

United Methodist Men of North Georgia
****Helping Men Grow in Christ, So Others May Know Christ****
2020 Report to the Annual Conference

United Methodist Men continues to promote and grow Men's fellowship through vibrant local ministries across the Conference. We offer men the opportunity to know Jesus through Service, Faith, Worship, Leadership, Learning, and Fellowship. In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on our ability to gather in-person, we continued our efforts to reach and connect with congregations, both large, and small out to men of all ages. We promoted in-person and virtual connection with men providing discipleship, leadership training support and materials and media.

We successfully recruited and engaged younger men in leadership. We re-energized district leadership where they have been disconnected from the conference. By year end, the United Methodist Men of North Georgia indeed has an active, trained, and vital District President in each District.

Young(ER) men take the lead. Odell Horne, Jr. was elected Conference President in our recent election. Mr. Horne lead our Young(ER) Men's Ministry and continues to provide inspired and committed leadership in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. He has infused the conference leadership team with new energy and spirit. Odell understands the value of engaging men where they are and travels throughout the Conference and Jurisdiction. He to encourage men at every level of church leadership to consider transformational change to seed and nurture Young(ER) Men's ministries in North Georgia, the Southeastern Jurisdiction and around the country.

We continue to recruit and encourage younger men to participate as local, district, and conference UMM ministry leaders. The result is the re-tooling and re-branding of the ministry and deployment of fresh approaches to ministry with crossover appeal to our more senior congregants yet our mission to support the development of disciples for Jesus Christ remains unchanged.

The YoungER Men's Ministry utilizes social media tools for making a more effective connection with younger men, both 'churched' and 'unchurched'. The YoungER Men's Ministry now has a [YouTube Channel](#) packed with inspirational and worshipful videos. Looking for an uplift (young men or older) check out this great resource. We also have a website <https://ngcumm.net/youngermen/> and a twitter account...follow us!
<https://twitter.com/sejumm>

Improving How we connect. We are utilizing and improving how we leverage telecom technology and social media to facilitate and coordinate a series of virtual and in-person meetings, trainings, and fellowship events. Our focus on connected ministry has resulted in a substantial uptick in the services we provide both domestically and globally. We are partnered with global ministries in the Caribbean, South America, Liberia, and the Republic of the Congo.

Here is a synopsis of what we do to impact lives as disciples of Jesus Christ and how we, encourage men to be *active* in their contemplation of God:

We support Scouting. Chris Karabinos has assembled one of the most successful Scouting organizations in the nation. He recently held a workshop with attendees from around the nation and the globe. Scouting has an impressive team of leaders across the conference to carry out the mission of scouting organization. **UMCOS** recruited and trained a network of Scouting Coordinators and Commissioners every district in North Georgia.

We are growing the Prison Ministries. Brother John Heath accepted the appointment as the North Georgia Conference Prison Ministries Director. He will be developing our new vision and mission for this ministry area. John will also develop the template for the UMM Prison Ministries Message board and coordinating with leaders from Fresh Start Ministries to create support strategy for pre-release and post-release help for inmates and their families.

We partner with Christian Agencies. The United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference (UMM) recently engaged with **Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)** to form a ministry partnership with the nation's largest faith-based provider of durable medical equipment (DME). UMM joined FODAC to provide volunteer resources for warehouse, and materials handling light production support. UMM serves as a resource channel for pickup and delivery of wheelchairs between churches in our Conference and the FODAC facility located in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

We worship and celebrate God through learning and social action. We are steady in our commitment to prison ministry partnering through organizations such as Kairos.

We grow leaders. Our men are delivering and receiving training to carry out our mission. Our Leadership Development team strives to deliver updated local and district leadership training hosted at churches around the conference. In 2020 we will provide virtual and classroom training from the GCUMM deployed staff to develop disciples including "*Missions and Visions*", "*Understanding Men's Ministries*", and "*Lead like Jesus*".

We show up wherever there is need. Men across the conference support their local churches, communities, and regions around the world. Our men prepare, serve and deliver meals to the hungry, maintain the church and community facilities, build wheelchair ramps, engage men through car maintenance ministries, spiritual growth retreats, bible studies, Sunday school, prayer meetings, and a myriad of other service areas.

In Memoriam. the United Methodist Men of North Georgia salutes our dear brother **Howard Turnipseed** who passed after decades of leadership and service to the United Methodist Church and to the United Methodist Men in North Georgia. Brother Turnipseed was former UMM Local and Griffin District President and trusted advisor to the Conference President at the time of his passing. We pray God's blessing on his family and all the families of our brothers that have gone on to glory.

One in Christ,

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