

mna disaster response



ATTENTION: MNA Disaster Response is pleased to issue a Request for Proposals from qualified and interested PCA entities which would like to be considered for the award of a new disaster response equipment trailer.

Proposals due August 1, 2014

To: All PCA Churches, PCA Mission Churches, Presbyteries and RUF Campus Ministries

Mission to North America (MNA), a Permanent Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), is assigned the task of coordinating the PCA response to disasters in the United States and Canada. Mission to North America accomplishes this vital task through dedicated staff members who mobilize presbyteries, churches and individuals to use their time, talent and treasure to prepare for disaster and to respond to disaster.

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 the 51st new disaster response first responder team equipment trailer to a PCA church, PCA mission church, presbytery, or RUF Campus Ministry during September 2014. The purpose in the provision of this trailer is to increase the grassroots network of first response relief providers. The First Responder Trailer Grant Program is a catalytic method of launching new PCA disaster response teams, thereby enlarging our network of relief providers and growing the PCA geographical readiness footprint.

Any PCA church, mission church, presbytery, or RUF ministry 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 or by mail to Sherry Lanier, 130 Woodgate Drive, Brandon, MS 39042. **Entries must be postmarked by August 1, 2014.**

A commission comprised 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 during September 2014.

Serving you with my whole heart,

Arklie

Arklie Hooten
MNA ShortTerm Missions & Disaster Response Director
Mission to North America / Presbyterian Church in America

First Responder Trailer Award

Instructions for Proposal

What groups should submit a proposal?

- PCA churches, mission churches, presbyteries, or RUF campus ministries seeking to develop a first response team (*i.e. teams set up to accomplish debris cleanup, chainsaw teams, muck-out teams, gut-out teams, blue-roofing teams, food canteen 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, presbyteries, or RUF campus ministries 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, or the provisional session.
- RUF campus ministry – The RUF campus minister of the particular campus should sign and submit the proposal along with the chairman of the presbytery campus ministry oversight committee.
- 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 or by mail to 130 Woodgate Drive, Brandon, MS 39042. **Entries must be postmarked by August 1, 2014.**
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 during September 2014.
6. The successful winning team can take delivery of the trailer at the MNA DR Warehouse building site in Dalton, GA. Alternate delivery options may be available upon request.



**MNA DISASTER RESPONSE
2014 Disaster Response Trailer Award**

Name of Person Submitting Proposal: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

PCA Organization Name: _____

Presbytery (if submission is other than a presbytery): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____

Website Address: _____

E-Mail 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. What training is underway? Does/will disaster response ministry fall under diaconal or mission committee oversight? 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:

Team-building

List recruitment initiatives that will be taken or are being taken. What organizational steps will your team undertake? *Include team recruitment strategies and campaigns. All can't go, so how will you develop opportunities for those unable to travel with the team?*

Churches: What actions have the Session and/or Diaconate taken or will likely take relative to approving this ministry? Have there been enabling motions approved? Has/will the church create a line item in the church budget going forward to facilitate this ministry?

Presbytery: What initiatives will be taken or are being taken for member churches to work together? Include which presbytery committee disaster response is assigned. Has the presbytery approved a leadership structure and developed policies? (If so, please include a copy.)

Team focus

How do you plan to use this Disaster Response trailer and how would you plan to equip it? *Will your team focus on debris cleanup, chainsaw work, mucking out flood damaged homes, providing site management, food canteen service, etc., or be an all around first responder team. What is your projected geographical target area for this team and this trailer? How many weeks a year could your team possibly serve with MNA?*

Team equipping

What method will the team use to equip the trailer, e.g., special offerings, transfer of existing funds, special events, etc?

Transportation:

Include in your proposal how the trailer will be transported. Does the church own a church van or truck that could be used? Do team members have adequate trucks that can be used? Successful teams have a plan in place to insure for last minute mobilization.

Team administration

Submit a list of current team leadership and structure including contact information. *Who will be the primary contact person for MNA? Submit a possible yearly budget for your trailer team. How will funds be raised to sustain this ministry (special offerings, normal budget inclusion, designated giving, and fundraising events)?*

Signature: _____

Title (clerk etc.): _____

Date: _____