



**United Methodist
Church of
Sun City Center**

**Volunteer
Response Team**

Welcome

Thank you for considering joining the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center Volunteer Response Team (VRT).

The VRT is open to all Christians over 18 willing to serve, which includes seasonal Florida residents.

Other Christian churches' members are welcome & able to join.

This presentation provides a brief overview of the numerous opportunities to serve on our team.





VRT Opportunities to Serve

We respond both locally and beyond our community to provide help.

- Community Projects
- His Helpers
- Church Maintenance
- DRT Missions
- Serving as a Committee chair or Co-chair
- Recycling

Community Projects & His Helpers

The VRT at SCCUMC has implemented an offering to those who need assistance in typical household maintenance and repairs. These projects are usually completed in a few hours.

Examples where the VRT can help:

- **Changing: Smoke Detector Batteries, AC Filters, Light Bulbs**
- **Cleaning refrigerator coils**
- **Adding salt to water softener**
- **Other small household needs**

Please contact the church office for assistance and leave your contact information. A VRT member will contact you for details.





Church Maintenance

The VRT serves our church by assisting with a variety of improvement & maintenance projects.

Examples where the VRT has helped

- Trimming trees, landscaping & gardening
- Painting, interior and exterior
- Building storage closets in Creason Hall
- Power washing areas & chairs
- Repairing tables
- Setup & cleanup for church events

These projects are usually completed in a few hours.

Disaster Response Team

Disaster Response Team (DRT) helps those who have been impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or other disastrous situations. The DRT's mission is:

“To provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster”



The primary DRT activity is to volunteer for mission trips that provide Christian comfort, empathy, and physical help to those who have suffered the effects of natural disasters.

The DRT must be invited into the community through our parent organization, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). DRT Mission durations are 3 to 5 days.

Our team is a member of the Florida Conference within UMCOR. For more information about the Florida Conference Disaster Recovery Ministry, visit:

<https://www.flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org>



DRT Training

- The VRT's response starts when individuals like you have a desire to spread Christian love and witness by helping others in need.
- To prepare for work that needs to be done on a mission trip, all new members will complete a background check and attend training.
- Initial disaster response team training is eight hours (often at our church, or another local church within the district).
- Refresher training is provided as needed.
- With training and support from other team members, you will be ready to assist wherever needed.

VRT Committees

If you prefer to volunteer for administrative activities, become a chairperson or co-chair on one of our committees.

Committee positions require attending monthly meetings and up to 10 hours of committee work per month.

- Team Leader
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- VRT Newsletter
- VRT Ambassador - MOM
- VRT Email Coordinator

- DRT T-Shirts
- New Member Recruit & Retain
- Church Maintenance
- Community Projects
- His Helpers
- Disaster Response (DRT) - FLUMC
- DRT Mission Planning
- UMCOR ERT Training
- DRT Trailer Maintenance
- VRT Shed
- Hurricane Preparedness
- Recycle Materials
- Truck Trailer Training
- Van Training



Recycling

Recycling aluminum Cans for Christ and Scrap Metal provides funds that support our VRT. The money we receive pay for our mission trips, maintenance of our trailers, tools, and the Believer Truck.

Community & church members provide the donated materials. When the trailers are full the VRT Recycling committee deliver them to the recycling centers. This position requires a commitment of around 10 hours monthly.





Communicating with VRT Members

Our VRT uses the Mailchimp database to communicate (send emails) to members.

Members must provide contact info that includes:

- **Name**
- **Local address**
- **Phone # (cell preferred)**
- **Email address**

Click the following link to complete your profile so you'll receive emails from our VRT:

<https://eepurl.com/gew3MD>

Questions About Joining Our VRT

Contact

- Debe Allen - New Member
Recruit & Retain Committee
DebeAllen@icloud.com
- Linda McGovern – VRT Leader
lwmcgovern@gmail.com

Attend a VRT Meeting

- Meetings are held on the 3rd
Wednesday of each Month
(September through May) at
2:30pm in Room 19 in the
Sanctuary Building.

