



Proposal from Volunteers In Mission and Disaster Response Ministries

Due to the increasing need for a storage and staging facility for Volunteers in Missions and Disaster Response assets, ARUMC VIM/ Disaster Response Coordinators are proposing to construct a 1500sqft metal building centrally located in the Conference.

Wesley UMC in Conway has agreed to provide property for the building. This would be a prime location because of the physical location and ease of access to I-40. Rapid response volunteers live in the area so response time in delivering needed supplies and equipment to disaster affected areas would be more efficient.

The building would be approximately 30ft x 50ft, fully enclosed, with a 16ft x 50ft lean-to on one side. A chain link fence enclosure would also be constructed and 2 security lights installed. Proposed budget for project is \$30,000.

Currently Disaster Response has supplies and equipment staged in various locations around the conference. This can be expensive and causes difficulty in tracking and keeping inventory. Response can be more efficient and effective with all assets housed in one central location. Funds currently being used for storage fees can instead be used for direct assistance to those affected by disasters.

The building would serve as a central location for donated building materials, relief supplies and equipment trailers.

This funding for the cost of the building would be raised through donations from individuals and churches.

We have a pledge of \$5000 currently from an individual and approx. \$8,000 in an account with The Methodist Foundation which is designated for Disaster Response. We would need to raise an additional \$17000 more for the construction and completion of the facility.

Janice and Byron Mann as your conference VIM and DR coordinators would appreciate you and your church prayerfully considering making a donation toward this goal of making the ministries of VIM and DR more efficient and viable to assist in the aftermath of disasters.