



United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Trip – Disaster Recovery

The agenda changes daily because work teams are going and making progress on the relief effort. Therefore, you may not know what is needed until close to time due to the need and volunteer-response.

There are 2 stages of Disaster Recovery: Relief & Recovery: 1) Relief: mucking, tarping, debris removal and 2) Recovery: longterm, repairs and rebuilds.

- Disaster Response Recovery Manager who coordinates efforts. (ie, in Rio Texas – Nikki)
 - Registration site online, give basic information.
 - Hollie Tapley, Great Plains Disaster Response Coordinator, can make reservation with the team leader contact info and how many people, 6 weeks before going.
 - A team member on the DR host recovery team will **respond to registration** and talk about how many people are coming.* They will work to line up jobs and skills to what is needed. **It is important to not overpromise and underdeliver, such as saying 30 people are coming and 5 people come.*
- The disaster recovery team will share which church is **housing** them, if need to bring bedding and the packing list. They will let know meals, some host churches provide meals, provide some meals or provide kitchen.
 - Every place has their own system. Details known by the time on the ground. Honorarium may be given to cover costs.
 - Background work recovery team coming. Tell where to show up at time and where.
- Depending on tools, disaster recovery how much done in recovery process by time get there. A tool trailer will be provided and driven by a Disaster Recovery team member.
- Remember: Representing the Great Plains Conference, the United Methodist Church and Christ. Therefore, no alcohol and wear appropriate clothing, be polite and aware of presence around survivors and supervisors. Spend time with people and listen to survivors tell their stories. Be careful how you respond, making no promises to anyone for future help.
- Attire: Wear work boots and long pants. No sleeveless shirts or white shirts. Bring good, sturdy work gloves (leather or canvas), sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Requirements: Medical & liability forms online, notarized because it's out of state. Tetanus shot recommended. Safe Gatherings requirement.
- Trip Insurance: Apply 3 weeks prior to trip at: www.greatplainsumc.org/tripinsurance