

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Western Jurisdiction

Equipping Volunteers, Empowering Partnerships

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The NUMBERS

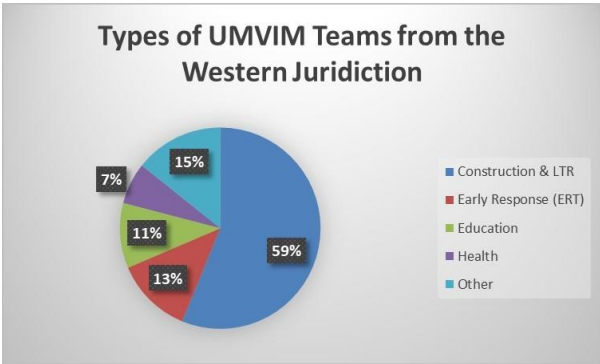
Where Western Jurisdiction UMVIM Teams have Served

In 2017, the Western Jurisdiction sent more than **2500 Volunteers in Mission** to serve throughout the world. They served for more than **13, 870 days** in 2017

75 International teams serving in 30 countries on 6 continents

137 Teams Served in the US

105 Teams Serving in the Western Jurisdiction
with the other 22 Teams serving at other projects throughout the country.



More than **100** of the team members were **YOUTH**.

More than **550** people were **TRAINED** as UMVIM team leader, Early Response team leader, and Connecting Neighbors (an UMCOR disaster preparedness course for congregations).

UMVIM Teams Serving in 2018

This is a list of UMVIM teams who are serving in 2018 and have registered with UMVIM Western Jurisdiction:

April:

- **Cal/Nev:**
 - Los Altos UMC - Middletown, CA (Long Term Recovery)
- **Cal/Pac:**
 - North District Cal/Pac - Slidell Louisiana (Long Term Recovery)
- **Desert SouthWest:**
 - Conference Team - Jayuya, Puerto Rico (Disaster Relief)
- **PNW:**
 - Cheney UMC (with Alaska) - Victoria TX (Long Term Recovery)
 - First UMC Olympia:- Jimotepe Nicaragua (Water/Agricultural)
- **YellowStone:** St. Paul's UMC/Conference Team - Boa Vista, Brazil, (Construction & Medical)
 - Conference Team - Sinton TX (Long Term Recovery)

March:

- **Cal/Nev:** (Conference Team) - Puerto Rico (Early Response Team)
- **Desert Southwest:** (Conference Team) - Addis Ababa Ethiopia (Educational & Connectional)
- **Rocky Mountain:** Mountain View UMC - Belmopan, Belize (Connectional)

February:

- **Oregon-Idaho:** First United Methodist Portland - Costa Rica (Water Projects)

January:

- **Cal/Nev:** Los Altos UMC to Baton Rouge, LA (Long Term Recovery)
- **Cal/Pac:** San Diego UMC - Nicaragua (Education & Home Rehab)
- **Oregon-Idaho:** Hermiston UMC - Maua, Kenya (Construction & Connectional)
- **PNW:** Ronald UMC - Bulacan, Philippines (Dental & Connectional)



Keep UMVIM Teams in your prayers as they prepare, serve, and return to tell their stories.

TEAM INSURANCE:

Don't Serve Without it!

Team Insurance is one of the most importance things you need to reduce your risk in your UMVIM service. We hope and pray for a very safe and incident free mission but sometimes 'being human happens. Insurance can be purchased from the Western Jurisdiction UMVIM program. There is both Domestic (from Special Markets Insurance Consultants) and International (CMA - Seven Corners) Insurance available. The requests for insurance need to be submitted 2 weeks prior to the mission journey.

2018 Rates:

- For Domestic Teams (serving within the U.S.): \$0.75 per person per day **plus** \$5 person for processing fee.
- For International Teams serving outside the U.S.: Coverage levels are:

\$10,000: \$2.00 per person per day.
\$25,000: \$2.25 per person per day.
\$50,000: \$2.50 per person per day.
plus a \$15/person processing fee.

For more information, go to the UMVIMWJ Website www.umvimwj.com or contact Ronda Cordill at umvimwj@gmail.com or call at (509) 993-6753.



