

March 20, 2026

Dear United Methodist Men:

The year 2026-2027 will bring significant changes to various aspects of our men's ministry. The current United Methodist Men leadership in North Georgia and South Georgia are working together with the support from the Bishop, our Conference District Superintendents, Lay Leaders, and the General Commission on United Methodist Men to consolidate two conferences into One Georgia. There will be a formal vote to ratify this merger at our annual Conferences, but the decision is imminent.

In the meantime, we will continue to work from our spiritually focused approach designed to support individual discipleship while also attracting men and equipping them for an expanded role in men's ministry and leadership. You will see exciting changes in the next 12 months. The National Association of Conference Presidents (NACP) is working with the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) and the United Methodist Men Foundation (UMMF) to improve our outreach efforts, and training with a focus on equipping leaders, developing resources, and creating networks of accountability and helping men to re-discover their identity in Christ and live out their faith through service, mentorship, and community transformation rooted in personal relationships and spiritual growth. "So, we, who are many, are one body in Christ." (Romans 12:5) Our local men's ministry is part of a larger connection—district, conference, and global. This connection is not about titles or positions but mutual encouragement, shared learning, and shared mission. The United Methodist Men will also support global ministries to change lives and provide basic needs for local churches, communities, and families in need.

Over the past several years, we have experienced a significant decline in financial support due to church disaffiliation, reduced engagement, and decreased members in the local church to support men's ministry. While at the same time, the demand for outreach and service has grown. During the next couple of years, we will be discussing the strategy and the process of how we can combine the North and the South Georgia Conferences into One Georgia. So, we solicit your input, ideas, involvement, financial support, and prayers more than ever.

Currently, only about 20% of our approximately 440 churches contribute annual dues to the General Commission of United Methodist Men, the national office that supports and resources our ministry. Similarly, only about 20% of local men's charters contribute conference dues. In practical terms, approximately 82 churches support the national ministry, while only 18 charters provide financial support at the conference level. From a human perspective, these numbers may appear challenging; But because we serve a God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. That is why I know that He will not allow our efforts to fail.

So please men, we need your HELP more than ever! I am personally asking each UMM Charter or individual member to financially to support the North Georgia Annual Conference United Methodist Men's ministry during this transformative time in our ministry. 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 pay your annual \$50 donation, but individuals or companies may contribute any amount that they feel compelled to contribute. Make check payable to:

**United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference
Memo: One Georgia Fundraising Campaign for 2026
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 Development and Education
- Community Outreach, Health Initiatives, Hunger Advocacy
- Prison Ministry, Evangelism, Missions, and Disaster Response
- UMM Programs: Scouting, Domestic Violence Prevention, Young (ER) Men's Ministry, Mobility Worldwide, Habitat for Humanity, & Society of St. Andrews

Thanks in advance for your support!

Yours in Christ,

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James 1:22 "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only"