

The District Organization of UMM

The conference president or a person designated by him should organize a district organization composed of leaders of United Methodist Men organizations in churches within the district (2012 *UM Book of Discipline* ¶671).

That district organization should select a leader who may be titled district president, district coordinator of men's ministry, district team leader, or any other suitable title.

The leader should assemble or complete a district leadership team that includes at least one vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer (2012 *UM Book of Discipline* ¶671.5). Members of this team should include representatives from churches of varying sizes and ethnicities.

The person selected for the top leadership position must be an active professing lay member of a United Methodist Church within the bounds of the district or a clergy person serving a church in the district.

Selection to this position will place this person on committees, boards or task forces within the district. In addition to these district assignments, this person chairs the district UMM organization.

Selection to this position places this person as a voting member of the conference UMM organization.

This leader should support the key features of the UMM Purpose Statement:

- 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 organization, doctrines, and beliefs of The United Methodist Church
- To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district, conference, jurisdiction, and church-wide goals.

This servant leader should lead by example as he demonstrates 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

When accepting this position, this leader should assemble or complete a leadership team for the district UMM. Membership of this team should represent all areas of this district, taking in consideration churches of different sizes and ethnicities. This leadership team will assist with setting goals and determining men's ministry and scouting ministry strategies for this district.

When accepting this position, this leader should immediately begin to mentor at least one other person to take his place.

This leader should communicate effectively and regularly with members of the district UMM organization and should ensure there is at least two-deep leadership at each local UMM unit.

This leader serves all the men of all the United Methodist churches of this district, but he may also be asked to promote and participate in related ministries in the annual conference.

Specific areas of attention for this leader and his team include:

1. Establish measurable goals that promote disciple-making in this district and a way to annually assess accomplishment of these goals.
2. Equip local church men's ministry leaders to provide for all the men in all the churches, and help churches minister to men in those communities who do not know Christ.
3. Promote and participate in retreats, seminars and small groups where the primary purpose is to bring men of all ages into a closer, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
4. Promote and participate in the many ministries of UMM including those supported by the conference and the General Commission on UMM (GCUMM).
5. Promote the use of GCUMM materials and resources
6. Find joyful ways to finance the ministry to, for and with men in this conference.
 - a. Expand the number Every Man Shares (EMS) members and Legacy Builders
 - b. Expand the number chartered organizations.
 - c. Use fundraising methods that are in keeping with the UMC principles and reflect the imagination of this unique conference.
7. Use GCUMM resources to expand men's ministry in ways that add vitality to local congregations.
8. Encourage men in the district to participate in annual conference, jurisdictional and national training events and webinars.
9. Spend time with a spiritual adviser who will guide his continued growth in his Christian walk.
10. Practice what he asks others to do.

GCUMM has a host of suggested books, training materials, and staff to help district leaders. If this district has a need, GCUMM has materials to help, knows where to find them, or will create them. The district leader should never attempt to do this alone; there are many persons within this district, conference and GCUMM who are eager to help.