunteers have been trained to be on Early Response Teams. These persons are trained to go into a disaster situation after the "professionals" (firemen, policemen, etc) have deemed the area safe enough for specialized volunteers to enter the area. In most locales and very soon in ALL disaster situations, persons doing this type of volunteering will have to wear a badge. Upon successful completion of this 6-8 hour course, the ERT trainee will receive a badge that allows you and your team to respond when a disaster strikes. It should be noted, that these teams should respond to local disasters first and then as invited to disasters farther from home.

Up until 2008, all ERT teams (except MN) were trained by UMCOR Consultants. Since that time, a number of folks have been asked by their conferences to take the UMCOR Train-The-Trainer (T-T-T) class. Upon passing this course, these potential trainers are to hold an ERT training class in a local church, district, or conference-wide with this initial training being evaluated by an UMCOR Consultant. After a successful evaluation, the person becomes an Authorized ERT Trainer for that conference. They can be called upon by Conference, District or Local Church groups to teach the Basic ERT class. Since there is no money for their expenses, please be kind and build something (at least for their mileage) into each ERT class budget.

Authorized Trainers must have:

- ◆ completed the basic Early Response Team (ERT) course work,
- ◆ submitted a reference form to the Domestic UMCOR Office in Washington,
- ◆ submitted a background check to the Domestic UMCOR office in Washington,
- ◆ successfully completed the Train The Trainer (T-T-T) class,
- ◆ been evaluated by an UMCOR Consultant at their initial teaching of the Basic ERT course.



After completing their T-T-T course work either in Indianapolis, IN (April 2008) or at the NCJ Disaster Preparedness Academy at Epworth UMC, North Webster, IN (April 2009), the following persons are ready for the Evaluation Phase of their certification.

East Ohio : FLOYD COSTELLO
 Indiana : GENE ALBERT
 Indiana : JIM JACOBS
 Indiana : MARSHA HUTCHINSON
 Indiana : DAVID POWELL, *evaluation : August 8, 2009*
 Indiana : JAMES BYERLY
 Iowa : SCOTT SMITH
 Northern Illinois : ED BAYLOR
 The Dakotas : MARK ELLINGSON
 The Dakotas : JERRY BOTTGER
 West Ohio : LINDA HEDDEN
 West Ohio : RONALD RUFF
 West Ohio : JAMES L. ROGERS, *evaluation : June 13, 2009*
 West Ohio : ROGER THATCHER, *evaluation : June 13, 2009*
 Wisconsin : KARL GOODFELLOW
 West Michigan : JEREMY J. WICKS, *evaluation : July 25, 2009*

Please help these folks get their Authorization by scheduling them for an ERT training in your conference. An UMCOR Consultant must be present to evaluate their first training.

The following persons are currently Authorized ERT Trainers, ready to instruct the Basic ERT classes:

East Ohio : DOUG HERR
 Detroit : BOB AND LISA MCCORMICK
 Illinois Great Rivers : RON AND SHARON MONROE
 Illinois Great Rivers : KENNETH MINER
 Illinois Great Rivers : STEVE SCHOEFFEL
 Minnesota : HEATHER KLASON
 West Ohio : RICHARD WEESE
 Wisconsin : CHUCK WEDEMEYER
 Wisconsin : DAVID AND JUDY WEISS

2009 Team Gifts

The following teams donated \$10 per team member to UMVIM-NCJ since the last newsletter. Please consider adding this to your team budget! Thank you to these teams & leaders!

COSTA RICA, VALPARAISO 1ST UMC, ALBERT —
NORTH INDIANA
 HONDURAS MEDICAL, BORGMAN — *DAKOTAS*
 PANAMA MEDICAL, DUNN — *NORTHERN ILLINOIS*
 HAITI SOLAR OVENS, JOST — *DAKOTAS*
 PUERTO RICO, GLAD — *MINNESOTA*

New Jurisdictional webpage shortcut : www.umvimncj.org



Volunteers of the Year - DAC

DETROIT CONFERENCE (DAC): ANN AND MORRIS TABER serve as instruments of God's love as dedicated Individual Volunteers in mission with Zimbabwe. After they took the GBGM Individual Volunteer training in 1998, they met REV. ELIAS MUMBIRO and wife LILLIAN, native Zimbabweans serving in DAC. REV. MUMBIRO wrote the letter of introduction to NABOTH MARAMBA, headmaster of Hartzell Primary School, Old Mutare Mission, Zimbabwe that launched their mission journey!

