



Emergency Relief Training (ERT)

5:30PM – 9:30 PM

July 1 and 2, 2014

Sunnycrest UMC

2401 West 41st St., Sioux Falls, SD

When a disaster strikes how can you best help the victims? ERTs (Early Response Teams) are invited in to help stabilize the disaster area after the first responders (search, rescue and recovery) have completed their work. Work can include clearing debris, making initial needs assessments, working in feeding stations, tarping damaged homes, mucking out flooded homes and inventorying and organizing relief supplies. Some teams or team members might even assess damage to homes. Early Response Teams are trained and credentialed by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and deployed under the umbrella of UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers In Mission). Participants will have to pass a background check which is paid for by the Dakotas Conference Disaster Response Committee.

Some of the topics covered in this class include:

- ❖ Working with survivors
- ❖ Important things to know about spiritual and emotional care following a disaster
- ❖ Organizational structure for the relief stage
- ❖ Cleaning out damaged homes
- ❖ Chainsaw safety
- ❖ Best practices in tarping a roof
- ❖ Equipment needed for Early Response Teams (ERTs)

Other Registration Details

- ✓ Attendance both evenings is required; 8 contact hours are required for the class
- ✓ Cost is \$35 to include registration fee, training manual, snacks, Saturday lunch and a Disaster Response t-shirt

To register contact Susan Punt at susan.punt@dakcamps.org or (605-996-6552). Credit cards accepted or checks payable to Dakotas Conference.