

Suggested Constitution for a Local United Methodist Men's Unit



Article I NAME

The name of the unit is (____ church name ____) United Methodist Men's Unit of (____ city and state ____) chartered and certified annually by the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Article II PURPOSE

United Methodist Men shall be a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily his will. Its primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and in all their relationships.

Article III CONCERNS

- 1) To encourage knowledge of and support for the total mission of The United Methodist Church.
- 2) To engage in evangelism by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions.
- 3) To clarify and speak to the identity and role of the man in contemporary society.
- 4) To seek commitment to discipleship.
- 5) To study and become familiar with The United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrines and belief.
- 6) To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in reaching these objectives through district, conference, and church-wide goals.
- 7) To support the National Congress of United Methodist Men, the National Prayer Ministry, Bible Study Program, Scouting Ministry, Every Man Shares Program (Evangelism, Mission & Spiritual Life) and other ministries, programs, and projects sponsored by the General Commission on United Methodist Men.
- 8) To support district-wide projects that would provide a sense of community among the men of the district.
- 9) (Add any special concerns of your unit) _____

- 10) _____

Article IV
ENCOURAGE EACH MAN IN THESE PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

- (1) To engage daily in Bible study and prayer.
- (2) To bear witness to Christ's way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions.
- (3) To engage in some definite Christian service.
- (4) _____
- (5) _____
- (6) _____

Article V
MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Men who subscribe to the major concerns and personal objectives as stated above.
- (2) The duly appointed pastor(s) and the lay leader of the church shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee.
- (3) Membership may include men from other United Methodist Churches, men from other denominations, as well as non-churched men.
- (4) Men who are members of the district, conference, jurisdiction or national organizations.

Article VI
MEETINGS

This unit shall hold meetings as specified in the By-Laws. The meeting held during the month of _____ shall be designated as the annual meeting. The election of officers shall take place at this meeting. Additional meetings of United Methodist Men may be called by the president, pastor, or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Article VII
OFFICERS

The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Article VIII
ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

The unit shall establish such committees and task forces it deems necessary in order to carry out the business and objectives of the unit.

Article IX EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following: the officers and all committee chairs. The pastor and the lay leader are ex officio members of the Executive Committee with power to vote. General administration and supervision of the affairs of the unit are vested in the Executive Committee.

Article X CORRELATION

The work of the unit shall be correlated with the total program of the church as initiated and directed by the Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, under leadership of the pastor.

Article XI FINANCES

The program of the unit shall be financed by such means as the members may approve on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Article XII CLUSTER UNIT

It may be beneficial for the men from one or more churches to come together and form a Cluster Unit of United Methodist Men with appropriate officers.

Article XIII BY-LAWS

By-Laws in harmony with the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted by two-thirds majority vote of all members present at a regular or called meeting, provided proper advance notice is given of such proposed change.

(This is a suggested Constitution. Please feel free to make changes, additions or deletions as desired.)

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