PROJECTS in VERMONT:

Vermont, and other areas of New England experienced historic flooding this past summer. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams from several different states responded in a tremendous way to help with feeding and immediate recovery work. Vermont Baptists are grateful for the help they received. However, there is still work to do. Two Vermont church buildings sustained heavy damage and is asking for help in getting their facilities back in order. One church is asking for help in reaching out to their neighbors and helping them do much-needed home restoration. Please read the requests below. If your church can help by sending teams, or sending funds, please contact Mark Abernathy, Baptists on Mission, at 919-459-5607 or mabernathy@ncbaptist.org

FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECTS (URGENT)

VT24-003  Flood Recovery for Home in the Community  Barre, Vermont
Teams are needed to work with a local Baptist ministry in helping people recover from the 2023 flooding that devastated the Barre/Montpelier area of Vermont. The early, and immediate stages will include re-insulating, hanging of sheetrock (not necessarily finishing), and replacing sub-flooring – as long as needed. Subsequent teams may have more detailed, finish-type work as the project progresses. Requestor will work with team leader in knowing what kinds of work team will do as the time for service gets closer. Teams are needed now, but the estimate is that much of this will go on through the end of summer 2024. Will need some with construction knowledge and most with willing hearts and hands. Some funds are available for needed materials, but if teams want to contribute, that would be great. Many tools are available on site for teams to use, but if teams drive and can bring some tools, that will help. If flying, requestor can arrange for team to be transported from and to the airport once in Vermont. Teams of up to 20 can stay at a nearby church and prepare their meals in church kitchen. Other lodging options are available as well.
Length of assignment: 5-7 Days (or more)
Preferred Dates: September 2023-October 2024
Costs: Travel to Vermont, Lodging, Team Food

VT24-004  Church Restoration After Flood  Montpelier, Vermont
Teams are needed to help congregation rebuild after the devastating floods of July 2023. Need skilled workers who can help with electrical, plumbing, sheet rock repair, subfloor and flooring replacement, replacement of ceiling tiles, trim work, painting, etc. Pastor will work with team leader in knowing what kinds of work team will do as the time for service gets closer. Teams may be able to stay at nearby Calef House Retreat Center – or in local hotels. Team will need to provide their own food. (If staying at Calef House, can use kitchen at nearby church).
Length of assignment: 5-7 Days (or more)
Preferred Dates: September 2023-May 2024
Costs: Travel to Vermont, Lodging, Team Food

VT24-006  Replace Flood-Damaged Flooring in Church  Barre, Vermont
Church is seeking help in tearing up existing carpet in sanctuary and stage, and replacing with carpet tiles. Also need to install laminate flooring in foyer and children’s church area over existing tile. Team will need to remove and possibly replace trim as needed, and install transitions. Need those with flooring experience. Requesting church will provide all materials. Team need to either bring tools, or let church know ahead of time exactly what tools are needed so that they can procure them. Team can stay in a nearby guest house ($25 per person per night) and prepare their meals at nearby church kitchen. Host church can help some with meals as well.
Length of assignment: 5-7 Days
Preferred Dates: As Soon As Possible Until Completed
Costs: Travel to Vermont, team food, possible lodging