

 GUIDELINES

# Men's Ministries

*Ministries to Men  
in the Church and Community*

The General Commission on  
United Methodist Men

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

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# Called to a Ministry of Faithfulness and Vitality

**Y**ou are so important to the life of the Christian church! You have consented to join with other people of faith who, through the millennia, have sustained the church by extending God's love to others. You have been called and have committed your unique passions, gifts, and abilities to a position of leadership. This Guideline will help you understand the basic elements of that ministry within your own church and within The United Methodist Church.

## Leadership in Vital Ministry

Each person is called to ministry by virtue of his or her baptism, and that ministry takes place in all aspects of daily life, both in and outside of the church. Your leadership role requires that you will be a faithful participant in the **mission of the church**, which is to partner with God to **make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**. You will not only engage in your area of ministry, but will also work to empower others to be in ministry as well. The vitality of your church, and the Church as a whole, depends upon the faith, abilities, and actions of all who work together for the glory of God.

Clearly then, as a pastoral leader or leader among the laity, your ministry is not just a “job,” but a spiritual endeavor. You are a spiritual leader now, and others will look to you for spiritual leadership. What does this mean?

*All* persons who follow Jesus are called to grow spiritually through the practice of various Christian habits (or “means of grace”) such as prayer, Bible study, private and corporate worship, acts of service, Christian conferencing, and so on. Jesus taught his disciples practices of spiritual growth and leadership that you will model as you guide others. As members of the congregation grow through the means of grace, they will assume their own role in ministry and help others in the same way. This is the cycle of disciple making.

## The Church's Vision

While there is one mission—to make disciples of Jesus Christ—the portrait of a successful mission will differ from one congregation to the next. One of your roles is to listen deeply for the guidance and call of God in your own context. In your church, neighborhood, or greater community, what are the greatest needs? How is God calling your congregation to be in a ministry of service and witness where they are? What does vital ministry look like in the life of your congregation and its neighbors? What are the characteristics, traits, and actions that identify a person as a faithful disciple in your context?

This portrait, or vision, is formed when you and the other leaders discern together how your gifts from God come together to fulfill the will of God.

## Assessing Your Efforts

We are generally good at deciding what to do, but we sometimes skip the more important first question of what we want to accomplish. Knowing your task (the mission of disciple making) and knowing what results you want (the vision of your church) are the first two steps in a vital ministry. The third step is in knowing how you will assess or measure the results of what you do and who you are (and become) because of what you do. Those measures relate directly to mission and vision, and they are more than just numbers.

One of your leadership tasks will be to take a hard look, with your team, at all the things your ministry area does or plans to do. No doubt they are good and worthy activities; the question is, “*Do these activities and experiences lead people into a mature relationship with God and a life of deeper discipleship?*” That is the business of the church, and the church needs to do what only the church can do. You may need to eliminate or alter some of what you do if it does not measure up to the standard of faithful disciple making. It will be up to your ministry team to establish the specific standards against which you compare all that you do and hope to do. (This Guideline includes further help in establishing goals, strategies, and measures for this area of ministry.)

## The Mission of The United Methodist Church

Each local church is unique, yet it is a part of a *connection*, a living organism of the body of Christ. Being a connectional Church means in part that all United Methodist churches are interrelated through the structure and organization of districts, conferences, and jurisdictions in the larger “family” of the denomination. *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* describes, among other things, the ministry of all United Methodist Christians, the essence of servant ministry and leadership, how to organize and accomplish that ministry, and how our connectional structure works (see especially ¶¶126–138).

Our Church extends way beyond your doorstep; it is a global Church with both local and international presence. You are not alone. The resources of the entire denomination are intended to assist you in ministry. With this help and the partnership of God and one another, the mission continues. You are an integral part of God’s church and God’s plan!

**(For help in addition to this Guideline and the *Book of Discipline*, see “Resources” at the end of your Guideline, [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org), and the other websites listed on the inside back cover.)**

# Our Vision, Mission, and Call

## Our Vision

**T**raditionally, United Methodist Men has been viewed as a fairly small group of men within a congregation who meet regularly for a meal and a program with a spiritual basis. This traditional group serves a purpose for its members and usually is involved in projects that benefit the congregation.

