

HURRICANE KATRINA - INFORMATION SHEETS

Refer to our Web site, www.bwcumc.org, Disciples in Action, for more information.

1. What UMCOR needs now – health kits and money

UMCOR – The United Methodist Committee on Relief – issued a list of its most pressing needs: Health Kits, School Kits, twin sheets (new, not used), pillows (new), blankets (new), and air mattresses (new). **NOTE: Flood buckets are not on the list at this time.**

What goes in a health kit and school kit can be found on the UMCOR website at: <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/print/kits/>. For information about packing and shipping health kits, school kits and other items, visit UMCOR's shipping information page <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/print/kits/shipping.stm> or call the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot at (800) 814-8765. **Items should be shipped to:** UMCOR Sager Brown Depot, P.O. Box 850, 131 Sager Brown Road, Baldwin, LA 70514-0850. Please include \$1 for each kit or bedding item you send to cover the cost of reshipping.

To donate via credit card, visit <http://methodistrelief.org>, or call (800) 554-8583.

Donations can be made through your local churches or mailed directly to the Conference Center. Make checks payable to “Conference Treasurer,” and write “Hurricane Katrina” on them. Send to: Conference Treasurer, 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D, Columbia, MD 21046.

2. It is too early for volunteers to go now –trainings coming soon

Before people can become Volunteers In Mission or help with disaster relief, they must be trained. Trainings will be held Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Conference Center, 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D, in Columbia; Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Otterbein UMC, 108 E. Franklin St. in Hagerstown; and Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Mt. Zion UMC, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road in Mechanicsville. You may also visit www.mdvoad.org for volunteer information in your community.

3. Questions? Prayer requests?

Looking to volunteer? Have resources but don't know where to send them? E-mail Katrina@bwcumc.org, or call (800) 492-2526, Ext. 495, and we'll help.

4. To offer housing to a displaced family:

In Maryland, contact the Maryland Interfaith Recovery Team (MIRT) at (410) 428-8160, or e-mail Linda Schlicht at mirtlinda@aol.com. If you live outside Maryland, contact the Red Cross at (866) 438-4636, or visit www.redcross.org for information.

5. Do NOT send clothing...

Do not send it to UMCOR. They want/need health kits (see #1 above). Neither the Red Cross nor the Salvation Army are receiving clothes for hurricane victims right now.

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