

FAQs

What work will we be doing?

Work at the homes we are helping to rebuild may include general home construction such as installing drywall, installing a roof, painting interior walls and trim, electrical work, plumbing, finishing trim work, installing closet doors, etc. There are also chores and jobs that need to be done at the base camp, such as organizing meals, assembling lunches, keeping things tidy, etc.

Where will we stay?

We are scheduled to stay on the grounds of Lacey United Methodist Church in Forked River, NJ. There are beds to sleep in and a nice common space. We will need to bring bedding and towels. Kitchen and showers will also be available.

What about cost?

The flight will be approximately \$375, ground transportation will be about \$150, and meals and lodging will be approximately \$200. We hope to also donate towards supplies. Most expenses will be covered by donations and fundraisers. Added personal costs may include extra-curricular activities, restaurants, excursions, etc. The \$200 deposit is the most anyone has had to pay for the last 10 years of District trips to the Gulf Coast, Indiana, New York, Maryland, and Texas though we'll always take additional donations from team members - all of it is tax deductible.

What is available in Forked River?

Most major stores, including a Home Depot and Wal-Mart, are in Forked River. Tools are available at the host location so we will have plenty of tools for the team.

What about health issues?

It will be important that all of your immunization shots are up-to-date. We will take all the appropriate precautions to insure safety.

What's the weather like?

The average high temps in late September are in the mid 70s and the lows average in the low 50s. We will have recommendations on what clothing and accessories to bring.

Will we be working with others?

We'll probably be broken into sub-teams of approximately 8 to 10 so we can work on multiple homes and have room to work.

Will this be my only opportunity to participate?

We are unsure how long the recovery work will take at this site. Another South District Mission trip will be scheduled to this or another US disaster recovery area in Fall 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES

Our team size can be up to 22 people. Please email or call Jennifer Demaree (info at bottom of the page) if you are interested in the trip and have questions. With the size of the district, communicating via phone or email to get information about the trip is the best. Two to three team meetings will be scheduled over the late spring/summer. I am happy to have an information meeting in your area if you are interested.

We currently have a fair amount of interest for this trip. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis so please get your forms in soon if you want to go. We would like to have all registrations in by June 15th for this late September trip, though the team may fill up earlier than that (or we may extend the deadline as needed). We will start by limiting each church to 5 participants and then add as needed. The goal is to have as many churches as possible represented.

SUGGESTED PACKING AND PREPARATION

Make sure that you have updated all of your shots, and have current identification for travel. We will provide packing lists closer to the date.

ABOUT THE COMMITMENT

As you consider the possibility of participating in this experience, seriously consider: why you feel called to this ministry opportunity, whether you can commit yourself to the planning **and** the trip, and how you see yourself participating as a member of a team. If you have questions or concerns please, don't hesitate to call or e-mail the team leader.

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**NEW JERSEY
SANDY RECOVERY
MISSION TEAM
2017**

***For United Methodists and friends,
called into mission to a devastated
community.***

***A time to grow spiritually, a time to
grow as a community and a time to
serve those in need.***



**Forked River, NJ
September 23-30, 2017**

A COMMUNITY SERVING COMMUNITY

Superstorm Sandy, which made landfall in late October 2012, was the most destructive storm New Jersey has ever experienced:

- 250,000 homes were affected
- 82,000 homes sustained major damage
- 161,000 people were displaced
- 6 months after the storm an estimated 22,000 families had not been able to move back into their homes
- Almost 5 years later, there is still a need to finish repairing homes in 10 locations in New Jersey.



Thousands of homes near the coast were destroyed

As Christians, we are called to rebuild communities in need of healing: physically, emotionally and spiritually. We are called to prayer, support, donations and physical work. United Methodists have been responding.

From September 23-30, 2017, a team of up to 22 members from churches in our area (or the conference area) and friends will travel to Forked River, NJ, to offer our support. We will be working with the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference's disaster recovery services to help families who cannot afford to repair or rebuild their homes on their own. Teams from all over the country have gone to this area to help with cleaning up.

THE PLAN

The months and days before departure on Saturday, September 23, 2017, will be spent organizing, team building, and fundraising. It is important that all participants called to serve in this special experience commit fully to all of the planning meetings, and fundraising prior to the trip, as well as the entire duration of the trip.

Most of us plan to fly from San Diego to New Jersey (possibly Philadelphia) where we will pick up rental vans and make our way to Forked River where we are staying. We will be working on homes in central New Jersey, usually within 20 miles of the housing site.

Each work day will likely begin at approximately 9:00 AM and conclude at approximately 5:00 PM. We will be preparing our own breakfasts, lunches, and most



Flooding in Taylor

dinners but a cooked dinner will be provided on Sunday and Thursday evenings. Aside from the provided dinners, we will be responsible for shopping for all food on our own. We may enjoy restaurant meals on occasion (like Sunday brunch after church).

On September 30, 2017, we will leave Forked River and drive back to the airport and fly back to San Diego that same day.

THE COST

The expenses will be approximately \$800 per participant. This covers plane tickets, rental vehicles, food, lodging, gas, and hopefully some donations for supplies. Team members will be asked to bring their own spending money for souvenirs and restaurants. Each team member is required to make a tax deductible donation of \$200, but scholarships are available. The remainder of the funds are raised by local churches.

Mission Team Commitment Form

Register by filling out and mailing in form below

<input type="checkbox"/>	Deposit (if scholarship needed please contact Jennifer)	\$200.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Money to be fund raised by September 23rd Previous trip participants have not had to pay this.	\$600.00+	

Subtotal: _____

Total: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Return this portion of the brochure with a deposit of \$200 directly to Temecula UMC by mail (see address below) or turning in to the church office.

Make check payable to Temecula UMC. Write in memo New Jersey Team 2017.

2017 NEW JERSEY SANDY RECOVERY SOUTH DISTRICT MISSION TEAM

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Please contact Jennifer Demaree at 619-540-5257 or jkdemaree@gmail.com when you send in this form so she knows it is on the way or if you have any questions.