Case Management opens the door to recovery for disaster survivors. The process encourages clients to plan and take control of their own recovery. A case manager/advocate works over the long term with survivors to make an assessment of their needs to determine which are disaster-related. Case managers help survivors develop an action plan for their recovery.

This training is done after disaster on an as-needed/as-requested basis. There is no cost for this training. *Must be 18 or older*

### Which Training is Right for You?

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* Disaster 101: Basic Disaster Ministry required before taking this training.
** Badge and training not required but definitely helpful to long-term recovery work.
Are you prepared?
If a disaster was heading toward your community, would your church know how to:
• Protect church property?
• Help church members?
• Provide assistance in your community?

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

Early Response Team (ERT) Training

Early Response Teams are self-contained teams who enter a disaster zone at the invitation of local emergency management officials and offer a Christian presence in the midst of disaster. This two day training teaches volunteers practical skills for providing physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to survivors.

Upon successful completion of the training, volunteers receive badges certifying them as early responders for the Florida Conference and UMCOR. ERT’s are deployed by and accountable to Disaster Recovery Ministry who coordinates team placement with emergency management to get help where it is needed most.

There is a small fee for this training that includes overnight housing at Warren Willis Camp, 3 meals, a background check, ERT badges, T-shirt and training materials. Participants must complete Basic Disaster Ministry training before taking ERT training. *Must be 18 or older*

Spiritual Response Team (SRT) Training

SRT’s are faith-based, on-going teams specially trained to provide spiritual and emotional care following disasters. SRT’s reach out from the faith community to help disaster survivors connect with basic life resources. SRTs do not provide traditional, ongoing counseling. Their purpose is to:

• Provide a “safe” listening presence for survivors to share their story and know that the church cares
• Reduce the sense of “aloneness” survivors often feel
• Connect survivors with systems providing support for the recovery process

Volunteers successfully completing the training are certified as spiritual responders for the Florida Conference, deployed by and accountable to Disaster Recovery Ministry. Basic Disaster training and a background check are required before receiving your badge. There is no cost for the training. *Must be 18 or older*

For more information on available trainings and dates, visit our website at: www.flumc.org/DisasterRecovery or call 1-800-282-8011 Ext 148

Disaster 101:
Basic Disaster Ministry Training

This training provides an overview of the unique and important role the faith community plays in disaster mitigation, preparation and response in the United States along with practical suggestions for ministry. The focus is on the importance of the three “P’s”: working within the emergency management process, working in partnerships and having a plan.

You and your church will hear practical ideas on how to effectively respond to disaster in your community in cooperation with other churches, other responding organizations, emergency management officials and the Disaster Recovery Ministry of the Conference. You will understand the value of communication and collaboration in meeting the needs of disaster survivors and the importance of being the church in the midst of crisis.

This training is required before taking Early Response Team or Spiritual Response Team training. The curriculum comes, in part, from Church World Services. There is no cost for this training.

Our Mission... Disaster Recovery Ministry
To resource and equip local United Methodist Churches and districts as they assist their communities and individuals to prepare for, respond to and recover from disaster.
We accomplish this mission through training and associated resources, communication and relationships.