



North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men

President's Report – October 2020

Website/Social Media – Continued to communicate with Ike Moore to update the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men's website. We continued to promote the *Igniting Faith Virtual Conference* on our website and social media platforms. We also promoted the *P.R.A.Y.* program for the Scouting Ministry on our website and social media platforms. As well as, the upcoming *Radical Mentoring, and Sexuality and the Church* programs.

Conference/Jurisdiction/District – I had lunch with Jonathan Curtis of the United Methodist Church Federal Credit Union to finalize the transfer of accounts into my name, per the bylaws of the UMM constitution. Promoted the United Methodist Men's Give Day; we contributed \$500 to the General Commission for this event. And sent out a fundraising letter to the UMM local church presidents requesting support for the ministry of the conference UMM. I submitted a corrected expense report for the *YoungER Men's Ministry*, as I saw an error.

I submitted the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men's report to the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Men for the upcoming Jurisdictional meeting. And followed that up with the third quarter report that was submitted the UMM conference secretary, John Holley. Coordinated with Jerry Stillabower concerning the revision of the UMM goals through the *SMART Goals* process. I emailed out the third quarter report to the local church presidents, District UMM presidents, the Executive Committee and the Conference Board of Laity.

The Executive Committee exchanged contact information. I also communicated to them my desire for us is to attend online services at different churches since the conference has provided a list of churches. I shared the list of churches with them. I also sent out the proposed agenda for the November Executive Committee meeting.

Received the quarterly Charter Report from the General Commission. We have 180 chartered units currently. I communicated several times with Jeff Carson, V.P. of Membership, Organization and Chartering concerning various aspects of reaching out to the chartered units. Communicated with various District Superintendent's offices concerning the results of the District UMM elections. I requested dates for the UMM District meetings from the active District presidents. And promoted UMM church events on the conference social media accounts.

Had a conversation with several past UMM conference officers who were delegates to the Special Session of the General Conference, about hosting a "town hall" about the *2021 General Conference*. This conversation will continue.

Social Issues – We began promoting *Promise 6 Sunday* for Promise Keepers to address racial reconciliation. Also, coordinated with several panelists to have a preliminary discussion on the *Redemption and Reconciliation Town Hall* that is scheduled for January 16, 2021. This idea was born out of several conversations with pastors in the Conference on race issues this month.

I continued the conversation with Transforming Congregations about human sexuality and the scripture for the purposes of having an informed, holistic understanding of the topic. A date has been set to discuss *Sexuality and the Church* with the UMM.

I attended a virtual prayer meeting with the leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal and United Methodist men's ministry leaders. A second prayer event was held on October 31, 2020.

I followed up with Rick Vance concerning having an *AMENDING Through Faith* training in the North Georgia Conference. I reached out to Bob Dow, who volunteered to be a part of this training session.

Retreat – The retreat committee met twice in the month of October to finalize the details of the virtual conference. Communicated with Cary Loesing concerning the production of the virtual conference on multiple occasions. Also communicated with Mark Lubbock to secure the rights to use the music videos from the Promise Keepers virtual conference in the Igniting Faith event.

Received and forwarded the videos to Isaiah Moore from several of the presenters for the forthcoming *Igniting Faith Virtual Conference*. I followed up with the North Georgia Conference Communications Office to have the retreat added to the Conference calendar. Filmed the *YoungER Men's Ministry* panel for submission to the Igniting Faith Virtual Conference. I followed up with the Retreat Committee concerning prayer requests from a previous meeting. Cary Loesing coordinated with panelists for the *Clergy and Laity in Men's Ministry* panel. Had a conversation with Rick Vance concerning the *AMENDING Through Faith* panel, as well as a conversation with Gil Hanke concerning his presentation on *Discipleship in Action*. Mark Lubbock provided a video submission for inclusion in the Igniting Faith Virtual Conference. Louis Johnson followed up with the *Brotherhood: Diversity and Inclusion* panel concerning the progress of their recording.

I communicated via email to the local church UMM presidents about the *Igniting Faith Virtual Conference*; as well as the District Superintendents, Conference Board of Laity, District Lay Leaders, District Lay Servant Ministries Directors, the UMM Executive Committee and the UMM District Presidents. I also sent out a video to the UMM mailing list about the virtual conference.