- ◆ ANN served as librarian at Hartzell and MORRIS as a professor of American history at Africa University 2 different times.
- ◆ Three 40 foot containers full of donated books and computers have reached Hartzell Primary and other Methodist schools.
- ◆ They successfully appealed for funds to build a new library building at Hartzell and have trained a local librarian to catalogue and run the new facility.
- ◆ They set up a scholarship program for local children.
- ◆ They travel to Zimbabwe ~ once a year, sometimes with an UMVIM team in tow.

ANN AND MORRIS care deeply about the people of Zimbabwe. As the economy of the country falters and government schools close, the cost of educating students rises. ANN AND MORRIS have concern for those children whose families cannot afford the tuition. They are eager to share stories of Africa University, Old Mutare School, and Fairfield Orphanage. Visit: <annmorrister.net>.



L to R: JOHN WALLS, new DAC UMVIM Coordinator, DUANE TOWNLEY outgoing Co-coordinator, ANN TABER, MORRIS TABER, LILLIAN MUMBIRO, REV. ELIAS MUMBIRO.

NEW Conference UMVIM Coordinators: Two NCJ Conferences have retiring UMVIM Coordinators. We thank them for their excellent service and bid them a fond farewell while welcoming the new Coordinators!

Detroit Conf: JOHN WALLS, <vim.jewalls@yahoo.com>, 734-282-5930 replaces DUANE & TERRY TOWNLEY, Midland, MI.

Iowa Conf: MIKE DRUHL, Belmont, 641-444-3491, <belmondumc@frontier.net>, replaces DAN & JEAN HOUSTON, Madrid, IA.

FOCUS: GBGM GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVE AND COMMUNITY BASED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (CBPHC)

After a very successful event, the Rx Consultation has been put to rest for another year! We would like to thank our guests, workshop leaders, other presenters, and hosts for a wonderful weekend of connecting and sharing! The workshops were informative and well received and there was an impressive number of quality displays to view. There were four displays on water purification and sanitation alone!

The following guests came to our Jurisdiction to help inspire us to take principals of CBPHC with us on all of our teams whether a medical mission or otherwise:

DR. ROGER BOE, ID; DR. CHERIAN THOMAS, BARBARA STONE and LANDON TAYLOR, GBGM; and CONNIE GATES, Jamkhed representative.

These presenters from the NCJ are to be commended on the great work that they are doing throughout the world and we appreciate the sharing of their expertise and field lessons learned:

JANE DUNN and her PANAMA MEDICAL TEAM (N IL and W MI) along with Panama UMVIM coordinator, RHETT THOMPSON; DR. MARK SCHROEDER and DR. CURT JOHNSON, WI; DEE STICKLEY-MINER, W OH; DR. DOYLE ELLIS, MARILYN GRIFFITH AND DONALD GRIFFITH all of S IND; and DEANNA HAWKINS, MN. Several people took the UMVIM Team Leader training with LORNA JOST.

We enjoyed the devotions, travelogues and country information from PASTOR DANIEL DUNCAN, Teresa MILLER AND VALERIE MOSSMAN-CELESTIN of W MI and LARRY CALDERON HURTADO, UMVIM coordinator, Nicaragua. The concert by "Voices 4 Praise" helped finish Saturday on the right note!

A special THANK YOU to BRONWEN AND BARRY KRAM, our awesome hosts for the weekend at Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven, MI! What a wonderful site for this event!



DR. ROGER BOE has been a dedicated proponent of the Community Based Primary Health Care model for many years and has been a key participant and workshop leader in many of the past Rx Consultations. Thank You, ROGER!



**Next : Consultation X
May 7-9, 2010 / Iowa**

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS

Cleveland 2009 — largest class so far

<www.individualvolunteers.info>

TED AND LAUREL BABCOCK—Mentor, OH

ELLEN AND JEFF DITTO—Delphos, OH

ELEANOR GENEMANS—Parma Heights, OH

MARTHA HYDE—Franklin, IN

CHARLES AND PENNY KRUG—South Bend, IN

LISA LOCKWOOD—Cincinnati, OH

REBECCA RUSNAK—Valparaiso, IN

KEVIN SCHANER—Cleveland Heights, OH

GREG SNYDER—Bowling Green, OH

DEANE WILLIAMS—Sebring, OH



Please Send us UMVIM teams!

