Extending our Reach

Men’s Ministry Resources and Information for United Methodist Men
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Our Identity, Call, and Mission

The General Commission on United Methodist Men and local units of UMM in United Methodist Churches around the world support the Mission of the United Methodist Church; to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We have two primary areas of our work: Men’s Ministry, which includes ministry to, for, with and through men, and Scouting Ministry, which includes multiple youth serving, youth mentoring entities.

Our primary mission is to help men mature as disciples of Jesus Christ so they may encourage spiritual formation in others.

Our goal is to empower the ministry of Jesus Christ through males of all ages within and beyond United Methodist congregations.

Our purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in every man’s life. Men’s ministry leads to the spiritual growth of men and effective discipleship. This purpose is served as men are called to model the servant leadership of Jesus Christ.

We hold these essential precepts and values:

- Men lead others best by modeling Jesus Christ in thoughts, words and deeds - “Follow me, as I follow Christ” is the call offered by godly servant leaders.
- As the faith of mature disciples is modeled to others, the spiritual life cycle is completed.
- We trust and employ core Wesleyan principles working within small groups, transforming men’s hearts through an on-growing relationship with God in relationship with others on the journey.
- We desire to become effective spiritual leaders in our homes and congregations, working as partners with our spouses, pastors and congregational leaders.
- We strive to help our congregations become vital and alive with a clear balance of personal growth and social action.
- Everything desired from and through men comes as a result of men growing spiritually and maturing as disciples: family blessings, stewardship, service, outreach, prayer, spiritual leadership, evangelism, and faithful obedience. Men are foundational to the life and health of the church.
- When a man lives daily in surrendered faith, God is honored and many lives are blessed. Transformed hearts are forged only within Christ-centered lives - nothing less is our acceptable offering; nothing less truly reveals Christ.

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What is the GCUMM?

The General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) was created as a program agency at the 1996 General Conference in response to the need to develop, coordinate, resource and emphasize effective ministries to men in the United Methodist Church. The office of Scouting Ministries was placed within the GCUMM to coordinate, resource and emphasize ministries to youth through scouting and other youth-serving agencies.

GCUMM exists to assist men to know Jesus Christ, to serve Him, and to grow spiritually and seek daily to do His will. The commission has a board of 20 persons who represent each of the five Jurisdictions in the US, each of the three Central Conference areas of Africa, Europe and The Philippines, and persons who are selected for their expertise in men’s and scouting ministries. Our board has males and females, lay and clergy, and persons who do similar ministries differently in their local congregations.

GCUMM is a unique organization in many ways. Within the UMC structure, it is the only general agency of the church that raises 75-80% of its budget. Only 20-25% comes from apportionment gifts. Although it is one of the smallest agencies, its influence reaches deep into the connection.

Regrettably, GCUMM is not reaching as many men in as many churches as the agency would like. Each year, in the midst of many areas of decline, GCUMM is able to identify areas of growth in men’s ministry. United Methodist Men is the largest, most organized men’s ministry of any denomination in the US. GCUMM constantly strives to serve God by serving the men of your local congregation. If your local church needs assistance or materials for your men’s ministry or scouting ministry, the GCUMM has it, knows where to get it, or will create it for you.

Our general secretary/CEO meets regularly with the leaders of all the other general agencies of the UMC and he and the president of our board serve on the Connectional Table of the UMC.

Growing by Addition

Included in this booklet are materials that will give you a taste of some of the exciting opportunities locally, nationally and internationally in ministry to, through and for men in the United Methodist Church.

Over the last few years we have made a conscious shift of focus. Many congregations have a UMM unit that has a monthly meeting with an inspirational speaker and local projects to express their ministry. These groups meet a specific need, and have been an essential component of UMM. We continue to resource those groups and encourage them to continue.

We also realize that those monthly groups only reach a portion of the men in a local congregation and community. And so our focus is to “grow by addition.” Continue those traditional groups, but begin to offer new opportunities to reach all the men within a congregation. In many places these new groups have some traditional roots, but for many, they are out of the box. Most of these new groups meet weekly. Some, but not all, meet at the church. Other locations are a coffee shop, a place of business, a restaurant, or a home. For many, the easiest way for these men to meet is electronically through a platform (Skype, Zoom, Go to Meeting, etc.) that provides audio and video links to each participant. Some groups combine “in the same room” with technology to welcome members who travel or live some distance from the meeting location. Some of these meetings have food, but many do not (we know that does not sound Methodist).
Many of these groups engage in a variety of studies from books, videos, online sources, or other devotional material. Some deal with subjects that deal with Christian leadership or a wide variety of men’s issues. Others deal with recovery, and some with a Christian approach to finance.

There are other formats of small groups. Some have at their core a hobby or sport or a special interest. These are not secular groups, but a secular interest may bring them together. It may be fly fishing, or restored cars or any number of topics. But as they share their common interest, they intentionally share their walk with Christ. These are often intergenerational. Many communities have church-league softball or other sports. Again the reason they gather is play and practice, but as they do that, there is time set aside for a devotional and prayer. Many of these new groups welcome men from the community who may have no relationship with Jesus Christ. Once they feel comfortable with members of the group they often feel comfortable coming to a worship service or other activities at the church. We believe that many men and women come into a relationship with Christ and with a church through these “back door” ministries and relationships.

**Partnerships**
The GCUMM, at the time of this publication, has seven staff in our Nashville office and three deployed staff who are on part-time contracts. We have many partnership arrangements with entities inside and outside the UMC. Some provide devotional materials, some help with our mission work, some are training partners, and some are youth-serving agencies that are part of our scouting ministry. In each case, GCUMM evaluates the products and services we use to make sure they are the best available and match our Wesleyan traditions. We also cooperate and share ministries with other denominations.

At this time we have the following relationships with the following organizations:

**Affiliate Partners**
National Association of Conference Presidents of UM Men
United Methodist Men Foundation
Strength for Service Inc.
The Society of St. Andrew

**Affiliates**
Boy Scouts of America
PET International
Programs of Religious Activities with Youth
Bible Outreach Ministries National
The Upper Room Living Prayer Center
Girl Scouts of the USA
Wesley Men – World Fellowship of Methodist and Uniting Church Men

**Endorsed Ministries**
Camp Fire National Headquarters
Denominational Men’s Ministry Leaders
The Hope of Hearing
Man in the Mirror
National Coalition of Ministries to Men
Stop Hunger Now
The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries
Lead Like Jesus
Wesleyan Building Brothers
Love Packages
Vision of Men’s Ministry in the UMC
The ministry of men in the local church is defined as a core group of men, partnering with their pastor, to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. These opportunities would include diverse ministries of the church, such as prayer groups, missions, Bible studies, retreats, workshops/seminars, small groups in the Wesleyan tradition, leading and participating on committees, teaching Sunday school classes, youth ministries, scouting, mentoring, and assisting in leading worship services. The focus is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage the process of spiritual growth.

- Establishment of core men’s ministry leadership team, including training for the leader.
- Partnership with pastor.
- Focus is outward to all men of the congregation.
- Creation of ministry entry points for men who are members of the church and those in the community.
- Attitude of invitation, not obligation or guilt.
- Servant leadership by empowerment, not control.
- Development of mentoring relationships across and within generations.
- Available to persons in the community who may not be ready to attend worship services.
- Alignment with mission & ministry of the local church.
- Builds positive relationships with women.

Men’s Ministry Specialist
Men’s Ministry Specialist (MMS) is a leadership-development position for laity or clergy called by God to the ministry of Jesus Christ through men. A MMS serves the UMC as a resource, promoter, communicator, and connector within and beyond the congregation. He equips and motivates leaders for effective men’s ministry through training, inspiration, and assistance.

- Men called by God to ministry of men.
- Resource for pastors, superintendents and bishops.
- Bridge between local churches and districts, the conference, and national ministries.
- Trained and certified which usually takes about one year.
- Equips, supports, and motivates men’s ministry leaders.

Teaching Churches for Men’s Ministry
“Teaching Churches” will be training and resource centers for districts and conferences. These churches assist laity and clergy in their quest to develop effective men’s ministry. They will host large events and workshops enabling churches of any size to participate and benefit from leaders who are committed to the ministry of Jesus Christ through men.

- Teaching local congregations about men’s ministry.
- Training and support for laity and clergy.
- Leadership development.
- Defines and unifies men’s ministry.
- Hosts of large events and workshops.
- Consults with area churches about their ministry to men.
- Partners with Men’s Ministry Specialist.
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.

[Our] primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and in all their relationships.

The major concerns are:

- To encourage knowledge of and support for the total mission of The United Methodist Church
- To engage in evangelism by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions
- To clarify and speak to the identity and role of men in contemporary society
- To seek commitment to discipleship
- To study and become familiar with the United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrines, and beliefs
- To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district, conference, jurisdiction, and church-wide goals.

Men seeking membership in a local United Methodist Men's Fellowship shall subscribe to the “Purpose” of United Methodist Men and to these personal objectives:

- Engage daily in Bible study and prayer.
- Bear witness to Christ’s way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions.
- Engage in some definite Christian service.

The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church
How GCUMM Supports Pastors

All around the world men are absent in church worship services and community ministry. Most men simply do not go to church.

Most churches have strong United Methodist Women organizations, but in spite of the fact the *Book of Discipline* requires churches to have chartered organizations of United Methodist Men, this is not always the case.

Pastors who want to expand their ministries to men will find a strong ally in GCUMM. The commission is helping men and youth grow in Christ - and pastors, churches and communities reap the benefits.

Pastors who find only a small percentage of men come through the front doors of their church will find the commission offers a host of suggestions about “back-door” ministries.

Working with partner organizations, the commission provides ways for pastors to link with:
- The Society of St. Andrew — potato drops and gleaning projects
- Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries — prison ministry
- Programs of Religious Activities with Youth — God and Country studies
- The Upper Room Prayer Center — operating remote prayer lines
- Big Brothers-Big Sisters — mentoring program
- Hope of Hearing — providing hearing aids for children in Haiti
- Man in the Mirror — small group studies
- PET International — building hand carts for Third World amputees
- Stop Hunger Now — filling plastic bags of dehydrated meals for the hungry
- Strength for Service — providing devotional books to the military and first responders

Scouting Ministry
Hundreds of scouting ministry specialists are connecting men with their local churches through youth serving agencies. Some 6,500 United Methodist Churches now host Scout troops and Cub packs. This is extraordinary because 50 percent of Scouts have no church home. Engaging kids in church-sponsored scouting activities frequently results in families becoming church members. Plus, many churches that take advantage of God and Country studies see a higher engagement in confirmation classes.

The commission believes that discipleship occurs best through the local church and under the guidance of the local pastor. The Nashville-based agency works with leaders of UMM and men’s ministry specialists to help pastors assess, identify, equip, resource and ignite their ministries to men.

Men and men's issues are two of the least resourced areas in our society. The commission provides materials and helps pastors organize their ministries to men through traditional organizations of UMM and a host of other small groups, service organizations, recreational activities and studies.

Ways in which the commission supports pastors
- The commission and scouting ministry specialists are dedicated to helping pastors develop effective ministries to men and young people through scouting and other youth-serving agencies.
- The GCUMM website provides resources focused on ministries to men and youth.
- The commission provides an annual President’s Packet to all chartered churches with scores of materials to enrich ministries to men.
- The commission provides a quarterly magazine that provides information about innovative ways to expand ministries to, with and for men.
- The commission staff has the heart, gifts, and experience to help pastors develop relational ministries.
- A national team of men’s ministry specialist helps pastors expand their ministries to men.
- Jurisdictional, conference, and district leaders of UMM provide pastors with the "do's" and "don'ts" in men’s ministry.
- Webinars, conferences and special events provide practical models to create and maintain effective ministries to men.
UM Men Support UMC Leaders

UM bishops and leaders of general boards and agencies invite United Methodists worldwide to join in four spiritual areas of focus that help the UMC achieve our mission to:

*Make disciples of Jesus Christ, to transform the world.*

**Charter**

The annual charter recertification creates an ongoing relationship between the GCUMM and your local congregation. In our consumer driven society we often are asked, “What does our local church get for that charter fee?” The better question is, “What ministries does the charter fee enable and create?”

- We are the second largest sponsoring agency of Boy Scouts of America; we are the largest sponsoring agency of Cub Scouts; because we have an Office of Scouting Ministries within the commission.
- We have an outstanding magazine that provides timely articles of best practices specific to scouting and men’s ministry through the UMC. The training can be face to face or through webinars.
- We train and certify men’s ministry specialists, scouting ministry specialists, and provide ongoing training to local, district and conference leaders.
- We have an active, current and professionally managed website loaded with materials and resources most of which are available at no cost to you.
- At every level of the church we provide tools and examples of how to reach men and youth for Christ.
- We stay connected with our local men in local churches with an e-newsletter.
- We listen to your requests and concerns.
- We provide the men of your church with an opportunity to be part of something much larger than ministries and mission within their local church.
- We provide small-group resources that are consistent with our Wesleyan theology.
Why Charter?

The charter has been the uniting instrument of UMM units for over 50 years. The concept to unite Methodist Men through a national office was a grassroots idea at the beginning of men’s work.

Men gladly join and support many diverse civic and service clubs and support these organizations with dues as well as many hours of volunteer service in their communities. They do this willingly year after year, reaping the spiritual reward of contributing to the welfare of humankind. They enjoy the association with others and often cultivate their own welfare in the business world.

All the familiar civic service and para-church religious organizations are chartered through a national or international organization. All such national or international organizations are supported by dues of member organizations. Members never question that each local unit must be chartered. Yet, when it comes to supporting a national service organization that is a part of the church, some ask, “Why charter? Why should a local UMM’s unit charter and make annual contributions to GCUMM?”

UMM’s units are chartered for all the same reasons that a local church is chartered as a United Methodist church, making its annual contributions to the general church through World Service and Conference Benevolences. Our church is a connectional community of true believers under the Lordship of Christ offering a covenant relationship between persons. It offers a unique and favorable mission and ministry in the world.

Because of the uniqueness of ministry for and to men, the limited amount of general church funds is not adequate for direction, oversight, administration and maintenance of this specialized mission and ministry of United Methodist Men.

The national office and staff of the GCUMM provide many services for local units, districts, conferences, and jurisdictional organizations, the National Association of Conference Presidents, and the International Christian Fellowship of Methodist Men. Each of these important structures exists to support men as they grow and to provide opportunities for men to be in mission and ministry together. Our goal is to increase the local unit’s effectiveness in mission and ministry through opportunities not available through any other source.

The charter benefits from the GCUMM to a local unit include: free membership cards, program book and other resources provided in the annual President’s Packet, the UMMen Magazine mailed quarterly to the local president and treasurer, our website (www.gcumm.org), a service office, available staff to answer phone calls and letters, staff-led training events in every part of the nation for conference, district and local leaders, local church resources to assist in program planning and enabling officers in their duties and responsibilities, representation through national staff in a wide variety of interests in which other United Methodist Church agencies and ecumenical organizations are involved.

The GCUMM staff oversees and manages the mission and ministries that are funded by United Methodist Men. With the cooperation and help of the National Association of Conference Presidents and the United Methodist Men Foundation, staff relates to, promotes and seeks funds to maintain the UMM missions. Also, the General Commission staff manages the National Gathering of United Methodist Men held every four years.

Three important functions of the annual charter recertification are:

1. The annual charter recertification updates the name and address of current officers. To ensure that current mailings reach the proper hands, the new officer information must be received annually.
2. The charter and annual recertification as stated in The Book of Discipline (¶2302) is the key that links men’s units around the world. Witness and strength are measured by annual growth of current chartered units.
3. Financial contributions provide the support for the GCUMM’s administrative, mission, program and resource budgets.

These annual contributions are vital to strengthen and enhance the unique connection of one men’s unit with other men’s units around the world.
Charter Application &
Annual Recertification Form
United Methodist Men
“Be Ye Doers Of The Word And Not Hearers Only”

The GCUMM is an official church organization recognized by the General Conference. Men’s ministry gains strength, mission outreach, program information and visibility because of the general church recognition of United Methodist Men.

How to charter or recertify: Complete the information needed below. Have your treasurer prepare a check made payable to GCUMM for an investment in the mission of United Methodist Men.

Mail this form with your check for $85 to:
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PO Box 440515
Nashville, TN 37244-0515
(615) 340-7145, Fax (615) 340-1770
OR go to www.gcumm.org and click on the Support button
OR fill out the credit card form below

***We can charter jointly 2 or more units as one, if they meet together.
○ This is an application for a NEW CHARTER
○ This is an application for ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION OF CHARTER
○ This is a recertification for a LAPSED CHARTER

UM Church ID (if known): ___________ Church/UMM Fellowship Name: __________________________
If fellowship has more than one church/charge, include other church names here: __________________________

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Church Address:
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Church City/State/Zip:
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Church Phone: __________________ Church Email: __________________

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Annual Charter/Annual Charter Recertification

What does chartering/recertifying enable and create?
The reason we have the materials, the resources and professional staff that make us a leader in men’s and scouting ministry is because we have churches like yours who faithfully support us. If you have a need or a ministry idea, a mission project or a want to find a devotional guide for the men of your church, call us or email us. Our staff of seven in Nashville and our three deployed staff are here to serve God by serving you and your church.