The conference was well produced and received rave reviews!!! 60 people registered for the event. 34 people attended the virtual conference on Saturday morning, the retention rate was over 90% for the morning. I sent out a thank you email to all those who registered/attended the virtual conference, as well as to all of those who participated in the event.

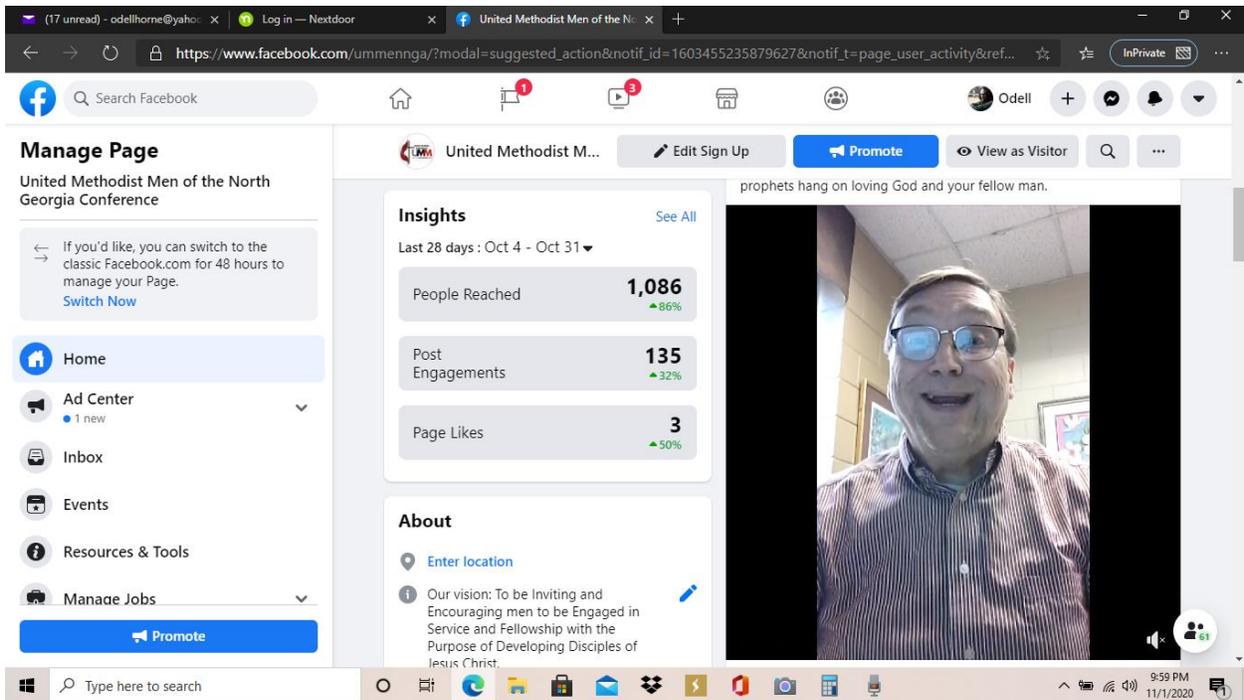
The Retreat Committee met the Wednesday following the virtual conference to discuss SWOT. The virtual conference was well received, there were a few complaints and a lot of complements. Due to the quarantine may still be in effect next year, it was recommended that we plan for both a virtual and an in-person conference. Finally, it was decided to release the videos from Friday night of the virtual conference as a complete package on YouTube and then incrementally email the video segments out through the mailing list weekly, and then repeat the routine for Saturday. This will begin in November. In the interim, we emailed out the videos of the extra footage that was provided by Greg Arnold and Donald Rhodes.

Men's Ministry – I had submitted the September President's Report to the Executive Committee as required by the UMM constitution. I followed up with *Radical Mentoring* concerning planning a webinar for the UMM; communicated this information to the Executive Committee. *Radical Mentoring* provided marketing materials to promote the upcoming webinar.

I began a conversation with Scott Parrish about Disaster Response as a result of several hurricanes that have hit the Gulf Coast this year. I also communicated with Mark Lubbock in the Louisiana Conference about disaster response there.

We created a *Speakers Bureau* for local church UMM units to utilize, as I have received several speaking requests that I cannot fulfill. To date, 5 men have signed up to be a part of this endeavor.

I reached out to Gil Hanke about hosting a *Class Meeting* in the North Georgia Conference, Cary Loesing has stated that he is willing to participate in leading this small group if Gil is not available.



Odell Horne – November 6, 2020