

**mna disaster response**



**ATTENTION: MNA Disaster Response is pleased to announce that it will award a new disaster response first responder team equipment trailer at the 2012 General Assembly!!**

PCA Churches, Mission Churches, RUF Campus Ministries and Presbyteries,

Mission to North America (MNA) is charged with coordinating Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) disaster response in the US and Canada. This vital mission is accomplished through disaster preparedness awareness & training in advance of disaster events and by providing support in response to disaster events. Preparedness training is conducted regularly through local and PCA-wide events. MNA Disaster Response provides support to PCA churches in disaster affected communities through a network of staff and volunteer damage assessment teams, first response teams, site managers, and key leaders. MNA recruits and mobilizes volunteers, receives and distributes supplies and equipment, brings awareness of specific needs, channels recovery funds, focuses prayer and provides spiritual encouragement to our PCA family and their communities.

**In keeping with the fulfillment of this mission, MNA Disaster Response will award a new disaster response first responder team equipment trailer to a PCA church, mission church, RUF Campus Ministry, or presbytery at the 40<sup>th</sup> PCA General Assembly in Louisville KY this summer. The purpose in the provision of this trailer is to increase the grassroots network of first responders.**

Any PCA church, mission church, RUF ministry, or presbytery may complete and submit a proposal to be considered for this award (proposal guidelines attached). Proposals must be submitted to MNA Disaster Response Facilitator Sherry Lanier by email to [slanier@pcanet.org](mailto:slanier@pcanet.org) or by mail to Sherry Lanier, 130 Woodgate Drive, Brandon, MS 39042. **Entries must be postmarked by May 1.**

A commission consisting of MNA Disaster Response staff, experienced first responders and key leaders will evaluate all properly submitted proposals and award the trailer to the team submitting the best proposal. The winner will be announced at the 2012 PCA General Assembly during the MNA Ministry Luncheon.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Arklie Hooten*

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MNA ShortTerm Missions and Disaster Response Director  
Presbytery Church in America / Mission to North America

# First Responder Trailer Award

## Instructions for Proposal

### ***What groups should submit a proposal?***

- PCA churches, mission churches, RUF campus ministries and presbyteries seeking to develop a first response team (*i.e. teams set up to accomplish debris cleanup, chainsaw teams, muckout teams, gutout teams, blue-roofing teams*).
- Already developed long-term recovery teams seeking to develop a first responder component (*i.e. rebuilding teams that normally do carpentry, sheetrock, electrical, etc. who desire to put together a first responder team doing chainsaw or flood work*).
- Although newly organized teams will be given preference, churches and presbyteries that currently have disaster response teams seeking to increase capacity may also submit proposals or assist and encourage sister churches to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Churches, mission churches, RUF campus ministries, and presbyteries that can develop site manager teams (*i.e. a group of second career folks who can provide long-term disaster site management and volunteer coordination*).
- Be creative. If you have a great new team development idea we are eager to hear from you.

### ***Who should submit the proposal?***

Proposal should be submitted by one of the following:

- Church or mission church— Proposal should be submitted and signed by the clerk of the session.
- RUF campus ministry – The RUF ministry director of the particular campus should sign and submit the proposal.
- Presbytery – Proposals submitted on behalf of a presbytery must be signed by the MNA chairman, the presbytery clerk, or the chairman of the presbytery mercy committee.

### ***Who do I contact with questions about the proposal?***

MNA Disaster Response staff is ready to assist you. Please contact one of the following staff:

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### ***The application process is as follows***

1. Applicant completes a proposal. Proposals will be kept confidential.
2. Applicant sends proposal to MNA Disaster Response Facilitator Sherry Lanier by email to [slanier@pcanet.org](mailto:slanier@pcanet.org) or by mail to 130 Woodgate Drive, Brandon, MS 39042. **Entries must be postmarked by May 1.**
3. MNA Disaster Response may pose follow-up questions. Applicants may be asked to revise and resubmit the proposal with increased detail and specificity.
4. MNA staff will either decline the proposal or recommend it to the trailer selection commission for final review and award.
5. The successful team will be announced at the 40<sup>th</sup> General Assembly during the MNA Ministry Luncheon. The trailer will be on display at GA and available at the conclusion of the Assembly. Alternate delivery options are available upon request.

MNA DISASTER RESPONSE  
2012 PCA General Assembly  
Disaster Response Trailer Award



Name of Person Submitting Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PCA Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery (if submission is for a specific church / plant): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preparedness**

What steps will your organization (church, mission church, RUF campus ministry, or presbytery) take or are currently taking to prepare your congregants/members for disaster? *Include as much detail as possible including all initiatives to prepare individuals and/or families with their disaster plans. Does / will your plan only include your church family or does your ministry extend to non-church members. Are you working with other churches or relief providers in your town?*

*Churches: Is your church a designated shelter for your community? Could it be used as a distribution center for supplies and equipment in the event your community was affected and is there leadership approval for this? Can your church host traveling disaster response teams if your area is affected. Does your church have access to showers for responders? A kitchen? List as much detail here as possible:*

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