“Serving as God’s Hands, Heart, and Presence in Times of Disaster”

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Minnesota Annual Conference Disaster Response
Early Response Team

“Providing a Caring Christian Presence in the Aftermath of a Disaster”

An UMCOR Partnership

Deployment History

Albert Lea Moose Lake
Austin Mora
Barnum Morton
Benton County Northfield
Blue Earth North Minneapolis
Browns Valley Pine Island
Buffalo Lake Rogers
Cleveland Roseau
Comfrey St. Peter
Fairmont Stearns County
Goodview Stockton
Granite Falls Wadena
Hugo Waterville
Jackson Zumbro Falls
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Jursidictional/National Deployments
2005—Mississippi (Hurricane Katrina)
2007—Aberdeen South Dakota—Flooding
2008—Texas—Tornadoes
2008—Iowa (central) - Flooding
2017—Texas—Hurricane Harvey
2018—New Lisbon, Wisconsin—Flooding
What Is The Early Response Team?

When a disaster occurs, this team awaits an invitation to go into the affected area. First Responders such as law enforcement, firefighters, Red Cross, and the National Guard are the first organizations to assist local residents in the impacted area.

Once an invitation is received by the Conference Coordinator, the ERT (Early Response Team) will typically deploy for periods of up to 30 days provided enough teams can be coordinated. The team works in the impacted area to make homes/people “Safe, Sanitary, and Secure.”

A team member can expect a deployment within the Conference to last from 1 to 3 days. Deployments to help in the NCJ (North Central Jurisdiction) and nationally will be longer due to the travel time involved in the deployment. Deployment teams will consist of 6—10 people and they will be equipped with one of the Conference trailers. All team members must be ERT Certified by trained UMCOR trainers (please contact Conference or District Coordinator for training).