What are we chartering/recertifying?
One of the most impactful ministries within your congregation is an intentional ministry to, through and for men. A church that is engaging men grows in all aspects of discipleship and church life. So each year, by our tradition and by the Book of Discipline, every church is asked to Charter the men’s ministry of your entire church. It is a way of supporting, resourcing and celebrating all the ministries that involve each man in your congregation. It is not just the men who have a monthly meeting, but it encompasses all the men who contribute and are blessed by the ministries of your church.

Why charter/recertify?
United Methodist Men is the largest, most organized men’s organization of any denomination. We are the second largest sponsor of Boy Scouts of America in the world. We have resources, materials, best practices, ideas, and inspiration to help every man fulfill his mission to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

- We publish an outstanding men’s magazine with challenging articles from leaders in ministry as well as celebrations of successful ministries in scouting and with men.
- Your General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) has a staff that creates and distributes materials, provides workshops and webinars, presents at local, district and conference events, and represents men’s ministry and scouting ministry at all levels of the United Methodist Church.
- Our bi-monthly e-newsletter inspires thousands of men and women around the world. Each year we mail thousands of packets of the most current materials to our chartered churches.
- Annual Charter Fees are the main source of funding for all these ministries.
- GCUMM raises 75% of its budget; this is the highest self-funding level of any agency or commission of The United Methodist Church. In short, your charter fee is what fully funds our ministry, and your charter fee helps us resource other churches in the connection - who may be struggling.

When do we need to do this?
Charters are based on the calendar year, so invoices go out each fall via email and postal mail. If your church or your men’s ministry leaders are not getting materials from us, either by email or postal mail, then we likely do not have your current information. You can get information flowing to you again by emailing your contact information to gcumm@gcumm.org. If this is a new charter and this is mid-year, email us and we will prorate the $85 fee.
A History of Ministry to Men

1908  Meeting in Baltimore, Md., the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church authorizes Methodist Brotherhoods.

1909  The Otterbein Brotherhood of the Church is organized in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ; the Rev. Warren L. Bunger elected director.

1913  Dr. C. W. Brewbaker elected general secretary of Sunday school and Brotherhood work of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

1924  General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church authorizes Wesley Brotherhoods.

1929  The Otterbein Brotherhood of the Church of the United Brethren is revived; the Rev. M. I. Weber assumes responsibility for Brotherhood work.

1931  The Albright Brotherhood of the Evangelical Church organizes.

1939  Three branches of Methodism are merged into The Methodist Church.

1940  General Conference establishes a General Board of Lay Activities with a Department of Methodist Men. George Morelock named department executive with Dow Bancroft as associate.

1941  A new Otterbein Brotherhood organization is authorized.

1942  The name Methodist Men is adopted. First charters issued.

1943  Dr. W. R. Montgomery becomes leader of the Otterbein Brotherhood.

1946  Brotherhood of the Evangelical United Brethren Church holds its first convention during the uniting conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church in First United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.


1951  2,500 chartered groups.

1952  Methodist Men Radio Hour originates with 38 stations. Charles Goff, pastor of First Methodist Church in Chicago, is the speaker.

1953  First Methodist Men’s Conference at Purdue University, 4,000 present. The 5,000th charter issued. Don Calame joins Methodist Men staff.

1954  Name of men’s work program of the Evangelical United Brethren Church is changed from Brotherhood to Evangelical United Brethren Men. 6,000 men attend gathering at Purdue University.

1956  10,000 chartered groups.

1957  Men’s Congress at Purdue University, 5,000 present.

1958  Methodist Men Radio Hour is broadcast over 400 stations.

1961  Third Methodist Men’s Congress at Purdue University, 4,700 present.

1962  18,000 chartered groups.

1965  Men’s Congress at Purdue University, 4,700 present.

1966  Change of direction on men’s work with General Board of Laity; Men’s organization given low priority; 15,444 chartered groups.

1967  Charter groups decrease to 9,941.

1968  Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church unify into the United Methodist Church. Men’s ministry is combined into UM Men. Charter groups decrease to 4,861.

1969  National Congress of UM Men at Purdue University, 4,600 present.

1970  5,744 chartered groups.

1972  Board of Discipleship creates UM Men.


1974  Jim Snead hired as staff executive for men’s ministry. Conference presidents elect committee to draft
legislation for UM Men. First workshop for UM Men presidents held with conference lay leaders in Chicago.

1975 Task Force on Legislation drafts plans to create UM Men. National Association of Conference Presidents (NACP) is formed; Judge Ed Boardman of Florida elected president.

1976 Second NACP annual meeting; by-laws and constitution approved. General Conference adopts legislation of UM Men as a Section in the Division of Lay Life and Work of the General Board of Discipleship.

1977 National Congress of UM Men at Purdue University, 3,800 present. Upper Room Living Prayer Center opens.

1978 Allen Brown employed as assistant to Snead; 1,300 chartered groups. UM Men agree to provide $20,000 for the Upper Room Living Prayer Center. First meeting of conference prayer advocates.

1979 Dale Waymire, Madill, Okla., elected NACP president.

1980 Roy Lifsey, Douglas, Ga., elected chair of the Section on UM Men, General Board of Discipleship. Men provide $25,000 for prayer line.

1981 Warren Hostetler, Amboy, Ind., elected NACP president. National Congress of UM Men at Purdue University, 5,400 present. Every Man Shares (EMS) program is introduced. UM Men Foundation is chartered; men contribute $61,000.

1982 Kenneth Weatherford, Lawrenceville, Ga., elected NACP president to serve out the unexpired term of deceased President Warren Hostetler.

1983 Weatherford re-elected president for two-year term; 7,884 chartered groups.

1984 Lifsey re-elected chair of the Section on UM Men; 8,663 chartered groups.

1985 Harold Batiste, San Antonio, Texas, elected NACP president. National Congress of UM Men at Purdue University features “Spiritual Journey for Men”; 6,055 present. $112,000 contributed in pledges; 9,283 chartered groups. First “Remote” Prayer Center held at Purdue.

1986 9,306 chartered groups.

1987 Harold Batiste re-elected NACP president. First Bowl-a-thon raises $109,464 for UM Men Foundation. Men’s Section, General Board of Discipleship, is raised to division status; 9,685 chartered groups.

1988 Chuck Jones, Van Nuys, Calif., elected chair of the newly formed Men’s Division. Second Bowl-a-thon raises $119,533. General Conference requires each local church and charge to have an organized unit of UM Men recertified annually.


1990 Bowl-a-thon raises $140,000. UM Men Foundation assets total $529,169; 11,505 chartered groups.

1991 Stan England, Kennesaw, Ga., elected president of NACP, Bowl-a-thon nets $81,488. UM Men Foundation assets total $480,272; 9,325 chartered groups; 9,108 EMS members.


1993 The Men’s Division becomes part of a new structure within the General Board of Discipleship known as “Streams.” The Men’s Division becomes part of Stream II (Laity in Ministry). Bowl-a-thon receipts total $86,684. UM Men Foundation assets total $847,586. Congress of UM Men is held at Purdue University, 4,500 present. UM Men Foundation assets total $1,072,307; 9,593 chartered groups; 8,311 EMS members.


1997  Dr. Joseph L. Harris elected general secretary for the new commission. Congress of UM Men is held at Purdue University, 3,445 present. Attendees pledge $408,000 over four years. Larry Malone named director of Men’s Ministry. Larry Coppock named director of youth-serving ministries. UM Men Foundation assets total $1,419,265; Bowl-a-thon nets $85,848.

1998  GCUMM publishes a new quarterly magazine, UM Men: Uniting Men and Meaning. Black Men’s Conference at the Atlanta Convention Center, 1,200 present. UM Men Foundation assets total $1,560,480; Bowl-a-thon raises $27,725.

1999  The first national Hunger Relief Advocate for Society of St. Andrew is named. Sadie Barry works out of the UMM office. UM Men Foundation assets total $1,489,419; Bowl-a-thon raises $67,156.

2000  General Conference increases the number of board members from 23 to 40, including two Central Conference representatives. Gilbert Hanke, Nacogdoches, Texas, elected NACP president for the 2001-2004 quadrennium. Robert Powell elected president of UM Men Foundation. Del Ketcham joins the UMM staff as the Society of St. Andrew National Hunger relief advocate. Bishop Ernest Lyght elected as board president for the 2001-2004 quadrennium. UM Men Foundation assets total $1,413,210; Bowl-a-thon raises $89,931.

2001  Congress of UM Men is held at Purdue University, 4,000 present. A California Eagle Scout seeks commission help to republish World War II book Strength for Service to God and Country (SFS). Cal Turner, CEO of Dollar General, makes a $1 million gift to the UM Men Foundation, its largest gift ever; foundation assets total $1,663,141. Sport-a-thon raises $19,318; 7,886 chartered groups; 9,891 EMS members

2002  The commission publishes T-Quest, a small-group resource for men; 5,135 chartered groups; 9,964 EMS members. Ten thousand SFS books are shipped to soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

2003  5,542 chartered groups

2004  Gil Hanke, Nacogdoches, Texas, elected president of the commission for the 2005-2008 quadrennium. Glenn Wintemberg elected NACP president; 4,934 chartered groups; 8,781 EMS members

2005  National Gathering of UM Men held at Purdue University, 2,200 present. Dr. Harris resigns as general secretary to become assistant to the bishop of the Oklahoma Area. Bishop William Morris named interim general secretary. Commission signs covenant with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Legacy Builders is introduced as a new annual fund with 868 donors and $114,000 pledged; 5,330 chartered groups; 8,064 EMS members. The UMC ends 2005 as the second largest charter organization of the BSA with 376,472 youth and 11,864 units meeting in 8,000 UM churches

2006  Commission moves into new offices on Nashville’s Music Row. The Rev. David Adams elected general secretary of the commission. First training session for Men’s Ministry Specialists conducted. Over 250,000 copies of Strength for Service distributed. UM Publishing House becomes the new SFS publisher. UM Men Foundation assets total over $2 million. Legacy Builders grows to 933 donors giving $129,617.

2007  Ed and Gwen Cole agree to donate $500,000 to pay off the debt on the UM Men building in Nashville. The commission completed a study of men. Only 27.2% of the men surveyed said they had a close friend, and only 32% said their pastor ministered to men. The commission has now distributed 300,000 copies of Strength for Service. A new website was launched.

2008  General Conference celebrates the 100th anniversary of men’s ministry. Scouting introduces the office of scouting ministry specialists along with the Silver Torch Award and Shepherd Church Charter
recognition. Bishop James King is elected president of the commission; John Dowell is elected NACP president. Big Brothers-Big Sisters added as partner agency.

2009 UM Men hold their 10th National Gathering at Belmont University in Nashville. David Adams resigns as general secretary. The UM Men Foundation closed the year with a balance of $2.1 million. Robert Powell resigns as director; Foundation President Carl Young assumes his responsibilities. Ten persons certified as men’s ministry specialists and 45 certified as scouting ministry specialists.

2010 Gil Hanke is elected general secretary. Amachi program of Big Brothers Big Sisters introduced to 11 annual conferences. Circuit Rider Society created for those giving at least $1,500 annually. Larry Malone retires at end of year.

2011 Four volunteers are recruited and trained as deployed staff members. Some 452,000 copies of *Strength for Service* have been distributed. Amachi program expanded to 17 annual conferences; 130 persons certified as scouting ministry specialists. Twenty-nine men certified as men’s ministry specialists. UM Men Foundation has assets totaling $2.26 million

2012 A General Conference plan to restructure the denomination is found unconstitutional by the Judicial Council. The number of members of the General Commission on UM Men is reduced from 25 to 20. Bishop James Swanson is elected president of the General Commission on UM Men. Dan Ramsey, of Houston, Texas, is elected president of the National Association of Conference Presidents. Ed Shytle is elected president of the UMM Foundation

2013 The commission publishes *Strength for Service to God and Community*, a book for first responders, and forms a non-denominational group to promote and distribute both Strength for Service books. Some 800 people attend the 11th National Gathering at Belmont University. The commission creates the Susanna Wesley Award for women. Men give $25,185 to Upper Room Prayer Line and $179,800 to the Society of St. Andrew Meals for Millions program.

2014 The commission forms a non-denominational Strength for Service non-profit (501c3) corporation and L.W. Smith is named president and Larry Coppock is named acting executive director. UM Men gave $20,980 to the Upper Room Prayer Line, a ministry that responded to 273,580 prayer requests. Twenty-eight conference increased the number of charters. Thirty-seven men have been certified as men’s ministry specialists.

2015 The commission formally adopts four affiliate partners UMM Foundation, NACP, Society of St. Andrew and Strength for Service. UMM cooperates with four other denominational groups to provide 20,000 New Testaments to Scout troops. NACP holds first national contest for the most outstanding ministries; Christ of the Hills UMC in Arkansas receives top prize. There are 3,761 chartered groups, 35 men’s ministry specialists and 300 scouting ministry specialists.
Lineage of United Methodist Men

Evangelical United Brethren Church

Evangelical Church

United Brethren in Christ Church

Methodist Episcopal Church

Methodist Brotherhood
1908

Wesley Brotherhood
1924

Men's Work (General Board of Lay Activities)
1940

Methodist Men (Chartering Authorized)
1942

New Otterbein Brotherhood
1941

Albright Brotherhood
1931

Brotherhood of Evangelical Brethren
1946

Evangelical United Brethren Men (Name Change) 1954

United Methodist Men
1968
The Year 2015 by the numbers

19 Hunger Relief Advocates
19 Organizations granted affiliate or endorsed relationship with GCUMM
21 Scout leaders trained at Philmont Training Course
24 Bishop’s Awards of Excellence
36 Men certified as men’s ministry specialists with 31 in the candidacy process
37 of the 56 Conferences in the U.S. maintained or increased the number of local church charters with the GCUMM in 2014
75 Good Samaritan Awards
80 Conference presidents and prayer advocates trained face to face
220 Small group e-meetings conducted from the GCUMM office
224 Cross and Flame Awards
303 Scouting Ministry Specialists
3,761 Chartered groups of UM Men
5,716 PRAY awards given through UM churches
6,500 Churches with scouting units
10,503 Scouting units in UM churches
20,000 New Testaments with Psalms given to Scouts at high adventure centers
$26,756 Contributed to the Upper Room Prayer Line
35,000 Copies of Strength for Service to God and Community distributed
$182,000 Provided by UM Men to Meals for Millions
264,940 Prayer requests received by the Upper Room Prayer Line
331,000 Youth served by scouting units in UM churches
500,000 Strength for Service books printed for military troops since 2000
8,200,000 Servings of food provided by UM Men through Meals for Millions
Leadership Development

Objective:
Provide leadership training in content and performance for leaders in men’s ministry and scouting ministry that equips the making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Anticipated Outcomes:
- Every leadership training event sponsored by GCUMM will have at least one follow-up which will measure how the information taught/experienced is being put into practice
- A cadre of GCUMM staff and leaders within annual conferences will continue to serve in a mentor or coaching role to conferences, districts and local churches
- Increase the number of Men’s Ministry Specialists
- Increase the number of Scouting Ministry Specialists
- Increase the number of Prayer Advocates
- Assist annual conferences to provide leadership in men’s ministry and scouting ministry
- Increase the number of men in small Wesleyan based groups that meet weekly and specifically focus on marks of discipleship in the past week

Church Growth

Objective:
Provide appropriate resources to local churches, new church starts, districts and annual conferences in the areas of men’s ministry and scouting ministry.

Anticipated Outcomes:
- GCUMM will become the preferred source of appropriate Wesleyan based materials used in men’s small groups and within their larger gatherings
- GCUMM will continue to be the leader within other denominations for materials and training for men’s ministry and scouting ministries
- Increase the use of “back door” ministries to bring un-churched and de-churched men into a relationship with men within a local UMC.
- Increase the impact local churches have on their communities through scouting and other outreach ministries.
- GCUMM will continue to viewed as the denominational leader in men’s ministry and a leader in scouting ministry

Ministry with the Poor

Objective:
Provide to men access to materials and to organizations that provide ministries with the poor.

Anticipated Outcomes:
- Financial support of Meals for Millions in Society of St. Andrew
- More men and women participating in prison ministries
- More men and women working in and/or funding mission on a local, district, national and international level
- The project in Côte d’Ivoire has a 3 year plan where the professional scouting personnel from the US will turn the responsibility for the newly established program over to an Ivorian

Global Health

Objective:
Engage men and youth of the UMC in supporting ministries that address Global Health.

