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Disaster Co-Coordinators corner  
Michigan UCC newsletter

### **Snow birding with a purpose**

If you're heading South this winter to escape the cold and snow of Michigan, consider spending a week volunteering at one of the work sites in Texas or South Carolina. Not all work sites are set up for very small groups (like a couple), but often a larger group will not fill a site to capacity and will gladly include you. September is a good time to begin to make connections with the long-term volunteers and make arrangements to volunteer your time in the warm sun of winter.

We suggest Texas (Williamson County), or South Carolina (Lexington and Richland Counties), as these are work sites that desperately need workers and are places that the UCC have been working. Other organizations are working in other places and an internet search for disaster recovery volunteer opportunities will help you discover where you could serve. You can always contact Marcia or myself (contact info below) for other suggestions.

At this writing, the floodwaters in Louisiana have just begun to recede and the devastation is as yet unknown. This flood has hit some areas that were impacted in March 2016. The '500-year flood' in March was followed just five months later by even worse flooding. In the early days of any disaster, the best tools to respond with is your checkbook and pen. The UCC is not the first people to deploy (that is for other groups that have specialized in early response) but we are often the last to leave. This kind of response requires funds that last long past the short attention span of the media. Give generously now if you are able, and follow One Great Hour of Sharing on Facebook for updates on recovery efforts.

### **Visit with Marcia and Harold Beer**

We are planning to be at the Michigan Conference Annual Meeting October 14 and 15 in Flint. We hope to see you there!

### **More information**

As always, <http://www.ucc.org/disaster> should be your first stop to find out how the UCC is responding to disasters in the US and around the world. You'll find lots of information and have the ability to donate to the Emergency USA fund through which the UCC

responds to disasters in the United States. 100% of your donation is used for disaster relief and rehabilitation programs.

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