

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Mission:

The Priority is to Make Disciples - "Coaching Men to thrive through Christ, so others may know Christ."

Vision:

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. The focus here is not inward, concentrating only on those men who attend monthly meetings or Sunday Worship Service but reaching outward to all men to be involved in spiritual growth.

Goal:

To create an UMM Conference that connects, equips, and sends out men at all levels to fulfill our mission and vision. Our goal is to create a leadership structure and a team that reaches local churches and develops their UMM and their ministries. We primarily utilize the following training and equipping resources to achieve this goal: Understanding Men's Ministry, No Man Left Behind, Lead Like Jesus and The Way of the Carpenter. We have achieved very positive results in developing UMM leaders by employing these resources.

Strategy:

Connect - Develop conference and district leadership teams to build/strengthen our relationships by connecting with pastors, church leaders and men in local churches.

Equip - Equipping our servant leaders to be the men God is calling them to be by providing the appropriate training as well as individual coaching and mentoring.

Send Out - Go find and connect with the men God is calling to build His ministry.

2023 Goals:

Goal: to recruit District Presidents for the East, West and Northeast Districts and a Prayer for the Central District.

Not Achieved: The effort to recruit three district presidents was not achieved and is continuing in 2024. However, the goal to recruit a Prayer Advocate was successful.

Goal: to provide training opportunities to equip our leadership team to connect with men God is calling to be servant leaders in men's ministry.

Goal Achieved: The Indiana Conference partnered with the North Central Jurisdiction UMM and developed additional training to equip our leaders. Additionally, a retired individual with over 40 years of experience in leadership development is now leading this area.

1 **2024 Goals:**

2 To continue building relationships/partnerships with conference superintendents, local pastors, lay leaders,
3 United Methodist Women in Faith, etc.; to strengthen and broaden men’s ministry programs in the districts.

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5 To recruit and replace District Presidents in the East, Northeast and North Districts and other vacant
6 positions.

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8 To schedule and lead additional District Men Summits/Meetings.

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10 **Small Groups:**

11 We are proud to share that the number of men participating in both the Class Meeting and Mighty Men of
12 Prayer have increased since the last annual report. I am proud that many of these groups have continued to
13 meet beyond the eight-week introductory period. Several groups have been together for four years. The
14 Class Meetings are designed to be transformational, to increase participants faith and make Men aware
15 daily of God’s presence in their life.

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17 The Mighty Men of Prayer structure is very similar to the class meeting, however, the goal here is to help
18 men to enjoy a deeper prayer life and experience greater intimacy with God. Men will learn to pray the
19 scriptures using the 3D-model of prayer (Upward, Inward, Outward), and discover how prayer can
20 transform seven key areas of their lives. We will continue to share both programs with local churches,
21 pastors, and their leadership team.

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23 **On-going Training Opportunities:**

24 Recruitment - provides the Indiana Conference UMM recruitment process to fill vacant leadership positions
25 in the conference, the district, and local churches. Participants will learn the basic job responsibilities, the
26 knowledge of how and where to recruit, assist prospective leaders to identify their gifts and call to ministry,
27 follow-up process; etc.

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29 Understanding Men’s Ministry - a training course based on No Man Left Behind that helps churches expand
30 their ministry to all men in the church and community. Provides the tools to build and sustain a thriving
31 Disciple-Making Ministry for Every Man in their Church.

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33 President Resource Training - provides all the necessary tools, resources, knowledge, and information to be
34 an effective UMMEN president, vice-president, or men’s ministry leader.

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36 The Way of the Carpenter - Inspiring and Equipping Others to Lead Like Jesus. This leadership workshop is
37 based on the four important skills of a Jesus-like leader: goal setting, analyzing, matching, and evaluating.

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39 No Man Left Behind - helps churches create an environment where the Holy Spirit inspires men to engage in
40 life-on-life discipleship.

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42 **Servant Leaders in Action:**

1 UMMen are serving their local churches and communities in a variety of ways here are few examples:
2 volunteering at local agencies and churches food pantries, participating in gleaning opportunities with the
3 Society of St. Andrew, organizing potato drops to provide bags of potatoes to help feed their neighbors,
4 providing no cost income tax service to seniors, building wheelchair ramps for seniors and the disabled,
5 leading youth mentoring programs, etc.

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7 **Indiana Conference UMMen Participated in the following events:**

8 North Central Jurisdiction UMM District Summit
9 February 18, 2023 - Pawnee United Methodist Church
10 Springfield, IL

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12 National Association of Conference Presidents Annual Conference
13 March 2023 - Nashville, Tenn.

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15 Northern Illinois Conference UMM Spiritual Congress
16 September 15-17, 2023 - Conference Point, WI.

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18 UMM Spiritual Retreat
19 October 27-28, 2023 - Flat Rock YMCA Camp, St. Paul, IN

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21 The Indiana Conference and the Baltimore Washington Conference Prayer Advocates joined together via
22 zoom to offer two National Days of Prayer.

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25 President