- ♦ ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS (PETE RYAN, pete@csnowire.net, 618-771-0366)
- ♦ INDIANA (LANNIE STECHER, pastorlannie@yahoo.com, 765-318-8344) Morgan County 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.
- ♦ THE DAKOTAS (Eastern North Dakota, JOAN BUCHHOP, Vol Hotline 1-800-366-9841, LDRvolunteer@lssnd.org) Western ND needs fencing teams. 1000's of miles need to be put back in.
- ♦ IOWA has enough volunteers for right now... (check back later in the summer with BECKY WOOD, Director of Storm Recovery, becky.wood@iaumc.org)

Upcoming Consultations

The 2009 EASTERN EUROPEAN AND BALKANS CONSULTATION will be held in Greensboro, NC, Nov. 5-7. This is a great opportunity for sharing God's love with our European neighbors. Representatives from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovakia have "promised" to come and share their opportunities for Volunteers-In-Mission teams. More detailed information can be found in the SCJ newsletter: <<http://scj.umportal.org/main/newsletters.asp>>. Join us in this awesome experience! For a brochure, contact RON FONTENOT, 618-628-8262, ronbo3@prodigy.net.

All NCJ conferences have something special in common besides our location—all send UMVIM teams to Haiti! We will try to find out more about each other's outreach in that country at a NCJ CONSULTATION ON HAITI, Oct 19-20, 2009 at Lake Huron Retreat Center, near Lexington, MI. This is in conjunction with the Michigan Area Haiti Task Force. Send Lorna Jost a note if you want more information as details unfold <umvim-ncj@brookings.net>.

SEND Me Mission Discovery 2009

TO COSTA RICA!

The following Youth and Young Adult leaders from the North Central Jurisdiction have accepted the invitation to be part of a special trip to Costa Rica August 5-16, 2009. Led by MATT MCCLUNG, East Ohio, this trip will provide participants with hands on UMVIM Team Leadership training in leading/designing an international youth mission team, plus a chance to experience the global outreach of the United Methodist Church. A number of young adults from Latin American countries will also be part of this event!

BETH BUCHANAN—GBGM

ELENA BRUBAKER—West Michigan

MELISSA MEYERS—Northern Illinois

KATIE MAPES—Northern Illinois

LYNDSAY HARTMAN—Northern Illinois

GINA ROBEL—Wisconsin

CARRIE BINNIE—Minnesota

DIANE BALANGA—Minnesota

ANGELICA LAUDERMITH—The Dakotas

TIFFANY WARTH—East Ohio

STEPHANIE ROBERTS—East Ohio

IAN ROBERTS—East Ohio

STEPHEN WARTH—East Ohio

GERSON AQUILAR ESCORZ—Mexico

Possible two more —Mexico

TANNIA GONZÁLEZ BARBAS—Costa Rica

RAMIRO CATARI APAZA—Bolivia

New Mission Discovery URL:
www.missiondiscovery.info



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Lorna Jost, Coordinator

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2009 "Special Friends" of UMVIM-NCJ

Become a "Special Friend" by giving \$100 to UMVIM-NCJ in 2009. Become a "Special Friend":

- ◆ Through Advance # 901375 - *your church* will be honored.
- ◆ Through online giving to Advance # 901375 - using your Credit Card, *your church* can be credited.
- ◆ Mail your donation to UMVIM-NCJ to get *your name* listed.

The following individuals or churches have joined the Special Friends list since the last newsletter (June 2008)!

MARK & LINDA CHAPLIN — STURGIS, SD
MOUNT OLIVE UMC — INDIANAPOLIS, IN
RITA GAITHER-GANT — INDIANAPOLIS, IN
WILLIAM ROLLINS — CONCORD, CA
SALEM UMC — CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
BURLINGTON UMC — BURLINGTON, IA
WEST BRANCH UMC — WEST BRANCH, IA

We THANK them for becoming "Special Friends" of UMVIM-NCJ and enabling the UMVIM-NCJ program to grow!

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2009 & 2010 . . .

CONFERENCE UMVIM COORDINATORS :

- Oct 18, 2009 — Port Huron Retreat Center, DET Conf

MISSION DISCOVERY :

- Costa Rica team — Aug 6-15, 2009
- Steering Committee — Aug 28-29, 2009, Nehemiah Center, Cleveland, OH

R_x CONNEXION :

- Steering Committee — May 7, 2010, Iowa, 2:00PM
- CONSULTATION IX — May 7-9, 2010, Iowa

TEACHUM :

- Steering Committee — Aug 9, 2009, 1:00 PM
- teachUM Fair — August 9-14, 2009, Milwaukee

UMVIM-NCJ BOARD :

- Sept 16, 2009 — 5:30 PM Eastern time, teleconference call
- Jan 27, 2010 — 5:30 PM Eastern time, teleconference call
- August 6-8, 2010 — place TBA

JURISDICTIONAL HAITI MEETING :

- Oct 19-20, 2009 — Port Huron Retreat Center, DET Conf

NEXT INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN NCJ :

- Oct 2009 — GETS, Evanston, IL, TBA
- April 2010 — Kingswood Camp, Minneapolis, MN