Anticipated Outcomes:
- Growth in mission participation and in support at a local level
- An increase in news stories that capture the intersection of health and poverty in our magazine and other publications
Getting a Local Unit Organized

The following pages provide some time-honored suggested constitution and by-laws, and some job descriptions. These are suggestions and not requirements. Many of our younger men reject some of the titles in these documents, so feel free to use or adjust as best fits your situation. A person may wish to be a leader of the ministry to men, with several assistants, rather than president, vice president and so on. Some men are more comfortable with a title that reflects the task rather than a formal title. The thing to remember is that this is not a one man show- get folks to help you. You do need a team. At your meetings you need a leader, someone to take notes and someone who manages the money; what you call them is up to you. Your team should be a passionate leader, a pastor of that church, and three or four other guys who have your back. Without a team, this just isn’t going to work.

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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 Gathering 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)

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) (Add any personal objectives of your unit)

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.
Suggested By-Laws for a Local United Methodist Men’s Unit

Article I  The Order of Business for this unit shall be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner according to the Constitution and By-Laws. Any question not covered by the By-Laws shall be decided in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article II  Duties of Officers
A. President: The President shall be the presiding officer of the unit and shall preside at the annual, regular, and special meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee. He shall have general oversight over the work of the unit. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and task forces, except the Nominating Committee. He shall be familiar with the work of the General Commission on United Methodist Men and that of the District President and Conference President.

B. Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President, accept assignments made to him, preside in the absence of the President, and assume full responsibility for that office.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes and all records shall include all meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee – annual, regular and special. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records suitable for historical filing.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all funds. Adequate records shall be kept and a report made at all meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee. Requests for disbursements of funds not approved in the budget shall be made by the President, Executive Committee, or the unit.

Article III  Committees
A. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee makes plans for the unit and evaluates same. It transacts interim business. However, all transacting must be approved by the unit at its next regular or special meeting. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or as often as it deems necessary.

B. Projects: The Projects Committee shall plan and execute all projects of the unit.

C. Program: The Program Committee shall plan all programs both on a short-range and a long-range basis.

D. Nominating: The Nominating Committee shall be elected from the floor at the regular annual meeting of the unit. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five persons, including the pastor and lay leader. The Nominating Committee shall present its slate of officers and chairmen of all standing committees at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Article IV  Appointment of Committees and Task Forces: The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint additional committees and task forces deemed necessary in order to carry out the purpose and objectives of the unit.

Article V  Regular Meetings: Regular Meetings of the United Methodist Men shall be held at the time and place determined by the President and the Executive Committee.

Article VI  Voting Procedures: Voting in an election for officers shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise decided. Voting on other matters at all regular and special meetings shall be by voice vote, show of hands, or by standing unless otherwise ordered by vote of unit.

Article VII  Vacancy: When a vacancy occurs in an office or a committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee.

Article VIII  The By-Laws may be amended at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the unit by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present provided the notice of such proposed amendment is given 10 days in advance.

These are suggested By-Laws.  
Please feel free to make changes, additions, or deletions as desired.
Local President Job Description

The Local President of United Methodist Men should organize local church men according to the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. The Discipline states that "Each church or charge shall have an organized unit of United Methodist Men chartered and annually renewed through the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM)." It is a primary responsibility of the local president to see that the men of his church are organized and chartered. Selection of the Local Church President should be accomplished according to the process of selection determined in each local church. A local church president is:

1. Honest, humble, and desires to encourage and help others grow.
2. Willing to set aside personal agenda for the Kingdom agenda.
3. Growing in his relationship with God through regular prayer, Bible study and worship attendance.
4. Mature enough to have an orderly life, yet flexible enough to consider new and innovative approaches to men's ministry.
5. Willing to find answers to the following questions:
   a. What are the goals of all the men of our local church?
   b. How will we reach our goals?
   c. What are the needs of the men in my church?
   d. What about the bigger picture?
6. Committed to strengthening United Methodist Men at every level.
7. Practicing the principles of servant leadership.
8. Working closely with the leadership of the district and conference UMM.
9. Coordinating effectively with the district president and/or GCUMM for retreats, events and programs.
10. Actively promoting EMS memberships to support men's ministry through Evangelism, Mission and Spiritual growth.
11. Experienced with the structure and organization of UMMen and the UMC.

Specific responsibilities of the local church president of United Methodist Men:

A. DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITIES
   ❖ Work with local UMM developing programs relevant to men.
   ❖ Encourage the men of the local unit in daily discipleship including prayer and scripture.
   ❖ Promote the objectives and responsibilities of the conference, district, and GCUMM.
   ❖ Encourage and support spiritual growth, mission, outreach, prayer, evangelism and faith development.
   ❖ Encourage knowledge and support for the total mission of the United Methodist Church.
   ❖ Study and become familiar with the United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrine, practices and beliefs.
   ❖ Cooperate with all levels of United Methodist Men in achieving goals.

B. ANNUAL CHARTER AND EMS GOALS
It is the responsibility of the Local Church President of United Methodist Men, working with the district president of United Methodist Men as well as the GCUMM, to achieve local church goals in the following categories:

   ❖ Annual renewal of charter
   ❖ Recruitment of new EMS members
   ❖ Renewals of previous EMS members

Local Church Presidents in coordination with District Presidents should determine goals for their local church. An annual report on goals and strategies utilized to reach goals and the results of these efforts should be submitted to the District President. Successful strategies will be compiled and shared with other local church presidents.

C. ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP LOCAL CHURCH UNITED METHODIST MEN
The Local President of United Methodist Men should encourage and help resource the local church United Methodist Men. Working closely with district leadership, the local church president should encourage programs that strengthen the spiritual and relational life of the men in his unit and should help equip the men of his church as needed.

D. RECRUIT MEN TO ATTEND NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND CONFERENCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
The Local Church President has the responsibility to make sure that men in his church attend UMM training events either on a national, conference, or district level. The GCUMM staff may be called upon to help local presidents in planning and retreat events. Many of these training events are webinars, available through GCUMM.
E. Communicate Local Church Plans for UMM
The Local Church President should be in regular communication with the men of his church as well as the men of the
district concerning the plans, goals, programs and resources available for the men of the church. This can be achieved by
regularly contributing to a local church UMM newsletter, a regular article on UMM in the church newspaper, an email or
web-based newsletter and a district laity/clergy newsletter. Each Local Church President should present an Annual Report
at their charge conference. It is also the Local Church President's responsibility to see that the United Methodist Men of his
church are represented at the district meetings of United Methodist Men. Whenever possible, the Local Church President
should give an oral and/or written report at appropriate district and local church meetings. Resources for communication
pieces may be obtained through the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

F. Meet Regularly with Local Church Scouting, Prayer, Hunger, and Stewardship Advocates and Coordinators
The Local Church President must be intentional in scheduling regular meetings and contacts with the UMM leadership
within his church. At least twice a year is recommended, once a quarter is preferred.

G. Recruit and Promote Attendance at All Events Held in the Conference, District and at the National Gathering of United Methodist Men
It is a major responsibility of the Local Church Presidents of United Methodist Men, working in coordination with the district
presidents of United Methodist Men, to promote and recruit men (lay and clergy) to attend all conference and district
events as well as the National Gathering of United Methodist Men. Each Local Church President will work with district
presidents to help achieve attendance goals. The local church goals will help the district to reach the overall conference
goal. The GCUMM staff will be available to help conference, district and local church presidents with the establishment and
implementation of their goals.

H. Ensure That All United Methodist Men's Local Church Activities Relate to the Common Purpose of United Methodist Men
The local church UMM unit should use this purpose as the basis for its events, training, mission and priority-making
decisions.

I. Attendance at the District and Conference United Methodist Men's Leadership Meetings
Local Church Presidents are expected to be in regular attendance at meetings called by the District president of United
Methodist Men. Local Church Presidents are expected to implement programs that are approved by the National
Association of Conference Presidents, the UMM annual conference leadership team and the GCUMM. The GCUMM staff
is available to assist local church president.

Local Vice President Job Description

The Vice President of United Methodist Men should be a man of genuine humility, honesty, and a person growing in his
relationship with God through regular prayer, bible study and worship attendance. He should be committed to upholding
the purpose, concerns and objectives of United Methodist Men, and of the Constitution and By-laws of the local unit.

The Vice President should possess the knowledge, attributes and abilities of a leader of men. If the President is unable
to serve in his elected capacity for any reason, it shall become the responsibility of the Vice President to assume the duties
of that office.

In the absence of the President or if the President voluntarily relinquishes the chair at a called meeting, the Vice President
shall preside over regular and special meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee. During the period of
absence of the President, it is the responsibility of the Vice President to work toward the fulfillment of the purpose, goals
and objective of the organization.

The Vice President must be prepared to accept other duties and responsibilities assigned to him by the Constitution and
By-laws as well as those assigned by the President, the Executive Committee and the organization. Duties frequently
assigned to the Vice President are Chairperson of Programs and special events, and to work with some or all Standing
Committees.

A good working relationship with the President and members of the Executive Committee by the Vice President is
necessary in order to develop a quality organization. The task of the Vice President should be one of working toward
helping to develop programs of mission and ministry in the local church and to the community it has chosen to serve.
Local Secretary Job Description

The Secretary of a United Methodist Men’s Unit shall be a person of humility, honesty, and growing in his relationship with God through regular prayer, bible study and worship. He should have knowledge of United Methodist Men, The United Methodist Church, and parliamentary procedure. He should be able to record the proceedings and deliberations in a precise, coherent and comprehensive manner.

The organization (UMM) shall provide the Secretary with appropriate forms/books of a permanent nature on which the minutes are to be kept. When possible, minutes should be typed.

The Secretary shall record all motions made and seconded, how those motions were decided; and all important discussion points (not verbatim). He shall make available to the organization the minutes of regular and/or special meetings.

The Secretary should be a member of the Executive Committee and serves as its Secretary. The minutes of the Executive Committee should be available to the next regular meeting of the organization as well as to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to send notices to all members of the organization concerning regular and special meetings when directed to do so by the Constitution and By-laws, the President, the Executive Committee and/or the organization.

The Secretary shall be prepared at all times to turn over the records of the organization when requested to do so. The records kept by the Secretary are the property of the organization and are held in trust.

Local Treasurer Job Description

The Treasurer of a United Methodist Men’s Unit shall be a person of honesty, humility and growing in his relationship with God through regular prayer, bible study and worship attendance. He must have the skills and be willing to devote the necessary time to the job as Treasurer. The Treasurer must be cooperative and supportive of the officers, the Executive Committee, as well as the local United Methodist Men’s Unit.

It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the local unit. The Treasurer shall also disburse funds when directed to do so by the Executive Committee and/or the organization as long as it is in keeping with the Constitution and By-laws. Regular financial reports shall be made to the organization keeping it informed concerning the financial condition of the unit.

As is stated in the Book of Discipline ¶256.6(h):

The organized unit of United Methodist Men shall secure funds for the fulfillment of its purpose. All funds from whatever source secured by the United Methodist Men’s unit belong to the organization and shall be disbursed only in accordance with its constitution and/or by-laws and by its order.

(1) United Methodist Men’s unit may have their own bank accounts.
(2) The UM Men’s unit shall have an annual financial audit.

The Treasurer shall work with the program, projects and finance committees, including other committees and/or individuals in developing a budget to cover the following expenditures proposed in the budget:

Charter Recertification
Local Mission Projects and Ministries
Scouting Ministries
Prayer Advocate Ministry
Meals for Millions
Education & Training
District, Conference, Jurisdictional & National Support
Stationery, Printing & Postage
Administrative Costs
The National Gathering of UMM (held every 4 years)
Local Prayer Advocate Job Description

Prayer Advocate Covenant

“Local Church Prayer Advocate” (LCPA) is a special designation among United Methodist Men (UMM). Selected by the conference president of UMM, the LCPA serves as an advocate of prayer throughout the local church.

The conference president uses the following criteria to select the LCPA:

**Active in a local United Methodist Church and UMM Fellowship**
The LCPA participates fully in the work of the local church, helping to create an atmosphere that motivates Christian ministry.

**Willing to be equipped for ministry**
The LCPA attends training sessions planned by the District Prayer Advocate (DPA) and assists with district prayer events. Throughout the year, the LCPA faithfully engages in the mission and ministry of The Upper Room.

**Committed to a designated time of service**
The LCPA commits to serve at least three years.

The Work of the Local Church Prayer Advocate

- Converse regularly with your local pastor about the prayer life of your congregation.
- Work closely with local church committees, commissions, task forces, and special interest groups to infuse their work with prayer.
- Recruit men to sign and fulfill the UMM covenant.
- Promote The Living Prayer Center prayer line, prayer wall, and covenant prayer groups.
- Publicize The Living Prayer Center telephone number (1-800-251-2468), URL (http://prayer-center.upperroom.org), and social media pages (Facebook: UpperRoomLPC; Twitter: @UpperRoomLPC; and Instagram: UpperRoomLPC).
- Encourage men to attend district- or conference-wide UMM events.
- Model prayer.
- Organize prayer vigils and other prayer-related events.
- Raise funds to support the ministry of The Living Prayer Center.
- Urge your congregation to participate in events The Upper Room offers.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

- For information on starting a remote prayer line or covenant prayer group, call The Upper Room Living Prayer Center at (877) 899-2780, ext. 7215.
- To order Upper Room catalogs, books, or resources, call Upper Room Customer Service at (800) 972-0433.
- For information on events sponsored by The Upper Room, call The Upper Room at (877) 899-2780, ext. 1732.

Tips on Increasing the Visibility of The Living Prayer Center in your Local Church

- Advertise the resources and programs of The Upper Room.
- Participate in events The Upper Room offers.
- Schedule a remote Upper Room prayer center.
- Assist in starting an Upper Room covenant prayer group in your church.
Gathering for Something Greater  
*United Methodist Men - more than a monthly meeting*

It is important for us to remember that the point of each and every United Methodist Church is make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make more disciples of Jesus Christ.

In many churches, “men’s ministry” is viewed only as a monthly meeting where there is a meal, a report from the last meeting, a report on how much money this group has in the bank followed by a “program” which usually relates to mission of the church. This traditional style of meeting works for many men, and the interesting presentations and the fellowship serve a purpose for those men who attend.

But many men want more. Men have told us that “I am more moved and challenged at a Rotary or Kiwanis meeting than at my UMM meeting.” Add into this mix that many of the times for these meetings don’t match the schedule of young families, and many of these meals are not exactly “health foods” it is no wonder these groups are experiencing shrinking numbers. For many men, these “meet and eat” meetings have no value. Many churches put great energy into getting men to come to these monthly meetings; the fact is everyone who wants to come to this meeting is already coming.

Men’s ministry within the United Methodist Church must be a life enhancing, life changing experience that impacts every man in the congregation and the men of their community.

In some churches, men are attempting to break this monthly meeting stereotype by forming affinity groups. These may be softball teams for church league play, fly fishing clubs, classic car clubs or motorcycle riders. These are great “back door” ministries because they welcome men from the community who may not want to attend worship at this time, but might venture in that direction because of the relationships formed with church members. These groups also serve a purpose, and through those relationships men are moved into a deeper relationship with the church and with Christ.

For generations, we have depended on curriculum based programing to make disciples and to grow our churches. These programs have made us smarter on social issues and more knowledgeable about the Bible, but for most of us it does not increase our disciple making behaviors.

So what is the new way of doing men’s ministry that really makes disciples and that reaches men of all ages? Actually, it is the way Wesley and his followers created a movement in England that spread like wildfire here in the “colonies.” As you may know, Wesley had three simple, general rules for this movement: “Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God by practicing the ordinances of God.” Wesley broke congregations into “classes” and each had a leader. The leader initially was to visit each member of the class to make sure he or she was following the ordinances of God; daily prayer, searching the scriptures, tithing, taking Communion. It quickly became clear that they were failing. And so the “class meetings” began for members to sit face to face and answer questions about their relationship with God during the last week. This relationship with God is a prerequisite for following the ordinances of God.

Today, we recommend weekly meetings of 8-10 men where each person is asked, "Where have you and God intersected this week?" or “How is it with your soul?” or “Where did you respond to the Holy Spirit this week?” The best way to learn how this works is to get a group of men to agree on a meeting time, and have the group do an 8 week study in the book, *The Class Meeting*, by Dr. Kevin Watson. We also suggest that the meetings be done electronically, using Skype, Google+, Zoom or any other platform that allows everyone to see and hear each participant. These meetings are usually an hour, depending on the size of the group.

**There are multiple advantages to doing these meetings electronically:**
1. There is no travel or prep time required, so an hour meeting actually lasts one hour.
2. Men who travel, can still be in the meeting.
3. Some groups combine a meeting in the same room with laptop or tablet for men, who for a variety of reasons, are unable to be physically present.
4. This can be a meeting with people from other parts of the district, conference, or another part of the country.
5. This uses widely available technology that is used by younger men every day.
6. These meetings are transformational.
7. These meeting really make disciples.
8. The weekly gatherings really change lives.

For more information, watch the webinar on our website, [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org), about the Class Meeting, or give us a call.
An Annual Men’s Day has been celebrated in local churches of The United Methodist Churches for many years. The Book of Discipline, states, “Men’s Ministry Sunday may be observed annually on a Sunday designated by the local congregation. The day is to celebrate the men’s ministry within and beyond the local church.”

