



June 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: UMM SECOND QUARTER 2021 REPORT (Secretary)

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive Committee a summary of the activities that occurred in the Conference during the 2nd Quarter 2021.

2. The information listed below gives an overview of actions or activities which occurred during the quarter and may be of interest to you:

- **The Executive Committee as a Resource: Looking back over the past three months**, one finds the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men continuing the work they started at the beginning of this Administrative Year. The Executive Committee sees itself as a resource for 800 plus churches and continues to reach out to provide assistance and support as needed. President Odell is at the forefront, trying to insure that lines of communication are kept open and that all actions and activities undertaken by the Conference are captured and are put on the website and on our other social media vehicles. The hope is that transparency is what the world sees when it comes to the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men. Even with the advent of COVID-19, the organization has maintained its commitment to reach out and serve, using virtual means. However, during the quarter, President Odell has already started making personal visits to churches. It is our hope that during the next quarter members of the Committee will be able to increase our personal contact with churches throughout the Conference.

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- **Annual Conference:** The members of our Committee participated, virtually, in our Annual Conference during the month of June. This effort was led by Jerry Stillabower, Vice President for Administration and Conference Affairs, and Cary Loesing, Past President, North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men. President Odell and Chris Karabinos provided written reports in support of the Conference.
- **The Annual Business Meeting:** On 26 June 2021, the organization convened its Annual Business Meeting, using both in-person and Zoom. It was an event where Chairpersons provided updates in their ministry areas, and the attendees received two special presentations, one on Radical Mentoring and the other on Table of Brotherhood.
- **Our Devotionals are Feeding our Walk:** Jack Williams' devotionals each month continue to feed our souls and elevate our thought process as we go out to inspire others.
- **Special Guests Lifted Our Spirits:** During our 15 June 2021, we were blessed with the presence of two special guests. First, Michael Maxwell, the President-Elect for the Florida Annual Conference, said that he had been impressed with what our organization was doing and wanted to come and share and learn as he prepared for his future leadership position. Next, we had the President of Due West United Methodist Church Men's Fellowship attend our meeting as he reached out to us for fellowship and collaboration.
- **Continuing our Search for District Leadership:** Our efforts to recruit men to serve in District Leadership roles continue. During the quarter, we were able to welcome 3 new District Presidents.
- **Push for Chartering:** There is a full-court press to try and increase the number of chartered units in the Conference. Each member of the Committee is encouraged to reach out to as many churches as possible to emphasize the importance of chartering.

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- **President Odell continues to keep the Committee informed** by providing emails on matters that relate to our Conference, the United Methodist Church, social issues, or item that will make us better leaders.

Report Prayerfully Submitted,

John C. Holley

Secretary, NGCUMM