



## North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men President's Report – June 2021

### Website/Social Media

- Ike Moore made regularly weekly updates to the website, while I made updates to the social media accounts.
- Began advertising the Annual Business Meeting via email and social media.
- Promoted the [Methodist Scouters Week](#) at the Philmont Training Center on our social media accounts.

### Conference/Jurisdiction/District

- Conducted the June Executive Committee Meeting online via Zoom on June 15, 2021.
- Communicated with the Florida and South Carolina Conferences United Methodist Men concerning the logistics of their Men's Conferences. I also reached out to Radical Mentoring concerning recommendation of Speakers Bureaus.
- Members of the Executive Committee attended the North Georgia Annual Conference Virtual Conference.
- Members of the Executive Committee attended the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Men's virtual meeting.
- Received the rental bill from Wellroot Family Services, however we have not received a copy of the lease to date.

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- Began visiting churches again. Visited Mt. Zion (Ellenwood), Douglasville First, Midway (Douglasville), and Lawrenceville First.
- Communicated directly with United Methodist Men via email.
- Began reaching out to churches to host UMM District Meetings for the third and fourth quarter of this year.
- Received a report from Newnan Chapel UMC concerning the Tornado Relief Effort on May 15, 2021. Over 100 volunteers served during this event!
- I continued to encourage the Executive Committee and District Presidents to call the Local Chartered Units to encourage them during this season of quarantine.
- Communicated with several churches about hosting special events for the UMM.
- Led the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at Winder First UMC.

### Social Issues

- Continued to email to local church presidents introducing them to the *Table of Brotherhood* concept that was originally introduced (under another name) by Alpharetta First and St. James UMC. The goal is to get one black church, and one white church together for prayer and bible study for a one-month period. We will probably start with the leaders in the local UMM first, before spreading this to the entire local UMM in corresponding churches.

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- I began having conversations about race relations among the United Methodist Men with a few select people. However, the General Commission on United Methodist Men simultaneously released their quarterly magazine addressing the topic.
- Reached out to the agent of two nationally known speakers to address Martin Luther King Jr's vision of the [Beloved Community](#).
- Promoted the Atlanta Journal-Constitution article on [Bridging the Gap](#) between the men of Alpharetta First and St. James UMCs.

### Men's Ministry

- I reached out to churches concerning hosting a "Men's Regional Gathering" in 2022. Two churches confirmed their willingness to be a host site, another church would like to wait until 2023 to be a host.
- Communicated with several men about their experiences attending the Rock Eagle Retreat.
- I reached to a professional counselor to talk to the UMM about drug and alcohol addiction and abuse.
- I had the opportunity to speak at the Men's Campfire at Shepherd of the Hills UMC in Douglasville on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

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- I reached out to a church that has an active ministry in drug and alcohol addiction and abuse. At least one man stated that he was willing to share his testimony.
- Recruited several men to serve in District Leadership roles for the UMM. Welcomed District Presidents for the North East, North West, and Central West Districts. Also welcomed a Zone Vice President for the Central North District.
- Communicated with these new District Leaders what they needed to know in order to be successful in their roles via email. I will set up a Zoom training session for them next month. Additionally, I connected these men with their District Offices and documents from their District websites.
- Encouraged men who attended the Annual Business Meeting to complete the [Spiritual Types Test](#) from Upper Room Ministries.
- Communicated with our Prison Ministry Director, John Heath, about his vision and what this ministry will look like after the pandemic is over.
- Communicated with several Speakers Bureaus to inquire about cost and availability of speakers for men's events in the North Georgia Conference.
- Conducted an interview with Dr. Kevin Watson on [John Wesley](#). I reached out to another professor at Southern Methodist University to address the same topic, and he agreed.
- Received *SMART* Goals from Jacque Williams, Spiritual Development Director.

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The screenshot shows the Facebook page for 'United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference'. The page is viewed from a desktop browser. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Manage Page, News Feed (1 new), Inbox, Events, Resources & Tools, Manage Jobs, Notifications, and Insights. The main content area features an 'Insights' section for the last 28 days (Jun 3 - Jun 30) with the following data:

Metric	Value	Change
People Reached	520	↓ 5%
Post Engagements	311	↓ 34%
Page Likes	6	↓ 33%

Below the insights is an 'About' section with the vision statement: 'Our vision: To be Inviting and...'. A video post is visible, showing a man speaking. The post has 138 People Reached and 37 Engagements. A comment from Alex McGinnis asks: 'Is this Bible Study open for all within the Conference to attend or should we seek to set up our own local conversations about Critical Race Theory?'. The page is managed by Odell Horne.

Odell Horne – July 6, 2021

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