An Annual Men’s day has highlighted and strengthened men’s work in a joyous way planned and led by the men for the entire congregation.

Its history covers more than a 100 years, representing a heritage rooted in the experiences and traditions of both the Evangelical United Brethren Church and African-American congregations of the Methodist Church, and by those who covenanted together to form these organizations.

Today, many churches with these roots continue to observe an Annual Men’s Day Celebration in addition to Laity Sunday.

The purpose of the Annual Men’s Day Celebration in the local church is to:

- Provide an opportunity to affirm and lift up the priesthood of laymen in the church
- Emphasize the need for men’s involvement in the life and total Mission of the church
- Stress the importance of trained and dedicated leadership by men
- Encourage an awareness of oneness in Christ among all men
- Affirm men’s participation and leadership role in the total mission of the church
- Recruit men to become involved in ministry for men and youth
- Encourage men to support both spiritually and financially the programs and projects sponsored by men of the church
- Lift up the work of United Methodist Men
- Recognize outstanding contributions and services to others by men during the past year
- Plan and give leadership to a service of worship designed to inspire, challenge and motivate men.

We encourage a Men’s Day Celebration be held annually in each local church or district. The date and theme for such a celebration should be set by the local church, district or annual conference.
For Presentation of a United Methodist Men’s Charter  
(or Recognition of Annual Recertification)

(Should follow a regular or special service or program. The person making the presentation should have the president and officers of the unit to come forward and present themselves at the front of the room.)

The Presentation Officers:
(The Charge)

Mr. President and officers of ____________ United Methodist Men the national movement of men is not a matter to be entered into lightly and without due consideration of the obligations involved. Before receiving a charter each unit must pledge to uphold the purpose and subscribe to the major concerns and objectives of United Methodist Men as outlined in the Book of Discipline.

The Presentation Officer:

I ask you therefore, as president and officers on behalf of United Methodist Men of the United Methodist Church: are you willing to abide by, uphold and support the purpose, major concerns and objectives of United Methodist Men?

Officers’ Response:
(In Unison)

We will.

The Presentation Officer:
(Addressing the membership all standing as able)

Will you accept the responsibility of membership in this organization and will all of you seek to extend the kingdom of God in every way possible as you carry out the mission and ministry of United Methodist Men?

Membership’s response:
(In Unison)

We will, God being our helper.

The Presentation Officer:

“On behalf of the General Commission on United Methodist Men, The United Methodist Church, I present you as president of __ United Methodist Men’s Unit, this charter/certificate of certification, and advise you that this organization is now officially recognized by the General Commission on United Methodist Men of The United Methodist Church.”

The Presentation Officer:
(Let us pray)

“O God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for raising up men willing to serve you in the activities of your Church. Grant unto them gifts of the Holy Spirit that they may faithfully perform the duties of their offices. May your blessing rest upon them, upon this congregation through which they will work, and upon this organization of United Methodist Men in which we are called to serve, that your church may be holy and without blemish, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Service of Installation of Officers, United Methodist Men

Leader: You have been called in several ways for this moment in time. The men of this church/district/conference see in you the two essential qualities that have brought us to this Celebration of Service. First and most importantly, they see that you are a man of God, a disciple of Jesus Christ. Secondly, they see you as a servant leader.

Hear the words of John Wesley in his Invitation to the Covenant Service:
Commit yourselves to Christ as His servants. Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable; others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Officers: Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things. Amen.

Leader: Wesley gives 5 very strong suggestions (what he calls admonitions):
1. Set time apart to listen to God.
2. Be serious, seek the Holy Spirit; expect to be in awe.
3. Rely on God’s promise of giving grace and strength; trust in His strength rather than your own.
4. Be Faithful to your call. With God’s power never turn back.
5. Renew your covenant with the Lord; continue to open your heart to the Lord.

Let us pray:
Gracious God, we humbly and joyfully remember those persons who have mentored us in the faith.

Officers: Lord I am thankful for _____________ who mentored me to become your disciple.

Leader: Lord we also celebrate this day the fellowships of believers who surrounded these men with love and grace.

Officers: I thank you for the faithful members of _____________ church, who led me to be a child of God.

Leader: I thank you this day for particular men who by their life illustrated faith, love, integrity and a strength of spirit that reflects their Heavenly Father.

Officers: Thank you Father for placing Godly men in my life.

Leader: Lord give these men a full measure of your wisdom, give them extraordinary strength in Your word, nights of rest, days of co-laboring with You and fill them with Your joy and grace.

Officers: Lord make your way plain to us. We thank you for the men who will work with us. We especially thank you for the men you will place in our path who have a hunger for a deeper relationship with you, and for the skills you will lend us to lead those men to you. In all things, direct us and You will have all our praise. In power of your holy name we pray. Amen.

Leader: I have just a few questions for you.
Will you accept the office of your election with grace and joy?

Officers: I will
Leader:  Will you continue to grow in Christ as you assist this church, these districts, and this great conference to bring men to the church and into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior?

Officers:  I will

Leader:  Will you work within a team as a servant leader?

Officers:  I will

Leader:  As leaders within this church/district/conference, will you pray for each other, and hold each other accountable for the vital work that needs to be completed?

Officers:  We Will

Leader:  Will you lead by example, doing what you ask others to do?

Officers:  We will.

Leader:  Will you take time to be Holy, to speak often with the Lord?

Officers:  We will.

Leader:  Will you prayerfully begin today to mentor someone to take your place?

Officers:  I will.

Leader:  (to all present) Will you pray for these men, follow their lead, and have their backs?

All:  We will.

Leader:  God of Grace and God of Glory, we surround these men with our love and support.  May all in this place serve you all the days you grant us with a renewed spirit of your Peace. Let the church say AMEN.
Interest Finder for Forming a United Methodist Men’s Unit

The success of an organization of United Methodist Men is dependent upon our willingness to participate in gatherings, programs and projects in ministry with our church community and the world. This instrument is designed to measure interest and possible response.

Write the response (1-5) that best describes you for each of the following statements:

1 – Definitely False
2 – Somewhat False
3 – Neutral
4 – Somewhat True
5 – Definitely True

I attend at least three worship services each month
I am a leader in our congregation
Church is a very important part of my life
I want to be involved in groups that further the church’s mission
I am an active participant in a Sunday school class and/or small group
I attend church activities outside of Sunday morning services
I take my financial giving to the church very seriously
I like to interact with diverse groups of people
I want to do whatever I can to promote the work of the church
I want to actively work to bring men to Christ
I want our church to have a men’s group
I would actively participate in a men’s group if our church had one
I would contribute financially to a men’s group
I would be willing to be on the leadership team of a men’s group

I would be willing to attend UMM meetings: _____Weekly _____Monthly _____Quarterly

These are the 3 best days and times for me to attend a UMM meeting:

1. ___________________________ 2. ___________________________ 3. ___________________________
I would support and participate in the following UMM ministries (yes/no):

- Bible Study
- Prayer Ministry
- Youth/Young Adults
- Hunger Relief
- Church Maintenance
- Parishioner Home Repair
- Elderly Care
- Missions/Outreach
- Small Group Study
- Men’s Sunday Service
- Sports
- Scouting/Service Agencies

*if yes, which organization(s)?*

What would you like to see as part of every UMM meeting?

What are some of the special and unique ideas you would like to see incorporated into a UMM group at this church?

Additional Comments:
Men’s Enrollment and Enlistment Survey

Christianity cannot exist in a vacuum. It is not until we share the talents bestowed upon us that we begin to glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

TALENTS

I would like to make available my talents and interests:

☐ Artist
☐ Business/Accounting
☐ Calligraphy
☐ Chorus
☐ Church Usher/Greeter
☐ Computer Programming/Repair
☐ Electrical Work
☐ DVD/Blu-ray Production/Editing
☐ Farming
☐ Food Preparation
☐ Graphic Design
☐ Instrumentalist (Instruments) ____________
☐ Landscaping
☐ Lay Speaking
☐ Painting
☐ Pottery
☐ Prayer Ministry
☐ Public Relations
☐ Public Speaking
☐ Silk Screen
☐ Song Leader
☐ Sound/Digital Recording
☐ Teaching
☐ Wood Working
☐ Youth Work
☐ Visitation

☐ Other ____________

Please specify

EQUIPMENT

I have access to and will use the following tools and equipment:

☐ Boat – Fishing, Cruise, Ski
☐ Camping Gear
☐ Computer, Tablet, MP3 Player
☐ Drill Press
☐ Hammer - Saw
☐ Grill – Charcoal/Propane
☐ Paints, Brushes, Ladders
☐ Photographic Equipment
☐ Power Tools
☐ Printer/Copier – Inkjet, Laser, 3-D
☐ Radio
☐ Recording Device – Video, Digital
☐ Soldering Iron
☐ Sports Equipment
☐ Storage Space
☐ Tractor
☐ Truck, Bus, Van
☐ Other ____________

Please specify

Please check appropriate items and return to your UMM leaders.

Name__________________________ Email ____________________________

Phone __________________________
Men’s Hobby and Interest Survey

HOBBIES

I have the following hobbies and interests which may be helpful:

☐ Antique Cars
☐ Art
☐ Ballroom Dancing
☐ Bible Study
☐ Blogging
☐ Bowling
☐ Collecting
      (Collections) ________________
☐ Computers
☐ Flying
☐ Gaming
☐ Gardening
☐ Handicraft
☐ Hiking
☐ History Buff
☐ Martial Arts
☐ Metal Craft
☐ Model Building
☐ Landscaping
☐ Leather Craft
☐ Photography – Still, Digital
☐ Robotics
☐ Strength Training
☐ Theatre
☐ Touring
☐ Other ________________

SPORTSMAN

I have the following sports interests which may be helpful:

☐ Baseball
☐ Basketball
☐ Boating
☐ Boxing/Wrestling
☐ Camping
☐ Cycling
☐ Fishing
☐ Football
☐ Golf
☐ Hunting
☐ NASCAR
☐ Paddling
☐ Rock Climbing
☐ Running
☐ Skateboarding
☐ Skiing
☐ Tennis
☐ Other ________________

Please specify

Please check appropriate items and return to your UMM leaders.

A successful church is dependent upon the extent to which responsibilities are assumed and carried out by its membership. Remember: “Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only. . .”
Program Materials

We have a wide range of program materials to meet the needs of men who are beginning their walk with God, and for those men who have been at it for a while. Many of our resources can be found on our website, www.gcumm.org. We have listed some below to help you get started.

Please keep in mind that the purpose of all that we do, including program resources, is to bring men closer to God. The ideal mix that will promote a healthy, growing UMM charter unit is quality programs delivered in the context of strong relationships among men. Programs can become business-like, and they can lose their effectiveness if they are not accompanied by honest, deep relationships and friendship.

If you have a meeting that delivers a good program, but fails to strengthen relationships – you have missed something of great value that men today really need. Too often at church we can play the “fine” game, where everyone is “just fine, thank you”, while their personal lives face great challenges. Make sure your gatherings have a good balance of “program” and “relationship”, where men can open up their lives to one another. It’s what we as Christians are called to do; bear one another’s burdens.

Suggested Program Materials:

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Some Possible Ways to Organize a Small Group of Men

Opening Prayer

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.* —Amen  
*(Author: Daniel Iverson 1926)*

Questions to consider

1. How active was your prayer life this week? What prayers were answered this week? What are some prayer concerns we should add to our closing prayer?
2. Were you present in worship this week? Did you search the scriptures this week? In what activities did you participate this week that brought you closer to Christ?
3. How did you support the Kingdom of God this week? What gifts did you share?
4. Where did you demonstrate your discipleship this week? Where did you miss an opportunity to be His disciple this week?
5. Did you share your faith with someone this week? Did you invite someone this week to any activities supported by your church? With whom are you being led to talk this week?
6. Where did you see God at work this week?
7. What was the greatest challenge you had this week?
8. What is your plan for walking closer with Christ this week?

Closing prayer (Combine prayer concerns from question one)

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Outline for a small group using The *Upper Room Daily Devotional*

1. Opening prayer
2. Which of the devotions this week did you like the most? Why
3. Which of the devotions this week did not make sense?
4. What Bible verse was new to you this week?
5. How will you improve your walk with Christ this week?
6. Closing prayer
Resources for Men’s Small Groups

Two essential components of small groups are confidentiality and prayer. In these groups men often establish plans that will enrich their lives in the following week, or establish their “next right steps”. In the next week, there should be some accountability for doing what they said they would do. Resources can have great detail or may be simple as answering Wesley’s classic question, “How is it with your soul?”

Your groups do not need to meet at the church, nor do they have to involve food. Many groups are now meeting electronically via SKYPE or Google+. This is great technology for men who travel, or for men whose best time to meet is very early in the morning or late evening. A young dad with kids might find 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday the best time for his meeting, and he can do that at home after helping get the children in bed.

Here are a few proven resources:

- Upper Room Daily Devotional
- Upper Room Disciplines
- 365 Devotions for Men by Men, S.D. Sharpe, editor
- The Bible study sent to your church in the President’s Packet
- I am Second or Live Second
- Any of the books by Adam Hamilton
- Any of the books by James W. Moore
- Stories that Feed Your Soul by Tony Campolo
- Books from Man in the Mirror; Man Alive, The Man in the Mirror, Pastoring Men
- The Measure of a Man, by Gene Getz
- Why Men Hate Going to Church, by David Murrow
- Books by Derek Maul; Get Real and The Unmasking of a Part Time Christian
- The Witness We Make by Bishop Ray Owen
- Strength for the Journey by Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr.
- Wrestling with God, A Devotional Reading for Men, Faith and Life Resources
- A Chance for their Bible Stories to be Told, GCUMM
- www.livebold.org hosted by Greg Arnold
- Bi-monthly e-Newsletter from GCUMM, sign up through www.gcumm.org
- Strength for Service devotional books available through GCUMM and Amazon
- Advent and Lenten Devotionals from the Society of St. Andrew

Many (but not all) are available from our office:

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Or on our website:

www.gcumm.org
Local Missions Ideas for Men

Missions is a vital area of ministry where men are always called to serve. While many mission projects are global in nature, there is a great need to use resources, and especially manpower, locally to share the loving light of Christ. While global missions offer us the opportunity to give so others may serve, local missions give men a chance to actively participate in hands on ministry where they can see the benefits of their labors and look into the eyes of those they serve to see Christ in their midst. Local missions also offer opportunities for men to bond as a group around service to neighbors.

There are many ways your group can participate locally in missions including:

- Serve at a soup kitchen
- Perform home maintenance/repairs for elderly church members
- Make repairs to church building and provide maintenance work on church grounds
- Visit homebound church members
- Give copies of *Strength for Service to God and Country* to troops at nearby posts or *Strength for Service to God and Community* to local first responders, www.strengthforservice.org
- Read to children at school
- Participate in a field gleaning through the Society of St. Andrew, www.endhunger.org
- Adopt-a-Highway/clean up a city park
- Raise funds for camp scholarships or mission trips by hosting barbecue dinners, golf tournaments, peanut sales, garage sales, or other fund-raising events
- Plan a worship service/visitation at a prison. For ideas, go to www.disciplebibleoutreach.org
- Make cleaning buckets or health kits for UMCOR, www.umcor.org
- Offer financial education classes to community
- Offer nutritional education classes to community
- Collect supplies for a food pantry
- Sponsor an outing or provide a special event for seniors
- Volunteer at a hospital or VA clinic
- Build mobility carts for PET International, www.petinternational.org
- Volunteer to serve at a clothing or food bank
- Chaperone a local school event
- Entertain patients at a children’s hospital
- Manage the church website or blog
- Host a community dinner/block party
- Volunteer as an after-school tutor
- Be a big brother for an at-risk child through Big Brothers Big Sisters, www.bbbs.org
- Plant/tend a community garden
- Provide transportation for elderly church members and people with handicapping conditions
- Prepare care packets for deployed troops
- Participate in a Stop Hunger Now packaging event, www.stophungernow.org

And when in doubt...

*Look around your community and see where you can share the light of Christ*
United Methodist Men
Suggested Fundraising Projects

**Baking/Cooking**
- Bake Sale
- Banquet – Mother/Daughter, Father/Son, Sweetheart
- Barbecue
- Chili Cook Off
- Congregational Dinner
- Fish Fry
- Pancake Breakfast
- Wild Game Dinner

**Sales**
- Annual Bazaar
- Annual Fruit Sale
- Apparel with UMMen logo
- Cash for Gold
- Christmas Sale – Cards, Trees, Gift Wrapping, etc.
- Garage Sale
- Newspaper Sale
- Silent Auction

**Arts**
- Benefit Play/Show
- Craft Fair
- Dance
- Music Recital/Program

**Other**
- Booth at County/Local Fair
- Bowl-A-Thon
- Car Wash
- Dine Out for UMMen at Local Restaurant
- Fishing Competition
- Game Night
- Golf Tournament
- Mothers’ Day Church Bulletin
- Pump Gas
- Recycling

*Suggestion: Ask your men to make a pledge to finance work and projects.*
Understanding Men's Ministry Course

The *Understanding Men's Ministry* course is based upon content and materials used in the No Man Left Behind training offered by Man in the Mirror in a 2 1/2 day learning seminar. The condensed curriculum offered through United Methodist Men is packaged in four sections containing 16 learning modules in a 12 hour timeframe. The training is offered through United Methodist Men or a UM Lay Speaking Ministries "Advanced" course.

