



Early Response Training

The Great Plains Disaster Response is a Ministry of Care that has theological, material, mental health, advocacy, and social service components designed to provide for the spiritual, emotional and physical recovery of disaster survivors.

Who . . .

- Individuals, 18 years of age and older, who make up a team up to 7 people.
- Individuals who have completed the Safe Gatherings Training (www.safegatherings.com) and completed an 8 hour UMCOR training. Cost for Safe Gatherings is \$35 and ERT is \$25. Safe Gatherings online training and all supporting documents must be submitted within 10 days of the training date.
- Ability to work long days in all types of weather, not afraid of heights, able to work on the ground, carry heavy objects, and perform other needed job functions. These are just some examples of what might be called upon to perform.
- Individuals who can give 3 days at a time for deployment and be self-sustaining.

What . . .

Tasks may include, yet are not limited to:

- Tarp holes in roofs to help prevent further damage.
- Muck out (clean out) homes after flooding.
- Remove debris outside the home.
- Teams can also assist with known pre-flooding by sandbagging and moving items to higher ground.

Where . . .

- Trained and badged ERT's may respond to disasters within their own community and/or district without an official invitation.
- Disasters outside of the local community, district, conference, or jurisdiction, requires an official invitation which will be filtered from the inviting community to the Conference Disaster Response office.

Trainings . . .

- Training sessions are held throughout the year all around the Conference. If your church would like to host a training, please let us know.
- All trainings and class registration is listed on the Conference website.