

# Volunteer Navigators

## PURPOSE:

To prepare caring volunteers and local church leadership to respond to neighbors who have experienced a disaster by providing accurate and timely information as a gesture of care and a sign of hope.

## CONCEPT:

Volunteer Navigators Outreach prepares the church to serve locally in disaster ministry by providing information and referral to survivors in the early relief phase.

**The key message to survivors is:**

***“Our church cares about the individuals and families in our neighborhood.”***

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

- (1) Volunteers associated with or otherwise invited by the local UMC who are willing to provide short-term outreach.
- (2) Local church leadership willing to coordinate short-term outreach volunteers; host training; facilitate debriefing; consolidate information gathered.

Get some clerical help to register volunteers and prepare nametags.

If the church has T-shirts, wear them!



Feed the spirit with an inspiring and spiritual start to the day, and feed the body with some energizing snacks. Church members who can't join the walking team can cook or provide supplies and food.

Explain each piece in the tool kit, as well as the schedule, and allow for questions and conversation.

After de-briefing and data summary, communicate with the conference to help coordinate next steps