Resource Guide

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Florida United Methodist Storm Recovery (Multiple Volunteer Camp Sites), INDEX

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–based, Non–Profit, Disaster Relief

1140 East McDonald Street, Lakeland, FL 33801

Phone 800–282–8011 ext. 149 / Fax: 863–688–7233
Web www.flumc.org
Hours 9 am – 4:30 pm M–Fri.
Service Temporary

Volunteer Opportunities:
Although the hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005 have long passed, in many communities the damage is not quickly or easily repaired. This is where the work of the long–term recovery organizations offers a lifeline of hope to those still struggling to put their lives back together. These organizations work with the disenfranchised in their communities ? the least and the lost who often "fall between the cracks" in receiving other types of assistance. Volunteer work teams play a vital role in completing the physical tasks of rebuilding and recovery. The Storm Recovery Center works closely with local long–term recovery organizations to assist in recruiting and placing volunteers.In all cases, volunteer teams can serve for as long as they are able ? from a weekend to a week or longer. In most cases, housing is available.

Please contact the Storm Center to learn more about specific opportunities or to schedule a team:
1–800–282–8011 ext. 149 or stormrecovery@flumc.org

As of January 2007:

Charlotte County:
The Interfaith Interagency Network of Charlotte County (IINCC) is in need of teams with skilled labor, including carpenters, roofers, tile and carpet installers and concrete workers. Electricians are also needed but must be locally licensed due to code and permitting requirements in Charlotte County.
As of the Summer of 2007, we are "standing down" until the next disaster, having completed the projects we were tasked with. While we do not have an active staff, our Board of Directors meet regularly to ensure we are prepared for the next disaster. (Statistics and updates will be included in this site hopefully by the end of 2007!)

Hendry and Glades Counties:
Community Rebuilding Ecumenical Workforce (CREW) is in need of teams with both skilled and unskilled labor. They have over 250 homes still needing repairs including dry walling, flooring, ceiling work, roofing, demolition, window and/or door replacement.
Also see CAT Facility entry at: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1062

Monroe County (Florida Keys):
Paradise Interfaith Network (PIN) is working with families on Big Coppitt Key to repair and harden mobile homes damaged by storm surge from Hurricane Wilma. Work includes repairing and/or replacing dry wall and fiber board as well as repairing metal roofs.

Palm Beach County:
Christians Reaching Out to Society (CROS) needs volunteer teams who have at least one team member experienced in construction. Work includes dry walling, roofing, flooring, etc.

Tornado Opportunities February 2007:
Please submit a team application to Storm Recovery if you are interested in helping with the long term recovery in the tornado

damaged areas. There is an anticipated need for work teams in the tornado affected areas for the next six months.

The Florida Conference has established a central location for coordinating Storm Recovery efforts. Our Storm Recovery Center is located in the United Methodist Building in Lakeland, Florida and is set up to receive calls from volunteer work teams offering assistance to those in need. These work teams will be matched with requests from those in the storm–affected areas. You will be contacted by the Storm Recovery Center or the site coordinator to work out the details of your assignment location and date. The site coordinator will provide support and direction for you and your team prior to and upon arrival.

Contact person: Pam Garrison
Phone number: 800–282–8011 ext. 149
Best hours to call: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, M–F, EST
Fax number: 863–688–7233

Location/Region: All Florida except Panhandle

Speciality: Storm Recovery from 2004 & 2005 Hurricanes

Description of volunteer needs: Cleanup, home repair and reconstruction. Case Managers also needed.

Skills volunteers are required to have: Willingness to work

Useful Skills: Carpentry, drywalling and construction

Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Please refer to www.flumc.org for list of useful tools.

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing: Please call for further information.

Length of time volunteer can help: 1 day to many months

Size of volunteer team: No restrictions

Are individual volunteers welcome? Yes

Age restriction, if any: Must be 18 or older

Denomination/affiliation, if any: United Methodist and all others welcome

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: No

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: Please call for further information.

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: Please call for further information.

What You Need to Bring:
Old Work Clothing (long pants) Sleeping bag/twin sheets/pillow
Long Sleeved shirts/blouses Water bottle/jug/cooler
Cotton & plastic work gloves Changes of clothing for after work
Disposable face masks First aid supplies (Band–aids, disinfectant)
Safety goggles (may be a team item) Medical releases
Personal hygiene items Use–of–equipment releases
Towels & washcloths Name tags durable enough for the work site
Heavy work shoes/boots Insect Repellant
Any personal hand tools you like using Gel Hand Sanitizer
Note: If your team is being housed in one of our refurbished homes, mobile homes, or churches, each person needs to bring his or her own twin sheets (and blanket if coming in the winter).

Any additional notes: Training for Early Response, Case Management and Spiritual & Emotional Care workshops held periodically. Visit website for more info on workshops or to volunteer.

Services offered: Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Cleanup, House Gutter, Volunteer; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Construction, * Volunteers (ANY/ALL types); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Fay; UMCOR Relief Network
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