State Department Advises to Reconsider Traveling to Nicaragua

Due to recent civil unrest in parts of Nicaragua, the US State Department is encouraging people to reconsider traveling to the country. UMVIM WJ encourages United Methodists to heed this warning and to keep our partners in Nicaragua in your prayers. If you have any questions or have a team scheduled to go to Nicaragua, contact Ronda Cordill at umvimwj@gmail.com or by calling 509-993-6753.



Long Term Recovery Sites Requesting Teams

Western Jurisdiction, Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico

Both California/Nevada (Cal/Nev) and California/Pacific (Cal/Pac) Conferences have moved into the Long Term Recovery Phases from the 2017 Wild Fire and Mud Slide Disasters.

In **Cal/Nev**, contact the new Disaster Response Coordinator [Sonja Edd-Bennett](#) for more information about the Rebuild.

- **Donations** can be made to **Cal/Nev** by [clicking here](#)
- In **Cal/Pac** contact [Judy and Doug Lewis](#) for more information:
- **Donations** can now be made to the Cal-Pac Disaster Response Advance #24000 by [clicking here](#)

TEXAS & FLORIDA

Long Term Recovery Teams are being formed in several Annual Conferences. Volunteers should be over age 18, Safe certified, and at least one member of the team should be ERT trained. Go to <https://www.txcumc.org/texasrecovers> (for the Texas Conference) or <https://riotexas.org/disaster-response> for the Rio Texas Conference or <http://www.flumc.org/disaster-response> to serve in Florida.

Contact your Annual Conference Coordinator for information on teams being formed in your area.

PUERTO RICO

The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR) is continuing to invite Early Response and Long Term Recovery Teams to assist with the recovery efforts from Hurricanes Irma and Maria which devastated the island in September.

Early Response Teams (and especially those with specialized skills in repairing or replacing roof trusses, masonry, carpentry, electrical, and plumbing) interested in volunteering should go through their Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. Information can be found at: <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/puerto-rico-volunteers-/puerto-rico-volunteers-information>. Interested team leaders should first read [UMVIM Team Guidelines](#) established by the MCPR and then register your 'Intent to Serve' [here](#). All registrations will be received by the Puerto Rico Volunteer Coordinator, based out of the North Central Jurisdiction UMVIM office, for follow-up and scheduling. Once a team receives an invitation and confirmation to serve, teams will be encouraged to visit their jurisdictional UMVIM website to register for mission team insurance prior to departure.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact [Ronda Cordill](#), the Western Jurisdiction UMVIM Coordinator.





[Other Opportunities in 2018](#)

Spring Training ERT - Pacific Northwest

May 11-12, 2018

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM
ERT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

SECOND ANNUAL
SPRING TRAINING

Save the Date! **Friday & Saturday - May 11-12, 2018**
Details and registration coming soon.

BASIC ERT CLASS	ADVANCE CLASSES
BADGE RENEWALS	CHAINSAW CLASS

Lazy F
Camp and Retreat Center
16170 Manastash Road
Ellensburg, WA

Questions?
Contact Kathy Bryson,
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Alaska: [Daniel Wilcox](#)

Pacific Northwest: [Wendy Riddle](#)

Cal/Pacific: [Doug & Judy Lewis](#)

Cal/Nevada: [Shari Sandoval](#) or [Linda Caldwell](#)

Rocky Mountain: [Deb Campbell](#)

Yellowstone: [Debbie Irby](#)

Desert Southwest: [Mike & Lorraine Eyer](#)

Oregon/Idaho: [Louise Kienzle](#)



Your UMVIM WJ Conference Coordinators

are there to assist and support you as you answer your call to serve as a short-term mission volunteer. If you already scheduled to serve on a mission journey, let us know about it, so that we can share your story. Please free to contact them for information or connection to other VIM Resources.

UMVIM OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities for all ages, teams, couples, and individuals in the USA and around the world.

[Projects in the USA](#)

[Projects International](#)

[Projects for Individuals](#)

We're just like you. We're teachers, business executives, parents, retirees, students...you name it. But the one thing we all have in common is our dedication to change. And the more volunteers we have, the bigger impact we can all make - TOGETHER.. [Learn More](#) about what it means to be a volunteer.