



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

Website/Social Media

- Ike Moore made regularly weekly updates to the website, while I made updates to the social media accounts.
- We promoted various Campmeetings that occurred in the North Georgia Conference during the month.
- Communicated to the UMM the reports that were coming out about Mt. Bethel UMC in its dispute with the North Georgia Conference.
- Promoted the Promise Keepers 2021 (virtual) conference.
- Began promoting the various Emmaus Walks in North Georgia.
- Sent out a video of Ms. Penny Cost, a drag queen who is a candidate for ministry in the United Methodist Church.
- Began promoting the movie “Show Me The Father”

Conference/Jurisdiction/District

- Communicated with the District Presidents about conducting virtual district meetings, instead of in-person meetings where feasible. We also talked about waiting to have these meetings until after the District Set Up Meeting.
- Communicated with the General Commission on United Methodist Men who the new district presidents were, as we have received the 2nd quarter charter list.
- Began promoting the 2021 Virtual National Men's Gathering for the General Commission on United Methodist Men.
- Communicated with the districts in the North Georgia Conference who their new UMM District Presidents are. I also communicated to the district presidents who their District Lay Leaders and Lay Servant Ministries Directors are.
- Began talking with Leon Jourolmon about hosting a UMM conference in conjunction with Annual Conference.

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- Communicated with the districts concerning the dates, times, and locations of their District Set Up meetings.
- Led the July Executive Committee meeting for the UMM.
- Conducted several district president's information sessions, and communicated with the district presidents on the resources that are necessary for them to be successful
- Maintained general communication with Black Methodist for Church Renewal
- Communicated the updates in the dispute between Mt. Bethel UMC and the North Georgia Conference
- Sent an email to the North Georgia Conference district offices concerning the upcoming UMM events

Social Issues

- I sent an email to the Wesleyan Covenant Association president stating my displeasure with the conservative outrage over Critical Race Theory, while being silent on the raid of the United States Capitol Building.
- Began to promote "*The Color of Compromise*" online group.

Men's Ministry

- I began applying for grants for the various ministries on the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men.
- Conducted an interview with Dr. Ted Campbell (SMU) about the theology of John Wesley.
- Attended several sessions of Methodist Scouts Week virtually.
- Canceled speaking engagement with Jeff Francoeur due to a rise in COVID-19 cases, and low vaccination rates in Georgia

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- Spoke with Hunter Pruett, Georgia Program Coordinator for the Society of St. Andrew
- Communicated with the Scouting Ministry and the North Georgia Conference about the steps that will be taken

The screenshot displays the Facebook interface for the 'United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference' page. On the left is the 'Manage Page' sidebar with options like Page, News Feed, Inbox, Events, Resources & Tools, Manage Jobs, Notifications, and Insights. The main content area features a video post with 138 people reached and 37 engagements. Below the video is an 'Insights' section for the last 28 days (Jun 3 - Jun 30) showing: People Reached: 520 (+5%), Post Engagements: 311 (+34%), and Page Likes: 6 (-33%). The 'About' section includes the vision statement: 'Our vision: To be Inviting and...'. 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 viewed on a Windows desktop with a taskbar at the bottom showing the time as 8:41 PM on 7/1/2021.

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