

MDS Region 4 Annual Meetings Information

September 26-27

Portland Mennonite Church, Portland, OR

The theme this year is "**Learning to Build on Shifting Sands**" with scripture from Joshua 1:9 *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Living in a time where it feels like so much is transitioning or changing all around us, how does MDS continue be the hands and feet of Jesus in responding to those affected by disasters? We hope you will join us for a time of learning and celebrating the work happening in Region 4. Please spread the word to anyone who would like to learn more about MDS!

Schedule:

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Training on Volunteer Development (*Lunch Provided*)

Friday 6:00 PM: Appreciation Banquet

Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Annual Meeting (*Lunch Provided*)

Training on Friday:

In addition to our meeting time, MDS is offering a training event during the day on Friday. This training is intended for current and prospective Unit and Region leaders and members who have an interest in recruitment and retention of volunteers in their Unit and/or Region. We will explore the many ways a prospective volunteer can get involved with MDS, as well as strategies and resources for recruiting and engaging with new and returning volunteers. This training will take place on Friday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Training Schedule:

9:00	Welcome/Devotions
9:15	Mission/Vision/Values
9:45	MDS Structure
10:15	Break
10:30	Individual Volunteer Roles
11:15	Programs
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Identifying Your Constituency
1:45	Promoting MDS Opportunities
2:45	Break
3:00	Goal Setting
4:00	Next Steps/Closing Comments

MDS has a block of rooms reserved at two Portland Hotels

Rooms should be reserved by August 25 to guarantee a room at the negotiated rate.

Both hotels have a free airport shuttle and include breakfast.

1. To reserve a room at Springhill Suites by Marriott click [here](#).
2. To reserve a room at Best Western Call (503) 251-9991 and tell the front desk that you are booking a room with Mennonite Disaster Service.

Register Here!