



# Early Response Team (ERT)

## *Guiding Scriptures*

Matthew 25: 35-36 | Nehemiah 2: 5 | 2 Corinthians 5: 14-15, 17a

Members of these ERT teams are trained to respond and assist survivors of natural disasters to aid in the removal of debris, clean out flood-damaged homes, and place tarps on homes to help prevent further damage, while providing a caring Christian presence. ERT's are given an invitation to assist when the need arises and typically are only in the field for 3-7 days. Early Response Teams are part of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>



**Becoming part of our Early Response Team involves:**

- 1) Completing an eight (8) hour class to learn how ERT's respond to natural disasters and roles for an ERT response team member.
- 2) Completing a state and federal background check in order to receive your FEMA badge.

There are advance trainings, including Damage Assessment and Emotional & Spiritual Care, which can be obtained after the initial ERT Basic Certification is received.

**For more information on our Conference Disaster Response Ministry visit:**

<https://www.eocumc.com/missions/disaster-response.html>

**If you have any questions or you are interested in taking ERT training, contact:**

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