The course materials include the book No Man Left Behind as a textbook, a student workbook, Leader’s Guide, and a CD with PowerPoint slide set, speakers notes, and supplementary materials to assist the presenter. The Leader's Guide provides instructions for the presenter and a detailed outline for each session of the course. The course can be ordered from Man in the Mirror.

The course objective is to generate interest and capacity in local churches for effective men's ministry. Congregational leadership teams are coached to develop a plan and process to reach more men, and enable men's spiritual growth to maturity as disciples of Christ. The course is available for purchase in two options – a Leader's Pack and a Class Pack.

For more information on how to utilize and deliver this valuable training in your church or area with assistance from United Methodist Men, please contact Joe Strausbaugh at jstrausbaugh@gcumm.org or 615-340-7145.
EMS Ministry

The Every Man Shares through Evangelism, Mission and Spiritual Life ministry has been expanded to provide increased value.

EMS Members receive the following:
- **UMMen Magazine** includes MensNews (quarterly)
- Devotional book
- Event discounts
- Other related resources

Your support is distributed as follows:
- $3.50 to conferences and $3.50 to districts to support Methodist Men sponsored Evangelism, Missions, and Spiritual Life Ministries.
- $ .75 to support the Upper Room Prayer Ministry
- $ .75 to the Jurisdiction to support UMMen Evangelism, Missions, and Spiritual Life Ministries.
- $ .75 to National Association of Conference Presidents to support Evangelism, Missions, and Spiritual Life.
- $1.50 to enhance and expand our Scouting and Civic Youth Ministries.
- $ .75 to support United Methodist Men sponsored mission opportunities.
- $19.00 to direct expenses related to training, production of resources, renewals, reports, UMMen Magazine, postage, awards, etc.
- $14.50 to General Commission on UMMen administrative expenses for the Every Man Shares Ministry.

United Methodist Men support, endorse and fund many mission works including:
- Society of St. Andrew
- Upper Room Prayer Ministries
- Hope of Hearing

*Contact our office for a complete listing.*

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The Vision of UMMen... and your role in it

United Methodist Men have an opportunity and an obligation to make a major impact on the millions of men in our church. The mission of the GCUMM is to assist men to know Jesus Christ, to serve Him, to grow spiritually, and seek daily to do His will.

UMMen is in the business of awakening, inspiring, challenging, supporting, training, equipping and resourcing men as they become Christ-like in their daily lives.

Our highest priority is to build and promote the spiritual growth of men. We call our men to become servant leaders, as this emulates the model life shown to us by our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

There is a fresh wind of spiritual renewal and a window of opportunity to reach out to men today. The time is NOW to call men to a personal and vital relationship with Christ.

UMMen is at the leading edge of renewal of men within mainline denominations. If you believe that we are headed in the right direction, with a sense of mission and purpose -PLEASE JOIN US!

An important “vote” that you cast to propel us and ignite men is your EMS membership. Invest today, and consider buying a complimentary membership for another man and your pastor.

*Striving to be His servant,*

Gilbert C. Hanke, General Secretary, GCUMM

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Reaching the Hearts of Men for Christ

Evangelism

Spiritual Life

Mission
Men's Ministry in the United Methodist Church

You are invited to become a partner in the largest, most organized men’s ministry program of any denomination in the US. We are the second largest sponsoring organization for Boy Scouts of America, and a leader in Girl Scouts and the Amachi mentoring program with Big Brothers Big Sisters. We continue to evolve, grow and improve, but you are joining a winning team.

There is a long history of men's ministry within the United Methodist Church. The multiple components of this ministry are now coordinated by the General Commission on United Methodist Men, created by the 1996 General Conference. As an EMS member you will receive a wide variety of resources that offer access and explanations of our many ministries for men, youth and families.

EMS stands for “every man shares in evangelism, mission and spiritual life.” That’s another way of saying that God’s men are given the opportunity to share the abundant gifts they have been graciously given by God. James 1:22 encourages us all to “be doers of the word, and not merely hearers.” God’s plan for each of us is first to become something new, and then to do new things in God’s will.

United Methodist Men hope that you will join with us in spiritual growth as we become new in Christ, and to touch the lives of others as we serve them in mission and service. We earn credibility and opportunity to present Christ to others through our Spirit-filled lives, selfless service and healthy relationships.

EMS is value packed with resources that help you grow spiritually—but this is not just about you and what you get. As an EMS member, you begin a partnership relationship with United Methodist Men in the crucial ministry work of reaching men for Christ—in your local UMC congregation, community, nation and world. EMS will become a base from which you can grow rich spiritually, and have the opportunity to invest wisely as a steward of your time, talent and treasure.

A Partnership

EMS is the entry level step in a partnership between you and the men’s ministry programs of this great world-wide church. There are other levels of partnership for you and for your local church that you can explore at www.gcumm.org.

EMS establishes a two-way link between you and the GCUMM. There are leadership materials and a wide variety of ministries that we can share with you. But we also know that you have examples of successful ministries and stories of men whose lives have been changed that you can share with us and we can share with the general church. We look at this as an exchange of ‘best practices’ that benefit the Kingdom.
EMS – Every Man Shares in Evangelism, Mission and Spiritual Life

EMS is a personal investment made by individuals who are committed to the ministry and mission of United Methodist Men. The income benefits many different programs and ministries.

EMS General Information:
- EMS memberships are yearly [12 months] memberships, but do not necessarily fall on the calendar year.
- EMS memberships continue 1 year from the date processed.
- EMS renewal notices are sent in a group to the chartering unit in October of each year. If the chartering group does not renew as a group, individual renewals are mailed in February and May to those whose memberships expire within the next several months.
- EMS memberships are normally processed within 4-6 weeks of receipt.
- Individual charter units can request a status report of EMS members at any time.
- UMMen leaders can request address labels of EMS members whenever needed.
- Devotional booklets change each year.

EMS Distribution

- GCUMM Administration of EMS Program, $14.50
- Materials & Magazine, $19.00
- Jurisdiction UMMen, $0.75
- Conference UMMen, $3.50
- District UMMen, $3.50
- NACP, $0.75
- Scouting, $1.50
- Upper Room Living Prayer Center, $0.75
- Missions, $0.75
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Your annual investment can be made simply and safely through monthly contributions made through an automatic draft on a bank or credit card account. Or you may choose to make a single annual payment.

Your commitment is renewable annually. Your pledge will continue until you notify us otherwise. We will inform you of the many ways that your legacy investment builds results that matter.

- Every Member Shares (EMS) - $4.5
- Bronze Legacy - $10 monthly
- Silver Legacy - $25 monthly
- Gold Legacy - $50 monthly
- Platinum legacy - $100 monthly
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Questions and Answers about LEGACY

WHAT IS A LEGACY BUILDER?
The category of Legacy Builders was introduced at the 2005 National Gathering of UM Men at Purdue University. The first $45 of your annual Legacy pledge pays for your EMS membership. As you move from EMS member to Legacy Builder, your financial gift provides not only for existing ministries but enables us to fund new initiatives.

CLOSE TO HOME AND BUILDING A FUTURE
A portion of your Legacy Builders gift is invested in men’s ministries in your annual conference while any contribution over $120 is invested in the UMM Foundation.

WHAT ARE SOME PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY LEGACY?

LEADER TRAINING
United Methodist Men conduct training for conference and district leaders. We also develop curriculum and training for Men’s Ministry Specialists. These men assist local congregations to become more effective in reaching men and growing men spiritually.

WESLEYAN BAND OF BROTHERS
Men are invited to grow in Christ together in Wesleyan Band of Brothers. They become men whose faith is reproduced in others as they mature as spiritual fathers. Some men serve their local congregations and pastors in men’s ministry teams.

RETREATS AND EVENTS
Spiritually enriching growth experiences are offered to men through retreats and events held nationwide.

SCOUTING
The United Methodist Church is the second largest charter organization of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) with 330,000 youth meeting in 10,000 units in 6,700 churches. The Office of Scouting Ministries annually provides 5,000 New Testaments to four BSA high adventure bases. Other youth ministries supported include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girl Scouts of the USA, and Camp Fire.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW
The society annually leads 9,000 volunteers into farmers’ fields to pick up more than 3.7 million pounds of food for America’s hungry. In 1989, United Methodist Men started the Meals for Millions mission project as a fund raising mechanism for the Society of St. Andrew’s Potato Project. Through this effort, United Methodist men have fed literally millions of people over the years. In 1997, the focus of Meals for Millions was changed to provide funding for the Hunger Relief Advocate (HRA) Initiative.

THE UPPER ROOM PRAYER LINE
A toll-Free line receives some 36,000 calls a month. A network of over 1,000 volunteers answers prayer requests in more than 300 covenant prayer groups around the world. “I thank God for the faithfulness of men of God like those in our UM Men connection,” said Miguel Perez, manager of the prayer center.

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS
A partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America matches United Methodist men with youth whose parent(s) are incarcerated. The organization is located in 5,000 communities around the country. The commission offers this ministry in several annual conferences.

STRENGTH FOR SERVICE INC.
SFS sends copies of an updated World War II book of daily devotions to troops deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and many other locations. Over 500,000 copies of the pocket sized book have been sent to members of our armed forces and other public service personnel.

Strength for Service to God and Community is a devotional book for first responders. Over 35,000 have been distributed.

Your tax deductible investment (minus the EMS portion of $45) will fund current ministries.

You can mail or fax the enrollment form back to us, or you may enroll by phone at 615.340.7145, or enroll online at www.gcumm.org.

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Missions and Ministries-Targeted Services of GCUMM

United Methodist Men offers a variety of ministry and mission opportunities for men to become directly involved. In order for men to be active, vital disciples of Christ, it is important that they participate in ministries that touch the lives of others as well as impact themselves. The ministries and resources offered in this section are designed to impact men at all levels of discipleship. They recognize the need for men to reach beyond themselves and impact the kingdom of God.

Remember, the ethic of United Methodist Men is that we declare the centrality of Christ in every man’s life. Getting men involved in mission and ministry opportunities of the GCUMM is one way to help men respond to Christ in a holistic way.

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Called - Equipped - Sent

Are you a man with a heart for ministry to and through men?

Are you a man who is willing to lead by serving?

Are you a man who truly desires a life centered in Christ, and surrendered to God's will?

Are you a pastor, who feels the call to reach men as an urgent priority?

Are you willing - as a leader - to say to others, "Follow me, as I follow Christ"?

If so, you are the kind of man we seek.

The great possibilities of our denomination and our faith can only be reached with leadership from spiritually mature men.

Men’s Ministry Specialists - working as partners with men and pastors in churches- will help the church reach more men, and grow men spiritually. As men grow in Christ, they become fully alive in Christ. Family relationships are blessed, congregations are strengthened, communities are built, and the world is transformed.

United Methodist Men

AND

Men’s Ministry Specialists

United Methodist Men is the birthplace and development center for Men’s Ministry Specialists.

Our Men’s Ministry Specialists will work closely with UM Men leader network in their areas. Together they will serve UM congregations, working as partners with pastors, conference and district UMC leadership.

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Click on the Men’s Ministry Specialist link under Leaders section for information and downloadable forms.
**MMS Mission**
Serve United Methodist lay and clergy leaders and their congregations in the ministry of Jesus Christ through men

**MMS Core Qualities**
A growing disciple of Jesus Christ
A man mentored by and accountable to a spiritual advisor
A servant leader called to serve in men’s ministry
A man of Godly character; faithful, trustworthy and credible

**MMS Roles**
Communicates with leaders through listening; assessing desires and needs; offers resources and assistance.

Connects leaders in the congregation; connects congregations with men’s ministry, UM Men leaders and resources.

Equips leaders for effective men’s ministry through training, resources, and assistance.

Motivates leaders through vision, inspiration, cooperation and encouragement.

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**MMS Application Packet**
- Personal ministry background
- Pastor/spouse recommendation
- UMM & UMC leader consultations
- Spiritual gifts and personality assessments

**MMS Leadership Training**
- No Man Left Behind
- Read Spiritual Fathers, Restoring the Reproductive Church
- 3 to 5 year MMS strategy

**MMS Spiritual Development**
- Spiritual Advisor as overseer
- Personal spiritual growth history & plan for continued growth
- Current discipleship relationships
- Reading and continuing education plan

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**MMS Educational Courses**
- UMMen/UMC history course (available online/download)
- Safe Sanctuary and Sexual Ethics (available online/download at http://www.gcumm.org/ministries/men/specialists.html)
- Lay Speaking Ministries Basic course (available through conference or district)

**MMS Certification**
A panel authorized by GCUMM will review, interview and recommend MMS certifications as candidates as they complete the requirements.

**MMS Promotion/Awareness**
Certified MMS will be presented for service to conference and district lay and clergy leaders
WHY HAITI
and how did this get started?

One of the team members went to Haiti in 1988 for what he thought would be his first and last foreign mission trip. While there, due to his experience with the deaf, he was asked to help in a school for children with special needs. Deaf education in Haiti is very limited, with no easy access to hearing aids, limited resources and teachers who always want additional training. Since that first trip, he has returned with professional colleagues each year when possible. Haiti continues to be the poorest country in this hemisphere and one of the poorest countries in the world.

Prayerfully consider what you can do to support this wonderful ministry. Your assistance changes the lives of children with special needs in this very special place.

God bless you, and thank you.

PLEASE keep the children of Haiti and this project in your prayers.

The Hope of Hearing

Opportunities for UMMen to change the lives of children with deafness in Haiti

For more information, to send hearing aids or other donations, contact:

GIL HANKE
3644 Burwick Place
Antioch, TN 37013
(866) 297-4312

The Hope of Hearing

NACP
National Association of Congregational Presidents
United Methodist Men
The Hope of Hearing

Mission

The purpose of the Hope of Hearing is to provide hearing aids, batteries and educational support to children with significant hearing loss in Haiti.

Relationships to Various Groups

The Hope of Hearing is an affiliate of the National Association of Conference Presidents of the United Methodist Men and is one of the mission projects supported nationally by UMMen. Participation is not restricted to the UMMen or the United Methodist Church; funds and donated hearing aids come to this project from many sources, including a wide variety of churches and civic organizations.

Scope of this Project

Each year since the late 1980s teams of audiologists and speech/language pathologists have traveled to Haiti to work in the various schools for the deaf.

Children are tested, looking for those children who could benefit from a hearing aid. Many of the children tested have hearing losses so severe that the type of hearing aids available will not help them. But each annual trip, many children and some adults are identified whose lives can be dramatically improved with a hearing aid. After these are tested, an ear mold impression is taken. These impressions are taken back to the US and a custom ear mold is made. The day of the testing these children are fit with a temporary ear mold and their hearing aid. Once in place, the hearing aid is turned on and adjusted for each child. Seeing the expression on the child’s face as they hear amplified sound for the first time is miraculous. Most light up the room with a smile, acknowledging that they hear their voice, the voices of others, even their hands clapping for the first time. They begin to experience what we take for granted every day. The team is honored to witness this miracle.

Where do we get hearing aids?

We have a special relationship with some of the largest hearing aid manufacturers in the world, and some of their foundations. We receive reconditioned hearing aids for this specific project. The number of hearing aids we receive is directly related to the used hearing aids we collect.

So, what do we need?

HEARING AIDS! We need hearing aids, any size, shape, type or brand, in any condition. In many years we collect over 1,000 hearing aids from a wide variety of sources. Many churches and civic groups collect hearing aids in their local congregation and in their community. In the past, a Boy Scout selected this as his Eagle Project and collected many hearing aids even though he was in a very rural setting. Some persons who use hearing aids send us their old ones; some contact their hearing aid dealers in their communities for additional used hearing aids. Many come from families whose loved one is now with the Lord and these family members want to find a special use for their hearing aids.

What else do we need?

Each of the team members pays their own way to Haiti. But there are other significant costs for this ministry to take place. Each time they go, they take hearing aid batteries for each child they have fitted. There is also the cost of impression material, the cost of the custom ear molds, and in-country travel and expenses for the team. So we also need money.

We have received funds from Vacation Bible School offerings, from special Mission Weekend offerings, from UMMen Units, from UMC and other churches, from Rotary and other service clubs and from individuals.
**Some Hunger Facts:**

- In the United States, the world’s wealthiest nation, more than 40 million people live in poverty.
- Nearly one in four children lives in a household that struggles to put food on the table.
- Globally, 25% more food is produced each year than is needed to provide for the nutritional needs of every person on the planet.
- About 20% of the food commercially grown in the U.S. is left behind in farmers’ fields to rot due to market forces or cosmetic reasons.
- In American cities, one in five people seeking emergency food assistance is turned away because there is no food to give them.

