

# Who and What is GCUMM

The GCUMM (GCUMM) was created 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. In addition, the office of Scouting Ministries was placed with the GCUMM to coordinate, resource and emphasize ministries to youth through Scouts and other youth-serving agencies.

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. GCUMM consists of 25 voting members. United Methodist Men exist to declare the centrality of Christ in every man's life.

## Our UMM Future: building leaders who minister to & through men

This booklet is packed with information and resources that can help UMM leaders today. As we stand today on structures that were built years ago, we must be "under construction" with new plans, materials and resources to reach men and serve congregations in the future.

At press time, we are developing powerful new ways to reach men, and serve congregations. Many of the details of these new ministries are under development, so a brief overview is given here. I encourage you to go to our website ([www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org)) to receive the latest information on new men's ministry programs.

Here are a few principles, visions and plans that are key building blocks for the future of men's ministry within the UMC;

- Spiritual growth must be a core objective in everything we do. Our families, congregations and the world need more spiritually growing men; hence our short new motto;  
**United Methodist Men:**  
***Men growing in Christ, so others may know Christ.***
- Men's ministry partnerships are essential to reach men throughout our vast denomination. We have established partnerships with Man in the Mirror and Building Brothers, and we *encourage UMM leaders to utilize these partner resources by contacting:*

**Man in the Mirror** [www.maninthemirror.org](http://www.maninthemirror.org)

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Our future also depends upon *spiritual partnerships*, working together with those who share our goal to help pastors and congregations reach more men for Christ, and grow men spiritually.

- With UMC pastors, laymen, and laywomen who desire to reach and grow men in Christ.
- With United Methodist agencies, bishops, superintendents, pastors and congregations.

The future of UMM men's ministry is built upon these foundational pillars;

### **For every man:**

We encourage and invite every man to be a **WesleyMan**.

- *A man growing in Christ, so others may know Christ.*
- *A man growing in relationship in a Wesleyan band of brothers.*

- *A man with a goal of spiritual maturity, living in God's calling.*

**For every UM congregation:**

A committed core of men who serve as a **men's ministry team**.

- Working as partners with clergy.
- Helping the congregation live out its mission, while effectively reaching and growing men to spiritual maturity.
- Building an all-inclusive ministry to men.

**For United Methodist Men and the UMC:**

A committed core of men who serve as **men's ministry specialists**.

- Called, equipped and sent to UM congregations
- Working alongside UMM leaders and UMC clergy
- Men's ministry partners, assisting congregations to reach more men.
- Trainers, coaches, advisors with skills, knowledge and resources.

Larry Malone  
Director, UMMen Ministries

## 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 Christ, and transform the world.*

## Charter

United Methodist Men operate on the premise that men can and will accomplish more when they belong to a dynamic team or organized group. Through the Charter system, United Methodist Men become a collective team capable of accomplishing tremendous things for Jesus Christ. Here are a few of the great outreaches that occurred because of the joint efforts of United Methodist Men.

In 2009, United Methodist Men, in cooperation with the Society of St. Andrew, provided over 81 million servings of food to hungry people free of charge.

In 2009, the lives of over 370,000 plus youth were touched through civic youth programs housed in 6,700 United Methodist churches. United Methodist Men have promoted and supported Scouting since 1981.

In 2009, over 30,000 prayer requests each month were answered through the Upper Room Living Prayer Center.

When your organization becomes a chartered United Methodist Men unit, you will learn about the tremendous ministries that other devoted Christian men are engaged in across the nation and around the globe through *UMMen* magazine. The *UMMen* magazine/newsletter keeps you in touch with inspirational resources, ministry ideas and personal development tips for men.

In addition, each chartered unit will receive the bi-monthly email newsletter, *From your partners in Men's Ministry*, with messages and information from the National Association of Conference Presidents, GCUMM staff, and other UMMen leaders. For more helpful information visit our website, [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org).

For the small cost of a family dinner at a restaurant, the men in your church can become chartered and join over 250,000 other steadfast men who are making a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.