

## **Staff (will assist on:)**

*Jim Kirk (All)*  
*Susan Krehbiel (Refugee)*  
*Emily Wilkes (Refugee)*  
*Becca Snipp (IT)*  
*Nell Herring (NRT/NVT, Hosting)*  
*Dave Barnhart (Story Ministry)*  
*Cameron Stevens (Story Ministry & IT)*  
*Kathy Riley (ESC)*

## **Advisory Committee Rep:**

*Marilyn Stone*

## **Annual Meeting Planning Team:**

*Meredith Mueller*

## **Care Team:**

*Greg Smith*

The National Response Team (NRT) Care Team was created and is maintained as a means of offering individualized support to deployed NRT and National Volunteer Team (NVT) volunteers. The Care Team is made up of NRT/NVT members who, in addition to other NRT/NVT roles, accept the additional responsibility of providing emotional and spiritual support to their deployed colleagues. Care Team support is usually available for early response deployments to disaster situations and for subsequent deployments related to the initial disaster.

## **Church Damage:**

*David Woodburn*

To assist the Associate for Disaster Response (U.S.) in responding to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of disaster survivors in the aftermath of an event causing church damage.

## **Discernment:**

*Kathy Riley*

## **Emotional and Spiritual Care:**

*Kathy Riley*

### **Emotional and Spiritual Care Ministry for NRT/NVT:**

Emotional and Spiritual Care is the essence of PDA's work in times of disaster. We embody God's loving presence with those we serve by listening compassionately to their stories, assessing their needs, making appropriate referrals, and accompanying them as they move toward healing and recovery. We equip our congregations, other worshipping communities, and faith leaders to provide appropriate and respectful Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care to their communities. For all who serve survivors, we share tools for their resilience through retreats and workshops.

### **Mission Statement for the ESC Ministry Coordinating Team:**

Our mission is to lead the overall ESC ministry of the NRT/NVT. We coordinate ESC deployments, design and carry out resilience programs and workshops on how to offer disaster emotional and spiritual care, and develop capacity building programs for NRT/NVT who lead ESC programs. We offer resources and coaching for ESC skill building for all NRT/NVT members.

## **HOPE Curriculum:**

*Sandra Price & Dave Rauer*

## Hosting:

*Fred Wally*

Through hospitality and to the glory of God, we provide a connection between volunteer work teams and disaster rebuilding efforts for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events in the United States.

## Information Technology:

*Dave Thalman*

The IT Team is responsible for managing NRT web page content (Quiet Pages), evaluating technology options for sharing information, supporting technology initiatives from ministry teams, recommending best practices for formatting electronic documents and presentations, and conducting IT training.

## Long Term Recovery (LTR):

*Dave Rauer*

The mission of the LTR team is to offer hope out of chaos by: providing LTR leadership to National Response Team, offering LTR guidance and counsel to our partners and affected communities, and providing a forum to identify and develop LTR knowledge and expertise.

## Preparedness:

*Carolyn Thalman*

## Refugee:

*Greg Smith and Kristin Hutson*

## Story Ministry:

*Cully Culpepper & Sally Dyer*

Storytelling is the social and cultural activity of sharing stories. Narratives (stories) have been shared in every culture as a means of education, cultural preservation, and instilling moral values.

An essential part of Jesus's mission and ministry was parables, and he used them to inspire, challenge, and cultivate the beloved community. Stories, narratives, and parables carry the seeds of community and are powerful tools for connection.

PDA is exploring how storytelling can be a form of ministry in both the process of healing impacted communities and in connecting wider circles of community.

*"Sharing our stories is a spiritual Calling.*

*We have to be willing to listen and then try to articulate or put words to that which is sacred."* Dr. David Rhoads

## Vision Team – Nat'l. Associate's

The Vision Ministry Team will meet with the Associate for Disaster Response (U.S.) once a year face to face and virtually during the year. The purpose of vision ministry team is to: respond to requests from the Associate (questions, concerns, initiative, etc.), assist the Associate with integrating new initiatives into the life and culture of the NRT/NVT, with the Associate reflect on the domestic ministries of PDA, with the Associate enhance the domestic ministries of PDA and with the Associate and the entire NRT/NVT pray for the ministry of PDA and those involved.