**Something to ponder...**

According to a 2005 report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an additional investment of $24 billion per year will halve world hunger by 2015 and ultimately end it.

One estimate says it would cost $10-12 billion a year to end hunger in America. By contrast, here are some things we spend our money on in the U.S. each year:

- Beer: $45 Billion
- Legal gambling: $550 Billion
- Pet products: $41 Billion
- Weight control products: $33 Billion
- Bottled water: $15 Billion
- Cosmetic products: $30 Billion
- Soft drinks: $60 Billion
- Video games: $25.3 Billion
- Fast foods: $130 Billion

**We can end hunger in America and across the globe - to the glory of God!**

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**Society of St. Andrew**

**GLEANING AMERICA’S FIELDS**

**FEEDING AMERICA’S HUNGRY**

The Society of St. Andrew is a nonprofit Christian ministry dedicated to fighting hunger in our nation and the world. Formed in 1979 by two United Methodist pastors, the Society of St. Andrew is an Advance Special mission project of the United Methodist Church. The society works primarily to salvage produce that would otherwise go to waste and deliver it to people in need. Through the Society of St. Andrew Potatoes & Produce Project, 10-15 million pounds of produce is salvaged annually to provide 30-45 million servings of food to food banks, soup kitchens, Native American reservations, and other distribution agencies for free. Harvest of Hope and the Gladding Network also salvage millions of pounds of food from farmers’ fields and deliver it to the nation’s hungry.

*The ministries of the Society of St. Andrew deliver food to the nation’s hungry at a cost of about 2 cents per serving.*

Visit EndHunger.org for more information.

**Contact Information:**

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW
3383 Sweet Hollow Road
Big Island, VA 24526
800-333-4597

Development@EndHunger.org

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**EndHunger.org**
UMMen are helping bridge the hunger gap!

More than 96 billion pounds of wasted food

More than 40 million hungry Americans

Three things you can do:

- First, pray for the Society of St. Andrew and for the HRA Initiative.
- Second, glean. If you do not have a Hunger Relief Advocate in your conference, call the Society of St. Andrew to find out how to set up a gleaning activity in your area.
- Third, make a financial contribution to Meals for Millions, which funds the HRA Initiative, by using the form in this brochure.

Conference HRA Duties:

- Establish a gleaning ministry within the Annual Conference.
- Network with churches and agencies to address hunger in America and globally.
- Educate the church about hunger and poverty and the Christian response to those issues.
- Mobilize the church to take action to end hunger in America.
- Bring church members into hands-on hunger ministry.

Take a stand today against hunger in America!

BECOME A CHALLENGE DISCIPLE:
A Challenge Disciple commits to feeding the poor and supporting the HRA Initiative by donating $25 twice each year in response to a call letter in the spring and fall. Challenge Disciples receive our quarterly newsletter.

BECOME AN HRA SPONSOR:
An HRA Sponsor is similar to a Challenge Disciple, but donates $50 twice each year in response to a call letter in the spring and fall. HRA Sponsors also receive our quarterly newsletter.

BECOME A CHALLENGE FELLOWSHIP:
Every UMMen fellowship can become a Challenge Fellowship by donating $500 to Meals for Millions in support of the HRA Initiative. A Challenge Fellowship provides 10,000 servings of food to the hungry each year through its donation. A men’s group’s Challenge Disciples and HRA Sponsors count toward the group’s Challenge Fellowship.

BECOME AN HRA SPONSOR FELLOWSHIP:
Every UMMen fellowship that donates $500 or more to Meals for Millions is recognized as an HRA Sponsor Fellowship, as well as a Partner Church of the Society of St. Andrew. As with Challenge Fellowships, a group’s Challenge Disciples and HRA Sponsors count toward its HRA Sponsor Fellowship.

Response Form

Complete this form to make a commitment to support the HRA Initiative! You may make additional copies for all members of your UMMen unit. Please mail completed forms to Meals for Millions at the Society of St. Andrew Virginia office (see reverse).

Yes! I want to be a (check one):

☐ Challenge Disciple! I will send a $25 donation when I receive a call letter each Spring and Fall.
☐ HRA Sponsor! I will send a $50 donation when I receive a call letter each Spring and Fall.
☐ Other amount $__________

Yes! Our men’s group pledges to support the HRA Initiative by sending in a donation to Meals for Millions before December 31 this year.
Amount pledged (check one):

☐ $200 to become a Challenge Fellowship.
☐ $500 to become an HRA Sponsor Fellowship
☐ Other amount $__________

☐ Tell me how I can become a Conference HRA.
☐ Tell me how to set up a gleaning event.

Please Print:

Name: __________________________
Address: _________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: __________
Phone: (___) ___-__________
Church Name: ______________________
District: __________________________
Conference: ______________________

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Prayer Volunteers

The Living Prayer Center is always in need of phone volunteers. To learn more about how to become a prayer volunteer or to learn about starting a Covenant Prayer Group please contact our office.

For information, please contact:

The Upper Room Living Prayer Center
P.O. Box 340004
Nashville, TN 37203-0004
Toll-Free: 1.877.899.2780 ext. 7215
Fax: 1.615.340.7523
E-mail: prayer@upperroom.org
Prayer-Center.UpperRoom.org

Do You Have a Prayer Request?

Call The Upper Room Living Prayer Center
1.800.251.2468 (toll-free) 7 AM – 11 PM CST
or visit us online at
Prayer-Center.UpperRoom.org/Prayer

Find us on:

Facebook: UpperRoomLPCC
Twitter: @UpperRoomLPCC
Instagram: UpperRoomLPCC

¿Habla Español?

There are more than 400 million people in the world who speak Spanish and so do we! You can now post a prayer request, search for information on our various ministry resources, and engage with our latest news all in Spanish.
Prayer-Center.UpperRoom.org/es

To receive more promotional materials please contact The Living Prayer Center.

Financial support for this ministry comes from The Upper Room, United Methodist Men, and individual gifts.

Bearing one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2
The mission of The Upper Room Living Prayer Center is to help individuals, small groups, and local congregations grow in their understanding and experience of prayer. For more than 35 years, we have had a single purpose: helping disciples of Christ experience the living, transformative power of prayer.

Intercessory prayer is praying to God on behalf of others — it's more than just me and God. That's why we created a way for people to connect in prayer both online and over the phone.

How the Center Works
Each day, hundreds of people request prayer by phoning The Living Prayer Center’s toll-free number (available 7 AM – 11 PM). These are more calls than our staff can handle, so we rely on the assistance of volunteers around the country. If you are led to participate in this ministry, call our office at 1.877.899.2780 ext. 7215. You might choose to receive calls just two hours a week— we can forward calls directly to your home or church. Even small commitments of time make a big difference!

As the volunteers connect with callers, they take notes about specific needs before praying with the caller. This information is then shared with one of our Covenant Prayer Groups throughout the U.S., who continue to pray for the caller.

Covenant Prayer Groups
It's easy to start a Covenant Prayer Group in your church. All it takes is a commitment to meet once a week and complete a recommended Bible study about intercessory prayer. After this initial study is completed and with the recommendation of your pastor, the group is chartered as a designated Upper Room Covenant Prayer Group. You will then receive weekly prayer requests by e-mail. Once chartered, group members choose one of our follow-up prayer resources to continue the journey of transforming their prayer lives.

To become a phone volunteer, all you need is a vital Christian experience, a desire to grow in your own prayer life, and a willingness to share it with persons who call.

As I take calls from people all over the country... I feel connected to the body of Christ in a special way.”
- Elizabeth, California

Prayer Partners
Individuals make a covenant to pray on a regular basis for needs, issues, and concerns expressed through our prayer line and webpage. Each week you receive a new prayer list via email with needs from around the world. Please consider partnering with us in this important prayer ministry. God’s hand moves in powerful ways as we seek God in sincerity and truth.
Two great devotionals for our military and first responders

Strength for Service to God and Country

More than one million Strength for Service books were distributed during World War II and the Korean conflict before it went out of print. Fifty years later, a young boy named Evan Hunsberger was inspired by his grandfather’s worn copy and began working to republish the book as his Eagle Scout project as Strength for Service to God and Country.

Starting with his grandfather’s original book, Evan made slight editorial changes in the text and solicited additional contributions from many of today’s religious leaders. Evan’s new edition was faithful to the 1942 edition while reflecting a contemporary flavor that considers present day concerns. Strength for Service, which was the only book of its kind, was re-released in 2002 by the General Commission on United Methodist Men, and has since been distributed to more than 500,000 people of all denominations.

Strength for Service to God and Community

After publishing more than 500,000 copies, the Strength for Service team has introduced a second volume, Strength for Service to God and Community, a new book expressly written for professionals and volunteers who serve as our nation’s first line of defense. We rely strongly on first responders to protect and defend our communities every single day. We often forget that after the families and friends of victims have been rescued, comforted or consoled, it is often our first responders who are in need of emotional and spiritual support.

Strength for Service to God and Community provides spiritual encouragement and emotional strength for police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and all of those who are engaged in service to others in their times of greatest need.

Strength for Service, Inc.

In 2015, Strength for Service, Inc. became a separate 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to promote the distribution of these two devotionals books to military personnel and first responders in need of spiritual comfort.

For more information on these devotionals or to donate, please visit www.strengthforservice.org
Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting

The mission and goal of the Office of Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Agencies is to promote Scouting as a ministry to local churches. The resources enclosed are tools to help accomplish that task. Please contact our office to help you in your efforts to transform your existing scouting program into one of ministry to, with and for the youth of your church and community. Please visit www.umscouting.org for more information.
Awards and Recognition

Good Samaritan Award
Individual youth are nominated for this award by the local church.

Bishop's Award of Excellence
Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Camp Fire and 4-H clubs earn this award by meeting established requirements.

Adult Recognition
Adults should be recognized by being nominated for the following awards.
- Cross and Flame Award - given by the local church
- Torch Award - given by the conference
- Silver Torch Award - given for regional, national, or international service

Shepherd Church Charter Recognition
Recognize outstanding ministry within United Methodist churches.

Visit www.umscoouting.org to download brochures.

P.R.A.Y.
The Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) program is an age-appropriate study series for youth.
- God and Me — grades 1-3
- God and Family — grades 4-5
- God and Church — grades 6-8
- God and Life — grades 9-12


What You Can Do

Celebrate a Scouting Ministry Sunday on the second Sunday in February or on a Sunday that suits your congregation.

Encourage Boy Scout Eagle and Girl Scout Gold Award candidates to develop projects with the church.

Organize P.R.A.Y. program classes for children and youth members in your local church.

Become a scouting ministry specialist.

Resources

Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting Ministries, General Commission on United Methodist Men
1000 17th Ave South
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 340-7145
www.umscoouting.org

Lives of children and youth in your community

Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting Ministries
Outreach ministry to children and youth

Scouting

"Scouting and the United Methodist Men are perfect partners. Each blesses the other. Men and women in this ministry help shape our impressionable youth."

Gil Hanke, General Secretary
General Commission on United Methodist Men
As your men’s fellowship strives to make a difference in your community, consider using the following programs. These are sound, proven ways to instill values of character, citizenship and respect for others while developing a strong reverence of God, self respect and self reliance.

www.scouting.org
Chartered by Congress in 1916, the Boy Scouts of America emphasizes strong personal values, character, self-worth and usefulness, caring relationships, a desire to learn, and productive and creative use of time.

The program levels are:
- Tiger Cubs - age 6
- Cub Scouts - ages 7-10
- Boy Scouts - ages 11-17
- Venturing - ages 13-20 (co-ed)

www.girlscouts.org
The Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world, helps girls grow strong physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

The program levels are:
- Daisy Girl Scouts - ages 5-6
- Brownie Girl Scouts - ages 6-8
- Junior Girl Scouts - ages 8-11
- Cadette Girl Scouts - ages 11-14
- Senior Girl Scouts - ages 14-17

www.bbbs.org
People of Faith mentoring children of promise.
Big Brothers Big Sisters’ Amachi is the only congregation-based mentoring program in the United States to offer a proven and effective model for mentoring children who have an incarcerated parent.

The Need
Over 2.4 million of our children nationwide face a 70 percent probability of following their parents to prison. The caring members of your congregation can help break the cycle of intergenerational incarceration for the children who live right around the corner in your community.

Our Faith is in You.
You will join other congregations that share a vision of mentoring your community’s most vulnerable children. Become a Big Brother or Big Sister and help an entire generation of our community’s children become happy and productive citizens.

Four Areas of Focus
UMC leaders have asked the church to focus on four areas of ministry, in a united effort to make disciples and reach the world for Christ.

Developing principled Christian leaders
Train UM scouting leaders for the ministry of Jesus Christ.
Train and equip scouting ministry specialists to serve in every district.
Train youth to be effective, caring leaders in church and community.

Creating new congregations and revitalizing existing ones
Awaken men, and build men spiritually as the primary means to revive congregations.
Train clergy and lay leaders in courses developed for effective discipleship in men.

Engaging in ministry with the poor
Train UM Men leaders to become advocates and friends of the poor, and eliminate the effects of poverty and racism.
Support the children of incarcerated parents through Amachi.
Support hunger relief efforts by the Society of St. Andrew.
www.enchunger.org

Combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally
Direct UMC-sponsored scouting units in advocacy and fundraising efforts for Nothing But Nets and help eliminate malaria in our lifetime.
www.NothingButNets.net
Expand global hunger relief through the World Methodist Council men’s affiliate and Stop Hunger Now.
www.stophungernow.org
The Office of Scouting Ministries currently has formal relationships with the following youth-serving organizations:

- Boy Scouts of America
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Girl Scouts of the USA
- Camp Fire USA
- 4-H

1001 17th Ave S
NASHVILLE, TN 37212

Direct Phone: 615-620-7262
Fax: 615-340-1770
www.umscouting.org
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A SCOUTING MINISTRY SPECIALIST?

SMS MISSION
This position is designed to help local churches consider scouting as a ministry, as well as a new response to one of the Four Areas of Focus of the general church: to develop principled Christian leaders.
Specialists will help provide information to the local church through relationships with the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) office and annual/district scouting coordinators.

SMS QUALIFICATIONS
Interested candidates must meet the following prerequisites:

- 18 years of age or older
- Proof of BSA Youth Protection Training and/or Safe Sanctuaries and Sexual Ethics - online course (offered at www.ums scouting.org).
- Registration fees: $45 for 5 years, ensures your active ministry status.
- Read Scouting Guidelines (order from Cokesbury).

SMS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Scouting Ministry Specialists will be responsible for the following:

- Visit and communicate with up to three United Methodist churches in their areas.
- Assist the annual and district scouting coordinators.
- Promote scouting ministry training events with adult leaders (Philmont, Sea Base, UM Scouting workshops, etc.)
- Promote scouting recognition awards.
- Promote the Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) awards.
- Enroll each church as a Shepherd Church.
- Promote Scout Sunday.
- Support the pastor.
- Consider serving on Council Relationships/Religious Committees for the various scouting agencies.
- Recruit one additional scouting ministry specialist.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is this position needed?
Only 6,700 of the 34,000 United Methodist churches have scouting units. The specialists will help churches understand the value of scouting and communicate information related to training, awards and recognition.

What is the difference between an SMS and the annual/district/local Scouting Coordinator?
Specialists are recruited and registered with GCUMM, and are responsible for up to three churches. They are not necessarily a liaison to a youth agency council/office like a local church scouting coordinator.

HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME AN SMS?
Visit our website at www.ums scouting.org. Please complete a contact interest form. Someone will respond to your request with additional information.

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED?
Scouting ministry specialists are volunteers. The amount of time allocated for the position is determined by the individual’s schedule.
Recommendations for Scout Sunday Worship Service

When planning a worship service for Scout Sunday, strive to involve Scouts who are church members. Youth members should be used to sing, usher, greet, pray, and read. Occasionally a youth is allowed to prepare the sermon for this service.

At the very least, have the worship committee and the pastor select a date and announce that all members involved in Scouting should wear their uniforms. In turn, each member should be recognized for leadership to others.

Most churches plan worship services in advance, so requesting consideration for a Scout Sunday observance far ahead of time might be more successful. If this is a first-time effort, start small and build from there. For those experienced in preparing Scout Sunday functions, try to add something new (for example using youth speakers of you Sunday school teachers).

Affirmation of Faith

The following Affirmation of Faith was written by the God and Country class participants from BSA Troop 4, Cub Scout Pack 4, and Girl Scout troop members. Troop 4 is sponsored by St. Andrew’s UMC, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Scouting at St. Andrew’s dates back to April 30, 1917.

We believe in God, who created the universe...
God is all knowing and almighty, yet loves each one of us.
We are God’s children and God is merciful, tender and generous.

We believe in Jesus Christ.
The Son of God, who by his love and death on a cross, saved us from our sin.
He is strong yet he freely sacrificed his life for us...
that we may live abundant lives and have eternal life.
He is our best friend.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
God’s presence with us.
The Spirit helps us to know God,
and is our prayer carrier, teacher, and comforter.

