

The new officers of the Executive Committee began on July 1, 2020. They will serve a two-year term and are excited about the opportunity! A new [organizational chart](#) has been posted on the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men (NGCUMM) [website](#).

Communications

The NGCUMM moved all its programming online after churches closed due to a global health pandemic. The NGCUMM updated its website, and all of its social media accounts ([Facebook](#), [Flickr](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#)) in order to communicate more effectively to the men of the North Georgia Conference. However, we have discontinued using our [Instagram](#) account. Our website is the “front door” to our ministry, correspondingly it is being updated on a weekly basis. In addition, we began sending out weekly email messages to the NGCUMM mailing list, informing them of our upcoming events. Periodically, email messages were sent directly to the local United Methodist Men’s church presidents as well. These are all vital means of communication during the quarantine.

There has also been periodic communication to the Conference Board of Laity, District Lay Leaders, District Lay Servants Leaders, and the Conference Communications office. Last year Louis Johnson and I (Odell Horne) had several [articles](#) published in United Methodist Insight dealing primarily with racial issues that affect our church and society. Good News TV Media Ministry produced a [video](#) for us and will produce more videos in the future.

Conference/Jurisdiction

Cary Loesing (Treasurer), Jerry Stillabower (Vice President), Louis Johnson (Leadership Development), and I have attended several meetings that have been sponsored by the General Commission on United Methodist Men ([GCUMM](#)) and the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Men ([SEJ UMM](#)). We had several meetings on vision and goal setting for ministry. Consequently, we went through a time of evaluating our Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals for planning purposes in the future. This is a work in progress. Additionally, we attended the SEJ UMM virtual meeting November 6-7, 2020, and the National Association of Conference Presidents (GCUMM) virtual meeting March 4-6, 2021, to stay connected with the United Methodist Men. Several District meetings were conducted and led virtually by our District Presidents, to speak directly to the men in our local churches. The Executive Committee continues to meet virtually every third Tuesday of the month, and the Leadership Council meets virtually on a quarterly basis.

Men’s Ministry

The NGCUMM has developed a ministry relationship with [Radical Mentoring](#) to reach more young men in our churches. We desire to pass on a spiritual legacy, and we believe that mentoring is the best way to disciple the young men in our churches. We began promoting [AMENDING Through Faith](#), the GCUMM gender-based violence curriculum that was developed in partnership with the [YWCA](#). The United Methodist Men believe that we need to reach men to help end sexual and domestic abuse. We have also developed a ministry relationship with [Transforming Congregations](#) in response to the increase in porn addiction among men, as well as to talk about sexual abuse that has occurred to men, that generally

goes unreported. We believe that this ministry will be an instrument of healing for male survivors of sexual trauma.

The GCUMM, SEJ UMM, and the NGCUMM each spent time addressing the racial unrest that has occurred last summer. The GCUMM has developed a relationship with the several black Methodist denominations and has hosted joint [events](#) throughout the year. The NGCUMM invited professors from Yale University, Concordia Seminary, and the University of Georgia to come and talk about the misconceptions of [Ancient African Christianity](#), and [Colonial and Postcolonial African Christianity](#) for Black History Month. We are planning to host a Redemption and Reconciliation Town Hall to talk about the “table of brotherhood.” Finally, we have compiled a list of biblically and theologically sound [resources](#) on the topic of race and reconciliation among Christian men.

On October 6-7, 2020 we hosted our first online [Virtual Conference](#). Despite some technical difficulties, this conference was well received and there were only a few complaints. The YoungER Men’s Ministry panel was a highlight of this conference. We are planning for another virtual conference for 2021.

Finally, we have developed a [Speakers Bureau](#) for engaging local churches in men’s ministry. Feel free to contact us via email for more information.

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