

Central **TEXAS** Conference

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## Five Star Mission Awards

**\*\* APPLICATION IS OPEN! \*\***

**Don't delay...deadline is March 15th!**

The Five Star Award for Missional Involvement is a Central Texas Conference initiative designed to serve as a starting point for risk-taking mission and service by recognizing United Methodist churches that achieve a foundational level of engagement with the needs of the world during a calendar year.

Go [HERE](#) to see list of required qualifications and application link.



If you want to learn how to lead a mission trip, of any kind in an effective manner and to places like Africa, Haiti or Oklahoma, then UMVIM training is for you.

Even if you have had the training in the past but have not gone through a class in the last five years, you need to attend a VIM training for a refresher course.

Upcoming Training Opportunity:

- Saturday, March 24 9am-1pm Salado UMC

For more information and registration [CLICK HERE](#).

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## **RECERTIFICATION/ADVANCED TRAINING CLASSES AVAILABLE**

This training will consist of two 200-level classes, Site Assessment and Wildfire. If your ERT badge is expiring within a year or has expired within the last 6 months these two classes will allow you to receive your recertification. If you don't need recertification you may choose to take these classes for advanced ERT training.

**These classes are only for those who have already completed the 8 hour basic ERT training.**

- **Saturday, March 17 9am-1pm Weatherford FUMC**

For more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#).

#### **BASIC ERT TRAINING CLASS AVAILABLE**

- **Saturday, April 7 9am-5pm Meridian FUMC**
- **Saturday, April 7 9am-5pm Round Rock FUMC**



#### **Basic Emotional & Spiritual Care Response Training**

Provides training in identifying spiritual and emotional needs of individuals, communities, and congregations following disasters; responding to those needs; elaborating strategies for disaster responders' self-care, and understanding how Care Teams fit into the overall United Methodist Disaster Response structure.

*Basic ERT Training is not a prerequisite for this class.*

- **Saturday, April 21 9am-4pm Mansfield FUMC**  
PLEASE NOTE: Open to the first 20 registrants

For more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#).

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March 11, 2018, is [UMCOR Sunday](#), formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing. We ask that you please remember the UMCOR Sunday offering in your church and encourage people to give in support of the [United Methodist Committee on Relief](#). Now you can text 'umcorsunday' to 91999 and give from your cellphone.

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Individual Registration for CTCYM summer mission trips is now open! **This Friday, March 9th, is the deadline for June trips to qualify for the Early Bird Rate.** Please visit [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org) and click the "Individual Registration" button. You may select from the following trips:

- Senior High Trip to New Mexico: June 17-23, 2018
- Combination Trip (Sr./Jr. High) to New Mexico: June 17-23, 2018
- Junior High Trip to South East Texas: July 15-20, 2018
- Combination Trip (Sr./Jr. High) to South East Texas: July 15-20, 2018

**Important!** If you, or someone in your group, wishes to serve in a Living Center Leadership role, it is vital that the application (a required step) be completed as soon as possible, as leadership teams are being assembled now. The leadership application may be found on the [“For Leadership”](#) page; scroll down to the Application for Leadership, and select the trip for which you wish to apply. If you desire to serve on both trips, please complete an application for both June and July.

We invite you to visit [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org) to read more about CTCYM. Please feel free to contact [Claire Condrey](#) in the Conference Service Center if you have any questions.

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David and Cindy Ceballos are coming to Central Texas for a final retirement itineration from April 5 to 12; they will then be in North Texas for a brief stay. They are grateful to so many CTC churches for all their wonderful support. We will do our best to make visits happen but with their short stay hope that churches in similar areas might cluster together. Please let [Molly Simpson Hayes](#) know if you're interested in a visit or hosting no later than March 12. We will post an overall schedule for both conferences once we have it should another location and date work better for people. Thanks for all your patience as we put the pieces together.

Note: Molly will be co-leading a trip to the Holy Lands until March 10 with somewhat limited email access but will do her best to respond to any questions. She hopes the schedule will be sent out by March 15.

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**To read a story of how University UMC made a bridge into the community, [click here.](#)**

#### **Leadership Retreat**

Do you have a lake house or vacation home? We are looking for a relaxing retreat space for a leadership retreat for about 11 people the weekend of April 13-15. If you would like to share your space, please contact Chelsea Jones at [chelseajones@ctcumc.org](mailto:chelseajones@ctcumc.org) or 817-531-6539

#### **Book Drive**

**You all did an amazing job of donating books to stock our libraries last year. We currently need more beginning readers (pre-k through 2nd grade) and advanced chapter books for 5th grade and up. If you would like to donate books or organize a book drive with your church or other group, please contact Chelsea Jones at [chelseajones@ctcumc.org](mailto:chelseajones@ctcumc.org) or 817-531-6539.**

#### **Partner Church Meeting**

**If you have already committed or are interested in partnering with Project Transformation and one of our Host Churches, join us to learn about opportunities to read with children, bring a meal to the interns, and other ways you can be in partnership with this amazing ministry!**

Thursday, April 26 at 6:00  
Laity Hall in the CTC Service Center  
3200 E. Rosedale St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76105

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Julie Harding at [julieharding@ctcumc.org](mailto:julieharding@ctcumc.org) or 817-531-6540