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Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

~Erma Bombeck

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Wendy Vencuss: Emotional Spiritual Care



Our ministry is very fortunate to have Pastor Wendy Vencuss, an UMCOR Emotional and Spiritual Care consultant, working with us. Wendy is also very active as a co-coordinator of NYAC's "Mountain of Hope for Haiti" mission.

Currently, Wendy is helping UMCOR to set up a system for handling future emergencies; getting a structure created and plans in place so that no one will ever face a disaster and not know what to do, or how to set

recovery in motion. She has trained people across the country to provide E.S. care in their local community. Wendy believes we must "equip people for ministry" in daily living. Part of her training involves disaster care ministry teams.

CARE TEAMS

Disasters Care Ministry Teams are faith-based, groups with standardized UMCOR training that provide spiritual and emotional care following disasters. Working closely with their conference Disaster Response Committee, Care Teams will help disaster survivors connect with their spiritual, emotional, and basic life resources.

Conferences who complete this track become a part of

the national UMCOR Care Team network.

UMCOR provides orientation to conference leadership and assistance in establishing team policies and procedures that are consistent with all the current National VOAD standards for disaster spiritual and emotional care. Care Teams that follow the suggested UMCOR policies and procedures become a part of the UMCOR Care Team network and may be referred for deployment by UMCOR to any other conferences that have experienced disasters.

On July 16th, our Conference Disaster Response Committee will be holding a meeting with District leaders to soon bring disaster training to the local level.

New York Annual Conference

June 10 – 13, 2015



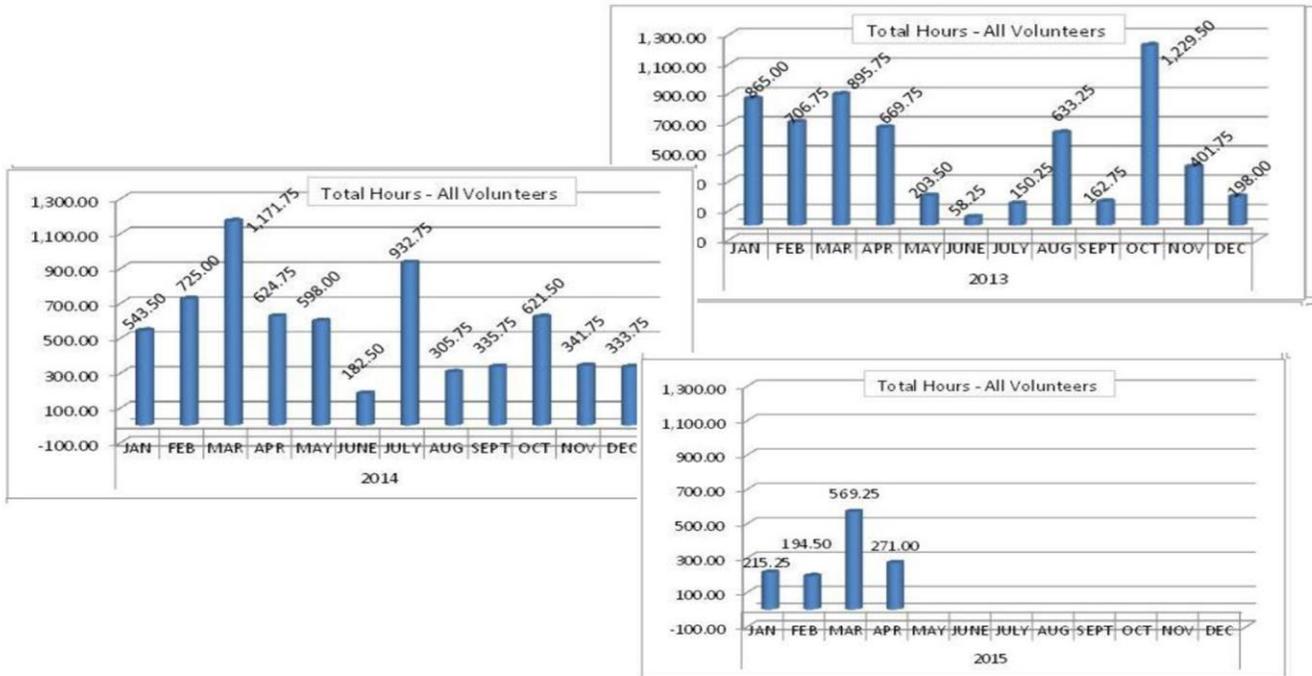
Clergy and laity will come together at Hofstra University

for the 216th session of the New York Annual Conference. with a theme, "Dancing with the Spirit: Conference as a Means of Grace," the event will begin with a joint worship service for clergy and laity at 1 p.m. Wednesday. For more details see the story on Page 3; to register go to www.nyac.com/ac

Live Streaming

Live streaming of all of the events in the arena will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, with the combined opening worship for clergy and laity. All plenary events will be live streamed through a link available on the NYAC web site.

Volunteers Put in Many Hours:



Long Island Volunteers:

From October 2013 – April 2015, Volunteers Provided Half the Value of Rebuilding!

Percentages of Expenditures by Category