We believe in the church... the living body of Christ.
The church is the community of believers and friends gathered
to share God’s messages of
forgiveness,
 hope, fellowship, and salvation.
The church is a place of sanctuary, a safe haven... open to all.

Suggested Scout Sunday Order of Worship (adapt for your special day)

CALL TO WORSHIP  (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer)

PROCESSIONAL (with U.S. flag, unit flag(s), and Christian flag)

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

PRAYER  (Composed and delivered by a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or a Venturer)

HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING
OFFERING (Suggest that money collected be used to support the local council camp chaplaincy program)

OFFERTORY PRAYERS (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer)

HYMN

SCRIPTURE (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer)

MEDITATION

LORD’S PRAYER HYMN

GOD and COUNTRY PROGRAM (Give a brief explanation; pass out fliers, cards, and envelopes for the pastor. Present awards to youth have earned them)

BENEDICTION (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer)

Suggested Worship Aids for Scout Sunday

HYMNS:
“For the Beauty of the Earth”
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”
“God Bless Our Native Land”
“God, Who Toucheat Earth with Beauty”
“Am I a Soldier of the Cross?”
“Standing on the Promises”
“All Glory, Laud and Honor”
“All Creatures of Our God and King”
“All Beautiful the March of Days”
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
“In the Stars His Handiwork I See”
“Shepherd of Eager Youth”
“I’ll be a Sunbeam”
“Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”
“Jesus Loves Me”
“Father, Let Me Dedicate”
“Make Me a Blessing”
“Arise All Youth of God”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Opening sentences)
1. Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 106:1)
2. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)
3. But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)
4. God calls us together to worship this morning. From our work and play within the world, God gathers us to give thanks for creation’s goodness, for the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax.

From amidst our friends and family, God brings us here to participate in a community of faith, Christ’s people, a new family. From everyday conversations, talks, and chatter, God invites us to engage one another in dialogue, to speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind, to pray freely. Let us heed God’s call and rejoice in what God enables. Let us pray together.

RESPONSIVE READING (The Scout Law)
Leader: The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (Exodus 20:16).

Scouts: A Scout is trustworthy.
Leader: He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Scouts: A Scout is loyal.

Leader: You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself... (Leviticus 19:18). For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

Scouts: A Scout is helpful.

Leader: Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10). Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

Scouts: A Scout is friendly.

Leader: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Scouts: A Scout is courteous.

Leader: A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

Scouts: A Scout is kind.

Leader: Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor they first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Scouts: A Scout is obedient.

Leader: A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:13-15).

Scouts: A Scout is cheerful.

Leader: Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8).

Scouts: A Scout is thrifty.

Leader: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Scouts: A Scout is brave.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the god of his salvation (Psalm 24:3-5).

Scouts: A Scout is clean.

Leader: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30).

Scouts: A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

OFFERTORY PRAYERS
1. Bless us O God, and these gifts which we bring. Use them to further the scouting ministry. Amen.
2. May these gifts which we bring be merely an extension of our daily duty to you, O God. Amen.
3. May the gifts that we now offer up to God be a sign of our trust in God’s promise of a new tomorrow, a better day, a sign that love and forgiveness have indeed found a way.

SCRIPTURE READING
1. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)
2. The Salt of the Earth. The Light of the World. (Matthew 5:13-16)
5. The True Glory of Jesus. (Mark 9:2-9)
6. Moab Rebels Against Israel. (II Kings 2:1-12a)

MEDITATION
Be Prepared (Read Matthew 25:1-13)

Though the winter air was crisp, an early sun warmed our faces as we prepared to start a twenty-mile hike. We were properly dressed for the weather. We had our boots laced tightly to protect our feet from the cold water in the streams we knew we would have to ford. Our packs held our lunch, rain gear, dry socks, and first-aid supplies. We were prepared.

However, the sun soon faded from view as unexpected storm clouds covered the sky. Soon it was raining and our pace was slowed. The water in the streams was now too deep to ford, so we lost time finding better crossings. The rain changed to driving snow, and our footing became treacherous. We were losing time, and the day was slipping away.

The storm passed, but now it was getting dark and we still had several miles to go. It was at this point that we realized we were not prepared—we had no flashlights in our packs, not one. We stumbled along in the dark and finally, with great difficulty, finished the hike.

Some of the best training we receive comes as a result of our own mistakes, failures, omission—not being prepared. If this is true, why must mankind persist in making the same mistakes over and over?

Prayer: Dear God, help us learn from our mistakes. Help us be prepared to serve others as Christ has served us. Amen.

A PSALM FOR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS
The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster who provides all our needs.

He lets us camp in forests tall and meadows green.

He leads us on trails besides waters deep and still, brooks babbling, streams rushing, and rivers raging.

He restores our bodies, minds and souls, even as we observe the eagle soaring to greater heights above. He encourages the Eagle Scout in his upward climb.

He teaches Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers to live the Scout Oath and Law.

Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys with towering mountains, we are courageous because he leads us onward.

He continually blesses us with food for mind and body.

Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us, he blesses us with the gifts of love and forgiveness.

Surely, his goodness and mercy will sustain us all the days of our lives.

And, when we climb the final trail through the awesome pass that leads to the Great Councilfire, we shall join those who traveled the trail before us and joyfully live with him forever!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OR OFFERTORY
Your importance in our lives, O God, is reflected in our gifts. We return to you, through the ministry and outreach of this church, a portion of all that you have entrusted to us. We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving. We will also invest our time and abilities in your work of healing, comforting, teaching, guiding, and proclaiming good news. Bless each gift, whatever its size, and multiply the good to be done through our talents and treasure. Amen.

BENEDICTIONS
1. Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time, no and forever. Amen.
2. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
3. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.
4. May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with you until we meet again. Amen.
5. May the Lord bless you and take care of you; may the Lord be kind and gracious to you; may the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.
BISHOP’S DINNER FOR SCOUTING

QUICK TIPS

A. What is it?  
An annual conference (or district) event intended to bring church pastors, youth ministers and lay leaders together with civic youth agency officials to share information and ultimately grow scouting in the local church.

B. Who attends?  
From the “church”:
1. Bishop of an annual conference
2. District superintendents
3. Annual, district and local scouting coordinators
4. Local church pastors
5. Youth ministers
6. Lay leadership

From the youth agency:
1. Executive Director
2. Other professional staff
3. Top council volunteer leadership

C. Why?  
To grow and expand the scouting ministry in the local church

To serve youth in the local church’s community

To serve unchurched families

D. Where?  
At a local United Methodist church (remember, it is a church event and should be held in a local church setting)

E. Cost?  
Should be no cost to participants. Ask local UM Men’s chartered unit to assist in funding, or local UM donors. Use resources of the youth agencies and annual and district conferences.

F. Methods?  
Bishop’s Dinners may be more effective when they are conducted by district or by inviting a few districts (2-4, for example) at a time. It really depends on the annual conference, the bishop’s schedule and other dynamics and variables that should be considered.
KEYS TO SUCCESS: 16 Organizational Steps to Conducting a Successful Bishop’s Dinner

1. **Plan your work** (see backdating schedule in *Guidelines for Organizing a United Methodist Bishop’s Dinner*) and work the plan.

2. Plan the event in partnership with UMMen (president and/or key leadership of the district/conference).

3. Allow 3-6 months of planning in scheduling a Bishop’s Dinner.

4. Organizing/Planning Committee (this is not a “one-man show”).

5. District Superintendents must have ownership (meet one-on-one with each one and/or meet/present concept at Bishop’s cabinet meeting).

6. Conduct Bishop’s Dinner at a church facility (a local church, fellowship hall, etc.). It is a church event.

7. Send invitations to all churches (pastors, lay leaders) in a timely manner.

8. Youth ministers can be a key to ultimate success. Make sure to invite them.

9. Do not charge participants (develop sponsor[s], other funding sources).

10. Follow-up phone calls.

11. Concise (2 – 2½ hour) program.

12. Brief all presenters on program.

13. Recruit and train (brief) table organizers.

14. Covenant cards handed to Bishop by local pastors before departing.

15. Thank you notes/letters to appropriate persons (the Bishop, sponsors, etc.).

16. Follow-up to the event – where the work begins. District and local church scouting coordinator and professional staffs of the youth agencies **must follow-up together** and in **partnership**. (See steps to organizing a unit, club, etc. – **2017-2020 Guidelines**: Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Ministry, copyright 2016, available at [www.Cokesbury.com](http://www.Cokesbury.com), or call 800-672-1789).

For more information, contact:

**Larry Coppock, National Director, Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting**

General Commission on United Methodist Men
1000 17th Ave S Nashville, TN 37212
Phone: 615-620-7261 Email: lcoppock@gcumm.org
# ORDER FORM

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Billing city, state, zip

Signature

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# INSIGNIA

The Bishop's Award of Excellence insignia is to be issued only to members of United Methodist Church-sponsored units which have earned the Bishop’s Award of Excellence. The insignia may be worn until the next session of the annual conference, or for a period of one year. The insignia may be worn by Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire, and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

In keeping with current BSA and GSUSA uniform policies, the patch may be worn as follows: Boy Scouts of America considers this a temporary insignia which can be sewn in the center of the right pocket of the uniform's shirt. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. stipulates that the religious recognition be worn below the membership stars on the right side of the blouse, level with the membership pin, when neither sash nor vest is worn.

Here are some ways for displaying temporary insignia other than on the official uniforms:  
1) Stole for worship leaders,  
2) Special neckerchief,  
3) Special neckerchief slide,  
4) BSA red patch vest,  
5) Wall plaque,  
6) Camp Fire robe or blanket,  
7) Mounted in a frame for display, and  
8) Trophy hide.

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# BISHOP’S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

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MAIL APPLICATION TO:  
SCOUTING MINISTRIES OFFICE/GCUMM  
PO BOX 440515  
NASHVILLE, TN 37244-0515
BISHOP’S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Bishop’s Award of Excellence is authorized for the purpose of recognizing outstanding United Methodist Church units which have met the established criteria.

Upon nomination by the Scouting Coordinator, and approval by a proper committee or representative of the annual conference, the Bishop’s Award of Excellence is presented by the presiding bishop to the pastor, the unit leader, and at least one member of the unit at the next regular session of the annual conference. The award is good for one year and may be earned again.

CRITERIA

Within the past nine months (since the last regular session of the annual conference) the unit shall have qualified on all of the following:

1. Twenty percent or more of the registered youth members of the unit shall be working currently toward or have completed the appropriate religious emblem program for their corresponding age level and religious affiliation.

2. Twenty percent of the registered adult leaders must have membership in The United Methodist Church.

3. The unit must participate in the annual Scouting Ministries Sunday observance in the local church.

4. The unit must plan and complete one service project in each of the following categories:
   a. in the local church; e.g., grounds work day
   b. in the community; e.g., litter pick-up
   c. related to the conference, national or world programs of the United Methodist Church, e.g., hunger relief (Society of St. Andrew), work service or LOMOR.

5. The unit leader and the Scouting Coordinator must review the unit sponsor agreement* program plans with the pastor annually.

6. The unit shall observe regular worship services when away from the church on Sundays for camping experiences or trips.

7. The unit must have a person assigned to encourage active participation in religion, respecting the faiths of all. Boy Scout troops must have a registered unit chaplain (adult) and chaplain aide (youth).

* Sponsorship (charter) agreements are required by BSA. They are optional with other civic youth organizations, but encouraged.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS UNIT HAS MET ALL QUALIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA STATED IN THIS BROCHURE:

Signed: (All Signatures are necessary)

Bishop

Conference Scouting Coordinator

Local Church Scouting Coordinator

Fee of $50 must accompany the application to cover cost of processing, certificate, and banner. See other side to order patches. Only one unit per award/certificate, please.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Type & # of unit
(e.g., GSUSA Brownie Troop 123)

Name of sponsoring church

Church address

City, state, zip

Annual Conference

Date to be awarded
(required date is put on certificate)

PLEASE ALLOW A 30-DAY PROCESSING TIME. IF LESS, APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A $25 RAPID PROCESSING FEE.

PLEASE SEND RECOGNITION ITEMS TO:

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Area code/phone #

Email
CROSS and FLAME AWARD
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

We hereby certify that

[Full name as it will appear on certificate]

[Church name]

[City/Town/Location]

[Conference and District]

meets all qualifications and criteria stated in this brochure.

Signed: ALL SIGNATURES ARE NECESSARY.

Local Church Scouting Coordinator

Church Pastor

Please send medal, certificate, and 5/8" clutch-back pin to the following address:

[Address]

[Telephone number with area code]

I need this by:

Please allow a 30-day processing time. If less, it must be accompanied by a $25.00 rapid processing fee.

Enclosed is a check for 

or Mastercard  

Visa  

Discover  

Amex

Card #

Expiry Date:

Security Code:

Print name on Card

Signature

Billing Address

Billing City

State, Zip

email: ___________________________ (if you would like to receive email confirmation of credit card charge)

Send to:
Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting
P.O. Box 440515
Nashville, TN 37244-0515
(615) 340-7145
Fax (615) 340-1770

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THE EMBLEM

The Cross and Flame Award emblem carries the logo of The United Methodist Church. It may be worn with the uniform for dress and official occasions. It identifies the recipient as one who has served children and youth through The United Methodist Church.
THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS AND FLAME AWARD

The United Methodist Church accepts the programs of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Big Brothers Big Sisters, Camp Fire USA, and 4-H) as contributing to the church’s goals in its ministry with children and youth.

The Cross and Flame program gives recognition to adult leaders who have given exceptional service in the use and promotion of programs for young people.

THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD MUST HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Is an active member of a recognized Christian church.
2. Has given faithful service to the local church congregation by serving in church leadership positions.
3. Has a continuous record (three years) of using and supporting the programs of the Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting in the life of the church.
4. Has served these organizations on the unit (troop, club, etc.), district, council, or other level by active participation in the program.
5. Has actively and effectively promoted the religious awards program.
6. Has promoted the use of religious services when camping or other activities that take the scouting groups away from the church during regularly scheduled worship services.

Nominees must be recommended to the local church by the local church scouting coordinator. The application must be approved by the pastor of the local church and presented to the church administrative board, council on ministries, or administrative council along with the application for approval.

Upon approval, the application is mailed to the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies in Nashville, Tennessee. A certificate of merit, 5/8" clutch-back pin, ribbon and medal will be prepared and returned to the local church. A check for $60.00 must accompany the application to cover all costs. No more than five per year per church may be issued.

The nomination form is on the back of this brochure. Please allow 30 days for processing.

Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting
P.O. Box 440515
Nashville, TN 37244-0515
(615) 340-7145
Fax (615) 340-1770
THE GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

We hereby certify that

_________________________________
(Full name as it will appear on certificate)

_________________________________
(Church name)

_________________________________
(City/State)

_________________________________
(Conference and District)

meets all qualifications and criteria stated in this brochure.

Signed: ALL SIGNATURES ARE NECESSARY.

_________________________________
Church pastor

_________________________________
and one of the following: (circle one)

(Unit leader) • (Youth minister)

(Agent church member)

Please send recognition items to:

Name__________________________________

Address________________________________

City__________________________State______

Zip__________Telephone (___) _________

Email:_________________________________

Date to be placed on certificate:

_________________________________

I need this by _______________________

Please allow 30-day processing time. If needed in less time, please add a $25.00 rapid-processing fee.

LUKE 10:27

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.”
GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

The purpose of the award is to provide United Methodist churches a means to recognize youth who demonstrate the attributes of the Good Samaritan described in Luke 10:25-37.

This award recognizes ministry to others through outreach, humanitarian assistance, or advocacy.

REQUIREMENTS

The candidate should demonstrate significant personal and selfless contributions toward others or assistance to individuals in need.

It is the responsibility of the local United Methodist church to determine qualifications of the award recipient.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATING A CANDIDATE

1. A. The recipient may be a registered member of a civic youth-serving agency (Boy Scout troop, Cub Scout pack, Venture crew, Girl Scout troop, Camp Fire club) chartered to, sponsored by, or meeting in a United Methodist church. Or:
   B. The recipient may be an active member of a United Methodist church.

2. The recipient must be between the ages of 6 and 30.

3. The recipient must be nominated by an adult familiar with the youth’s outstanding service (pastor, Scout leader, scouting coordinator, scouting ministry specialist, etc.).

4. The recipient is participating in outreach ministry within the context of the local United Methodist church giving the award.

EXAMPLES OF MINISTRY TO OTHERS

- **Humanitarian Assistance** – Hunger relief (youth coordinated a “potato drop” through the Society of St. Andrew, a national hunger relief organization sponsored by United Methodist Men)

- **Advocacy/Education** – Youth participated in a service project for “Nothing but Nets,” a campaign to eradicate malaria in Africa

- **Outreach** – Youth directed a service project to benefit homeless persons in his/her community; volunteer service at a “clothes closet” or thrift shop

- **Outreach** – Youth rendered service that benefited a low-income daycare center or a center for at-risk youth

- **Outreach** – Youth coordinated a service project that benefited a senior citizen facility, nursing home, or independent living facility

- **Other**
  - Impromptu actions in response to a need
  - Unsung actions observed or discovered by an adult

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

The local United Methodist pastor and ONE of the following:

- Unit representative (scoutmaster, troop leader, scouting coordinator, etc.)
- Youth minister or coordinator
- Adult member of the local UM church giving the award who is familiar with the nominee’s work (not a relative)

Please include photo of recipient(s) and project and a brief (2-3 paragraph) description for potential publication in Scouting News.

