



**United Methodist  
Church of  
Sun City Center**

**Disaster  
Response Team**

**Thank you for considering joining the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center Disaster Response Team (DRT).**

**This presentation provides a brief overview of the numerous opportunities to serve on our team along with information about what happens immediately after a disaster.**

**We know not everyone wants to participate on responses after a disaster. Within our team there are opportunities for you assist at local churches, within our local community, & as a DRT committee co-chair.**

**We invite you to attend our DRT meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month (September through May) at 2:30pm in Room 19 of the Sanctuary Building.**



*Quit looking. Start Helping*



## **DRT Mission**

- **The Disaster Response Team helps those who have been impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or other disastrous situations.**
- **We respond both locally and beyond our community to provide help.**
- **The Disaster Response Team’s mission is:**

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

# Disaster Response Team

- The DRT is open to all Christians who are over 18 and willing to serve, which includes seasonal Florida residents.
- Other Christian churches' members are welcome and able to join.
- One of the primary DRT activities is to volunteer for mission trips that provide Christian comfort, empathy, and physical help to those who have suffered the effects of hurricanes and other natural disasters.
- With reference to disaster response, the team is invited into the community through our parent organization, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- 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 DRT'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 training is eight hours (often at our church, or another local church within the district).
- Refresher training is providing as needed.
- With training and support from other team members, you will be ready to assist wherever needed.



# Opportunities to Serve

- **Away Missions (3 to 5 days)**
- **Local Missions – FLUMC team (1-day missions)**
- **Serving as a Committee chair or Co-chair**
- **On Site Service at our local church**
- **His Helpers (assisting people within our church or community)**
- **Recycling**

# DRT Committees

- Leader
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- DRT Newsletter
- DRT Ambassador - MOM
- DRT Email Coordinator
- New Member Recruit & Retain
- T Shirts
- Hurricane Preparedness
- Local Missions - FLUMC
- Mission Planning - FLUMC
- Trailer Maintenance
- UMCOR ERT Training
- DRT Shed
- Local Projects - Church & Community
- His Helpers
- Recycle Materials
- Truck Trailer Training
- Van Training



# His Helpers

**The Disaster Response Team (DRT) at SCCUMC has implemented an offering to those who need assistance in typical household maintenance and repairs.**

**Examples where the DRT 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 DRT member will contact you for details.**







# Communicating with DRT Members

Our DRT 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 DRT:

<https://eepurl.com/gew3MD>

# Questions About Joining Our DRT

## Contact

- **Debe Allen - New Member Recruit and Retain Committee Co-Chair**  
[DebeAllen@icloud.com](mailto:DebeAllen@icloud.com)
- **Linda McGovern – DRT Leader**  
[lwmcgovern@gmail.com](mailto:lwmcgovern@gmail.com)

## Attend a DRT Meeting

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

