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2014 SEJ DISASTER ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 17—20, 2014

Presented by your
Partners in
Disaster Response:



And



2014 SEJ Disaster Academy Schedule

MONDAY—FEBRUARY 17

8am-7pm	Check-in
8:30am-5pm	Ham Radio Class*
1pm-6pm	UMCOR Basic Training**
1pm-5pm	Conference DRC Meeting
1pm-5pm	UMVIM Conference Coordinators Meeting
5:30-6:45pm	Dinner
7pm	Opening Plenary

DAILY—TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

7am	Breakfast
8am	Announcements & Worship
8:30am	Tracks ***
12pm-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm-5pm	Tracks ***
5:30pm-6:45pm	Dinner
7pm	Guest Speaker (Tuesday only) Wednesday evening free

THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 20

7am	Breakfast
8:30am	Tracks
10:30am-12pm	Closing Plenary & Worship
12pm	Lunch (included in your registration)

NOTES:

- * Cost for the certification test is \$35 to be collected at the class; 10 participants are needed to hold the class.
- ** Prerequisite to other trainings. If you have not had Basic Training, please plan to attend this session.
- *** 30 minute break at 10:00 and 3:00

2014 SEJ Disaster Academy Cost

Early Bird Rate— Register and pay \$50 deposit (nonrefundable) by December 15th; balance due by February 1st

Brooks Hall		Gibson Hall	
\$388	Single	\$423	Single
\$253	Double	\$263	Double

Commuter \$115

After December 15th— Register and pay \$50 deposit (nonrefundable); balance due by February 1st

Brooks Hall		Gibson Hall	
\$413	Single	\$448	Single
\$278	Double	\$288	Double

Commuter \$140

**Register online
beginning Nov 1st**

www.ngumc.org

Click the SEJ Academy link
on the home page

NOTE: \$50 deposit is nonrefundable

Jim Sampson

Please email Jim with questions about online registration or accommodations.
response@ngumc.org

Pam Garrison

Please email Pam for questions about tracks.
pgarrison@flumc.org

NEW! The Basic Disaster Ministry class will be offered on Monday before the start of the academy Monday evening. This will allow participants to take the basic training and still take advantage of the full academy class offerings. If you have not yet taken Basic Disaster Ministry training, please take this opportunity.

Monday: 1:00—6:00

NEW! Amateur radio (Ham) class and certification will be offered

Monday 8:30—5:00.

NEW! Each training track for 2014 offers similar classes; however, the approach to the material will vary based on the particular target audience of that track. This will allow participants to select the track that best matches their area of interest and/or their role within their respective conference.

Track 1: Role of the Local Church

If you are a church disaster coordinator or you have a particular interest in how your church can minister in the community after disaster, this is the track for you. Materials will be presented from the perspective of the local church: what the church can/should do, how to manage donations, how to partner with their district, conference and other organizations; how to participate in long-term recovery; the role of COADS and VOADS as they relate to the church and much more.



Track 2: Role of the District DRC/ UMVIM Coordinator

District Disaster Response Coordinators often accept the position without really understanding their role in disaster, leading to frustration and burn out. This track provides training for those in disaster working at the district level, particularly those serving as the District DRC and the District UMVIM Coordinator.

Track 3: Role of the Conference DRC/ UMVIM Coordinator

This track is designed for the Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, the UMVIM Conference Coordinator and anyone else identified by the Conference DRC as working at the conference level. Staff and volunteers serving at the conference level have responsibility for overseeing the conference response to disaster. All material will be presented in light of that responsibility.



Track 4: Role of Disaster Volunteers

Volunteers are critical to the response of the church to disaster at all levels. We can plan and organize all we want, but it is the individual volunteers from the local church who need the “boots on the ground” invitation, resources, training and coordination to help them respond to God’s call and be the hands and feet of Jesus to those impacted by disaster. Material presented will help volunteers understand the many ways they can serve; where and how they can serve; as well as what additional trainings and resources might be helpful to them.