

January 16, 2024

## **Dear United Methodist Men Charter Presidents and Executive Team:**

The United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference continues to be a source of support and leadership for Men's ministries throughout North Georgia. We also support global ministries to change lives and provide basic needs for local churches, communities, and families in need.

Over the last several years we have seen a significant reduction in our funds, while at the same time the need for our support has increased. Our Conference no longer receives a portion of the fees paid by our local UMM fellowships to the General Commission. But have heard your appeals to reduce our annual dues. During our Annual Business Meeting in June, we voted to reduce the conference dues from \$100 to \$50 annually. Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30.

There is no secret that our Church membership has significantly decreased since the end of the year. In November North Georgia Annual Conference ratified the disaffiliation agreements of 262 churches during a Special Called Session. The number of active Churches in the North Georgia Conference has gone from over 700 churches to, approximately 440 Churches left to continue the work of fulfilling our mission of bringing souls to Christ and serving individuals and families in need. We are pushing to have active UMM Charters in every United Methodist Church.

To do this, we need the HELP of all UMM Charters more than ever! I am personally asking each UMM President to fulfill your annual obligation of only \$50 to support the North Georgia Annual Conference United Methodist Men in our efforts to continue in ministry during these challenging times. Your financial donation supports our outreach ministries, initiatives, programs, and services designed to engage the local church, grow, and diversify our membership and expand our reach throughout the conference.

Prayerfully, we are requesting that each UMM Charter mail your \$50 donation check payable to:

United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference Memo: Fundraising Campaign for 2024 P.O. Box 450646 Atlanta, GA 31145

You may also contribute online by PayPal or Credit Card by clicking on this link: Donate to UMM

All funds will be utilized to cover our administrative costs, operating expenses to support the following ministries:

- Spiritual Retreats, Leadership Training and Education
- Community Outreach, Health Initiatives, Hunger Advocacy
- Prison Ministry, Evangelism, Missions, and Disaster Response
- UMM Programs: Bikes & Bibles, Scouting, Domestic Violence, Young (ER) Men's Ministry, Mobility Worldwide, Habitat for Humanity, Strength for Service

Thanks in advance for your support!

Yours in Christ.

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