



## The Benefits of GCUMM and Men's Ministry to the Local Pastor & Church

The General Commission on United Methodist Men has been blessed with the Lord's direction to focus on men and men's ministry—an area of great need today. Due to the absence of men from the church, there is a lack of experience, understanding, materials and resources to effectively address men, men's issues or men's ministry.

It is important to remember that the commission is not a traditional program agency of the United Methodist Church. Rather, the Commission seeks to be a vehicle and conduit through which men can become convicted, reconciled and relationally disciplined to Jesus Christ, according to godly principles. The ministry of humility and discipleship are vital to man's salvation. They help to unite men with Jesus Christ (Phil. 2:1-5). Christ has given us the ministry and message of reconciliation, therefore we are to be His disciples (2 Cor. 5:17-21; Matt. 5:24).

The commission is committed to discipling men. This discipling is done through the local church and under the leadership and guidance of the local pastor. The Nashville-based agency is sensitive to the demands and pressures placed on the pastor as well as the demands placed on the ministries and resources of the church. The commission seeks to help pastors and lay persons assess, identify, equip and resource the development of their men's ministry.



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### Why get involved with United Methodist Men?

The crying need in our society and churches is for strong male leadership to join faithful female leaders. For too long, men have been isolated from one another and separated from the church. Some view the church as a feminine environment and respond to the church as an unfriendly place. In order to involve men and build boys into men it is imperative to have a part of the church that is male friendly. General Commission on United Methodist Men has been put in the forefront in identifying those elements that make an environment friendly to men.

### How can GCUMM assist?

Ministries to and with men is one of the most misunderstood and least resourced area in our society. GCUMM addresses this need by developing materials and establishing infrastructure, i.e. local, district, and conference training, which can efficiently and effectively assist and resource the pastor and the church with help in men's issues and ministry. GCUMM has also established a series of men's events and a process which helps to facilitate the transition of men, in a non-threatening way, into relationships.



### What are the benefits of General Commission on United Methodist Men and men's ministry?

1. The commitment and support of an agency of the United Methodist Church dedicated exclusively to men's ministry.
2. The availability of materials and resources that focus on men and men's issues.
3. A staff with the heart, gifts, and experience to help develop a relational ministry.
4. A resource and support team of men who can share both experiences that reflect God working through man to man relationships.
5. Staff who are personally engaged in a men's small groups, the level of relationship where men become transparent and share ... men sharpening men.
6. Staff members who have a heart for the pastor and the church.
7. A staff that provides experience on the "do's" and "don'ts" when approaching pastors or ministry leaders and also assures the thoughtful development and use of ministry, materials and resources.
8. A staff who are aware and sensitive to the training and preparation of pastors and ministry staff in the area of men's ministry.
9. Materials that are situation and need responsive and sensitive.
10. A practical model for creating and maintaining men's ministry.