

## North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men

### President's Report – November 2020

Website/Social Media – Continued to communicate with Ike Moore to update the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men's website. We promote events for Radical Mentoring, and Transforming Congregations. We also continued to add videos and photos to our social media accounts.

Conference/Jurisdiction/District – Cary Loesing, Louis Johnson, Jerry Stillabower and I attended the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Men's virtual meeting November 6-7, 2020. Jerry presented one SMART Goal for the North Georgia Conference and did an excellent job. I had the opportunity to discuss *Dismantling Racism* at the virtual meeting. Jerry has done more work on the SMART Goals that will be discussed at the Leadership Council meeting in January.

Leon Jourolmon stepped forward to volunteer as the Central East District UMM President. Leon has moved his membership to Chapelwood UMC in Athens, GA. There were no objections to his nomination from the Executive Committee.

I communicated with Gil Hanke from the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) about starting the Class Meeting virtually in North Georgia. I also followed up with Gil and Rick Vance concerning starting the AMENDING Through Faith program in North Georgia.

Communicated with the District Presidents concerning hosting District Meetings.

Jeff Carsom, Vice-President for Membership, Organization, and Chartering has decided to step down.

Social Issues – I reached out to the AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations as a follow up to “Days of Prayer” that was sponsored by GCUMM. After several attempts to connect with these denominations to no avail, I have decided to go in another direction for Black History Month. I also reached out to the Center of Early African Christianity to begin the communication process on presenting some of the work that has been done by Thomas Oden in this area. I reached out to several people to be a part of a Black History Month program.

Presented a program on *Sexuality and the Church* with Garry Ingraham of Transforming Congregations on Thursday, November 12, 2020. We discussed relational and sexual brokenness, and how to overcome it. There were several emails received as a result of this program. Because of the positive response, I have decided to invite Garry back in December to talk about *Healing from Sexual Trauma*.

I emailed Kevin Watson about doing a program on the life and theology of John Wesley for the UMM in June 2021. I will follow up with him.

Retreat – Cary Loesing has uploaded the videos from the *Igniting Faith Virtual Conference* to YouTube. I will begin emailing these videos out in piecemeal beginning on January 1, 2021.

Men’s Ministry – Radical Mentoring decided to postpone the [Activate Tour](#) until after the New Year due to lack of interest.

The screenshot shows a Facebook page for 'United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference'. The page is viewed from the 'Manage Page' perspective. On the left, there is a navigation menu with options: Home, News Feed, Inbox, Events, Resources & Tools, Manage Jobs, Notifications, and Insights. A 'Promote' button is visible at the bottom of this menu.

The main content area features an 'Insights' section for the last 28 days (Nov 16 - Dec 13). The data is as follows:

Metric	Value	Change
People Reached	235	▲3%
Post Engagements	92	▲53%
Page Likes	6	▲500%

Below the insights is an 'About' section with the following text: 'Our vision: To be Inviting and Encouraging men to be Engaged in Service and Fellowship with the Purpose of Developing Disciples of Jesus Christ.' There is also a 'Boost Post' button.

The post itself is a video featuring a man with dreadlocks wearing a blue t-shirt. The video has 14 people reached and 5 engagements. The text of the post reads: 'The United Methodist Men is a ministry and not a secular organization. As a result, our decision making process should be "baptized" in prayer, not debate and discussion. Additionally, we will let the Bible speak for itself (exegesis); and not impose our American cultural, political, religious interpretations on it (eisegesis). There are no Americans in the Bible!!! North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men <http://ngcumm.org/...> See More'.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:24 PM on 12/14/2020.

Odell Horne – December 13, 2020