RECOGNITION ITEMS AND COST

Good Samaritan certificate + lapel pin + medallion (attached to a purple ribbon): $60.00

NOTE: Include $25 rapid-processing fee for awards needed in fewer than 30 days.

Enclosed is a check for $__________

or

Charge to Credit Card

Card #

Name as it appears on credit card

Exp. date ____ Security Code ____

(last 3 digits on back of card)

Billing Address

Please send application and payment to:
GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD
c/o OCYSAS
P.O. Box 440515
Nashville, TN 37244-0515
(615) 340-7145 • Fax (615) 340-1770
www.umscouting.org

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WHAT BENEFITS DO SHEPHERD CHURCHES RECEIVE UPON CHARTERING/RE-CERTIFYING?

1. Subscription to Scouting News, a quarterly publication of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. A copy will be sent to the pastor and local church scouting coordinator.

2. Notices of training events for scouting coordinators and other leaders.

3. An invitation to the United Methodist Scouter’s Workshop, a week-long training experience conducted annually at one of BSA’s high adventure bases.

4. Access to scouting ministry resources including books, supplies, and related items.

5. Up-to-date news from the Office of Scouting Ministries and access to additional information and resources on www.umscouting.org.

Please list the number and type of unit(s) that your church sponsors (for example, BSA Pack 123, Girl Scout Troop 456, etc.).

SPECIAL NOTE

The Shepherd Church Charter Recognition is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Mildred Keeney, a long-time United Methodist scouter. She encouraged churches to utilize scouting as a way to attract and nurture young people with the love of Jesus Christ. Mildred initiated the concept for this recognition.

www.umscouting.org
PURPOSE

To annually recognize churches that provide outstanding scouting/mentoring ministry to their communities through sponsorship of one or more of the following civic youth-serving agencies: Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), Camp Fire USA (CFUSA), 4-H, and/or Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBS). These churches welcome all youth and children; nurture them as they grow to become good citizens with a deeper relationship with God; and work with them in service to others.

Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.


CRITERIA

1. Sponsor one or more of the following groups: BSA, GSUSA, CFUSA, 4-H, and/or BBBS to meet the needs of youth and children in the congregation and in the community. The 2012 Book of Discipline (¶256.4a) encourages churches to have signed partnership agreements.

2. Offer and encourage participation in the PRAY awards, a religious education program for youth and children, grades 1-12 (2012 Book of Discipline ¶256.4). For more information visit Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (www.praypub.org).

3. Observe a Scouting Ministries Sunday or conduct a separate Sunday service for each group.

4. Encourage each troop/group in the church to annually participate in at least one community service project. Service projects benefiting and in cooperation with the sponsoring church are encouraged.

5. Elect or appoint a scouting coordinator who reports regularly to the governing body of the local church (2012 Book of Discipline ¶255).

SHEPHERD CHURCH CHARTER RECOGNITION FORM

The fulfillment of award requirements must be reviewed and evaluated by the pastor and the local church scouting coordinator. After the requirements have been met, please sign and return the charter application to the Office of Scouting Ministries, GCUMM, P.O. Box 440515, Nashville, TN 37244-0515. If you have any questions, please call 615-340-7145.

An attractive, embossed 8 1/2 x 11 Shepherd Church certificate will be mailed to each sponsoring church upon receipt of the $25 sponsorship.

The charter may be renewed annually.

Please check one:

☐ This is an application for a new charter.

☐ This is an application for an annual recertification.

☐ This is a recertification of a lapsed charter.

Church:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Church e-mail address:

Telephone:

Conference:

District:

Optional: Number of children and youth receiving PRAY awards in past 12 months. Please include photos for potential publication in Scouting News or other publications.

Optional: In one or two paragraphs, please describe service projects in which your youth group has engaged. Please include an action photo.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $25.

Your $25 sponsorship covers all units (troops, packs, crews, clubs, etc.). A processing fee of $25 will be charged for certificates needed with less than a 30-day notice.

Please charge my credit card:

☐ Visa ☐ M/C ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Credit Card number:

Exp. Date ______/____ Security Code:

Cardholder name as it appears on credit card:

Cardholder Signature:

Date charter certificate to be presented:

This church meets all qualifications and criteria stated in the brochure.

Signed:

Pastor

E-Mail:

Local Church Scouting/Mentoring Coordinator

E-Mail:
Torch Award

Enclosed is a check for $__________

or charge to:

__________________________
Credit card #

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Name as it appears on card

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Exp. Date _______ Security Code _______

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Signature

Conference Scouting Coordinator

Presiding Bishop

Please send medal, certificate, and clasp-back pin to the following address:

__________________________
Billing Address

__________________________
Billing City, State, Zip

Send to:
Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting
P.O. Box 440515
Nashville, TN 37244-0515
(615) 340-7145
Fax (615) 340-1720

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The Emblem

The Torch is an emblem of Christian faithfulness. It recognizes the builders of Christian character and service to others.
THE PURPOSE OF THE TORCH AWARD

The United Methodist Church accepts the programs of Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Camp Fire USA, and 4-H) as contributing to the church's goals in ministry with children and youth.

The United Methodist Church supports the use of scouting programs as a proven way of reaching and ministering with boys and girls and their families. We urge churches to study the potential for ministry in the use of the programs of these organizations.

The General Commission on United Methodist Men, through its Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting, recognizes men and women who give unusual amounts of time and energy in dedicated service to children and youth through these organizations.

The Torch Award is an appropriate recognition for adult leaders who have given exceptional service in the use and promotion of these programs.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATING A CANDIDATE

THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD MUST HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Is an active member of a recognized Christian church.
2. Has a continuous record of using and supporting the programs (for a minimum of 4 years) of the Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Agencies in the life of the church at the district and annual conference level.
3. Has served these organizations on the unit (troop, club, etc.), district, council, or other level by active participation in the program.
4. Has a record of counseling young people enrolled in the religious awards programs.
5. Is actively recruiting men and women for leadership in these organizations and programs.
6. Has served effectively as a member of a denominational or interdenominational Church Committee on Scouting.
7. Has served as a Camp Chaplain or has helped promote religious services within one of the scouting programs.

PROCEDURES

1. A special committee, appointed annually by the Conference Committee on Scouting, receives and reviews the nominations and names the recipients.
2. The annual conference may give one award each year, plus one for each 100,000 church members or fraction thereof, and may confer an honorary award in recognition of meritorious service to persons not members of the annual conference.
3. Nominations may be made by an individual, by a local church or by the Conference Committee on Scouting and forwarded to the special committee by April 1 each year.
4. A citation will be prepared by the special committee to be read in the annual conference session when the award is presented.
5. Upon approval, the application is mailed to the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting in Nashville, Tennessee. A certificate of merit will be prepared along with a medal and clutch-back pin. A check for $60.00 (made out to OCYSA) must accompany the application to cover all costs. Please allow 30 days for processing.
Silver Torch
Nomination Form

Date: _____________________________

Name of Nominator:

First: ___________________ M

Last: _______________________

Address: _____________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________

Phone: _______________________

Fax: _______________________

Email: _____________________________

Name and address of local UM Church:

Address: _____________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________

Email: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

Date award needed:

______________________________

Date award to be presented:

______________________________

(to be placed on certificate)

Please send recognition items to:

(name and address of person making the nomination)

First: ___________________ M

Last: _______________________

Address: _____________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________

Email: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

Enclosed is a check for $__________________________

or charge to:

Credit card #: _____________________________

Name as it appears on card:

Exp. Date: __________________ Security Code: __________________

Signature: _____________________________

Billing Address: _____________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________

Email: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

Send to:

Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting
P.O. Box: 24013
Nashville, TN 37241-0313
Phone: (615) 340-7145
Fax: (615) 340-1770
Email: gounm@gounm.org
Website: umscouting.org

Please allow 60 days for processing the nomination.

The Emblem
The Torch is an emblem of Christian faithfulness.
It recognizes the builders of Christian character
and service to others.
The purpose of The Silver Torch Award is to recognize adults who have given faithful service to the United Methodist Church at the regional, national or international level through Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Camp Fire USA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, 4-H or United Methodist Youth.

Criteria For Nominating a Candidate

- The Silver Torch may be awarded to an adult for exemplary service to scouting and/or youth ministry beyond the annual conference. The award may be presented to an individual who has given service at the central conference (international), general church (national) or jurisdictional (regional) level.

- Recipient must be Christian but not necessarily a member of the United Methodist Church.

- Award is by nomination only. No self-nominations permitted. Any United Methodist adult may submit a nomination.

Examples of Service

Candidates may be leaders of the BSA National Jamboree or International Jamboree, a general agency board, advisory committee or a group affiliated with a general agency such as the National Association of United Methodist Scouts, or the National Association of Conference Presidents.

Candidates may have provided leadership for mission trips to a central conference, or perhaps they directed efforts to raise funds to support a central conference evangelistic initiative for youth and/ or scouting.

Likely candidates include those who raised funds, coordinated or directed initiatives to support projects like Nothing But Nets to help eradicate malaria or other killer diseases in Africa.

Candidates may also have performed significant acts of mission and/or ministry in response to the denomination’s four areas of focus: (1) leadership development (2) new church development/renewal (3) global health and (4) the elimination of poverty.

Process for Review and Selection of Candidates

A special sub-committee of the Scouting Ministry Committee of the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) review nominations on a periodic basis. Please allow 60 days for the nomination to be reviewed.

Approval of a nomination is not guaranteed, but there is no limit to the number of nominations that one may submit.

Please include a photo with nomination (action photo desirable) for potential publication in Scouting News.

Nomination Information

Use a separate sheet to answer the following questions. Be brief (no more than one page). Please type or print.

1. Please describe how the nominee’s service has impacted scouting and/or youth ministry at the general church, jurisdictional, or central conference level.

2. Briefly describe religious office held (scouting coordinator, pastor, youth minister, etc.).
"GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU."
Luke 6:38

The United Methodist Men Foundation will assist you in making a lasting contribution to the church and its ministries. We do this by offering information and services, including:

- Providing ideas for creative estate planning
- Assisting in the preparation of your will
- Receiving and administering your gifts to the church
- Establishing a permanent gift that will support your favorite ministries forever

Creative estate planning opportunities may benefit you as much as your favorite United Methodist Men ministry or cause. You can set up a trust, providing a generous charitable income tax deduction and a guaranteed life income. If you establish a life estate, you can live in your home now and then donate it at the end of your life. You may desire to include a United Methodist Men ministry in your will.

For more information about creative will and estate planning, contact your United Methodist Men Foundation today.
ENDOWMENT

In 1981, the United Methodist Men Foundation was established by the National Association of Conference Presidents of United Methodist Men as a way to support scouting ministry when it appeared the denomination was no longer willing to do so.

The foundation later added programs to deepen the spiritual life of men across the church through evangelism, mission, and spiritual life.

In today's society, conventional means of funding have become more and more challenging to secure. The church is no exception to this problem. World Service apportionments are stretched to the limit and requests for financial support of church outreach programs are growing.

Endowments enable the United Methodist Men Foundation to fund men's ministries in perpetuity. Currently there are three endowment programs supported by the United Methodist Men Foundation:

- Scouting Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- Men's Ministry

SCOUTING - The foundation partially funds the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting Ministries, led by a full-time professional to promote the growth of scouting in local churches. This ministry is accomplished through Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Camp Fire USA, 4-H, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

PRAYER - Over 350,000 calls requesting prayer are received by the Upper Room Prayer Line each year. United Methodist Men have made it possible for the prayer center to operate on a 24-hour basis with trained personnel.

The Upper Room Living Prayer Center (800) 251-2468.

MEN

The foundation supports various ministries to and with men. The commission recently created a helpful course to enable men to become men's ministry specialists. These men will help local churches discover new ways to minister to men in their churches and communities.
LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED METHODIST MEN

A special honorary recognition is available to local, district, conference, jurisdiction, and national organizations to present LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS IN UNITED METHODIST MEN. A plan of permanent registration for life members is set up by the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

THE AWARD INCLUDES:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

An attractive document, printed on durable paper, comes in a handsome leatherette presentation folder.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD

Printed in red and gold ink on a white background, this handy card is wallet-size for carrying. Size is 2 1/2” by 4”.

(Provided for local inscription.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN

This handsome 10-carat gold pin is the approximate size of the regular membership pin.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTION

The contribution for a Life Membership Award is $250. All funds received from Life Membership awards are used to support the ministries of United Methodist Men.

Complete the form on the back panel and forward to the United Methodist Men Foundation. Since UMMen Magazine frequently features men who have been awarded Life Memberships, please include information concerning the individual receiving the award, giving the basis upon which the Life Membership Award is to be made.

Send application for Life Membership along with your remittance to:

United Methodist Men Foundation
1000 17th Ave. S.
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 340-7145

Please allow 30 days for processing.

United Methodist Men
Application for LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD IN UNITED METHODIST MEN

Please send this application with a check for $250 made payable to United Methodist Men Foundation.
1000 17th Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37212 (615) 340-7145

Name of Person to be honored ____________________________________________ Phone ( ) _______________________

Honoree’s address ________________________________________________________
Street, P.O. Box _________________________________________________________
City ___________________ State ___________________ Zip Code ________________

Email ________________________________ For presentation on: ___________________

Certificate to be dated: __________________________ Name of church/group submitting application ______________________

Its address _____________________________________________________________
Street, P.O. Box _________________________________________________________
City ___________________ State ___________________ Zip Code ________________

District __________________ Conference __________________ Jurisdiction ________

Signatures
(Please sign in own handwriting.)

President of United Methodist Men (local church, district, conference, jurisdictional or national)
Street, P.O. Box _________________________________________________________
City ___________________ State ___________________ Zip Code ________________

Email ______________________ Phone __________________________

Please mail certificate to: _________________________________________________
Street, P.O. Box _________________________________________________________
City ___________________ State ___________________ Zip Code ________________

Please allow a minimum of 30 days for processing.
www.gcumm.org
Society of John Wesley

Name of individual

Street Address / P.O. Box

City, State, Zip

If this is a recognition, please indicate to whom recognition materials should be sent:

Name

Street Address / P.O. Box

City, State, Zip

Email

Please send this form with a check for $1,000 payable to:

UMM Foundation
1000 17th Ave S
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 340-7145

The Society of John Wesley

About the Society

In 1982 the directors of the United Methodist Men Foundation established the Society of John Wesley as a means of recognizing those who exemplify the characteristics of John Wesley. These characteristics are best seen through service to fellow men and women and commitment to the teachings of the Christian faith. John Wesley called together such people to form “The Holy Club.” These men with varying talents and skills contributed to the rapid growth and spiritual enrichment of early Methodism.

For more information, contact the UMM Foundation at (615) 340-7145, or visit the website at: www.ummfoundation.org or www.gcumm.org.

Distinguished Recognition

United Methodist Men Foundation
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The Society of John Wesley is a fellowship of individuals committed to the support and expansion of United Methodist Men’s ministries.

Fellows in the Society of John Wesley are known by their witness, vision and stewardship that enhance and strengthen the mission and ministry of the church. The society was created by the United Methodist Men Foundation to promote greater awareness of the Christian principles and practices embodied in the church.

The United Methodist Men Foundation

The mission of the UMM Foundation is to provide financial support for evangelism, mission and spiritual life ministries to men and youth in the United Methodist Church through endowed funds. The foundation was created in 1981 by the National Association of Conference Presidents of UMM to endow scouting ministry, prayer ministry and evangelism.

How to Become a Fellow in the Society of John Wesley

There are two ways a person can become a fellow in the Society of John Wesley:

a) Join the society by personally making a $1,000 gift to the foundation, or

b) Recognize someone who has given Christian leadership to the ministry of the United Methodist Church over an extended period of time.

Individuals do not need to be United Methodists to join or be recognized.

Potential Recipients

Suggestions of who might be recognized:

- United Methodist men
- United Methodist women
- Pastors
- District superintendents
- Bishops
- Scout leaders
- Youth leaders
- Conference leaders
- Leaders of other faith communities
- Anyone who has influenced your Christian walk.

Contributions

A gift of $1,000 to the JMM Foundation enables one to become a fellow in the Society of John Wesley. This gift is used by the foundation to support the ministries of the foundation including scouting, the Upper Room Prayer Line, and men’s evangelism.

If you are recognizing someone for their contributions to the ministry of the church, the gift may come from an individual, a UMM fellowship, or as a fund raiser in the honoree’s name.

Recognition

Each John Wesley fellow will receive an embossed plaque and a lapel pin provided by the UMM Foundation. Please provide a suitable ceremony for the presentation of the recognition.
# GCUMM Resource Material Order Form

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