In addition to this traditional model, the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) provides resources that enable United Methodist churches to create and sustain a ministry to, for, and through every man within the congregations and to men in surrounding communities. Many churches have caught this expanded vision, and their ministries within their congregations and to their communities have become transformational.

## Our Mission

United Methodist Men exists to declare the centrality of Christ in every man's life. Men's ministry leads to spiritual growth of men and effective discipleship. This purpose and mission is served as men are called to model the servant leadership of Jesus Christ.

## Our Call

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, began an effective part of his ministry with small groups of men. In these groups—and in his preaching—Wesley spoke about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. He often talked about both personal holiness and social holiness.

Personal holiness refers to spiritual disciplines of prayer, searching the Scriptures, fasting, worship, study, and meditation. We are called to participate in these disciplines because they bring us closer to Christ, and the practices convict us to engage in social holiness acts of mercy, grace, justice, and peace.

Men become balanced disciples as they engage in both personal and social holiness. Here is a practical example: thousands of men and women have participated in one of several Disciple Bible studies of both the Old and New Testaments. There are many reasons people enjoy these courses, but most of those reasons are not knowledge-based or learning-based. In most cases, the course compels the student to action because knowing more about God pushes him to do something within that new community of faith to further the Kingdom. The study is transformational. Men's ministry has the

same effect. Men meet in small groups to spend time with the Scriptures and in prayer for one another. Close relationships with their brothers and with God transforms the group into men on a mission.

Bishop Julius C. Trimble addressed the Council of Bishops on the subject “When Is the Church at Its Best?” His answer was simple: “When the people inside the church can’t wait to get outside, and folk outside the church can’t wait to get inside.”

That is what we want in The United Methodist Church—men on the inside who want to bring men on the outside into a new or renewed relationship with Jesus Christ. Men are influenced in their faith in many ways. Some know they are seeking meaning, and enter our churches through the front door to participate in worship or small groups. Others come in through the backdoor, by being invited to participate in missions, scouting, or sporting ministries. Whichever door men use to enter your church, there should be a place to meet their needs.

A 2008 *Men’s Study of The United Methodist Church* provided surprising results. A survey found that most men (even men in leadership positions in the church) are lonely, and few have other men with whom they can share their greatest joys or fears. Another part of the study asked, “Who was most influential in your faith journey?” Many cited family members or pastors, but the number one answer was “someone else”—a regular layperson who did not have a special position or training. The men of your church need to know and act upon this information. They need to know their vital role in bringing men into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Many other studies show the value men play in bringing families into the church and in church growth. When a man comes to Christ, his family joins him in church membership at a rate four times that of when women or children try to bring their families into a congregation. Churches that have a majority of men in worship are growing faster than churches that have a majority of women in worship. Are we saying there are too many women in church? Absolutely not! What we are saying is that men are missing in action, and that impedes the growth of the church.

# Men's Ministry Through the Connection

You will find efforts in men's ministry at the district, annual conference, jurisdiction, and general church levels. However, the most important place that men's ministry happens is within your local congregation. There are excellent district, national, and international resources and events; but if none of these affect the man in your pew, the goal is not reached.

Below are some basic principles to help you improve the ministry to men at your local church:

- **Do not do this alone.** Begin by meeting with your pastor and asking what his or her vision is for the men of your church and your community. Then ask how you might help in making this vision a reality. Then find three to five other men who have a heart for this ministry to partner with you. A team of pastor, leader, and team is essential for a sustained ministry to the men of your church.
- **Get training.** In the church we often give someone a job, expect them to do well and, once they have failed, suggest they get some training. Instead, put training in the initial stage of your planning. Reading this booklet is a starting point.

Training is available through the General Commission on United Methodist Men in multiple formats. The training should be done with your whole team, as setting goals is part of that process. Annual conferences and districts may provide events to help jump-start your church's ministries.

- **Get assistance.** Seek assistance from presidents of your district and conference UM Men or from a men's ministry specialist. Full-time staff or deployed staff members of GCUMM can help.
- **Participate in "Understanding Men's Ministry."** This is an Advanced Lay Speaking Course. This course is based on the book *No Man Left Behind* by Patrick Morley, David Delk, and Brett Clemmer. The book is available from the GCUMM website ([www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org)) and from Man in the Mirror Ministries



([www.maninthemirror.org](http://www.maninthemirror.org)). This course also fulfills one of the requirements for certification for men's ministry specialist.

Share your successes and challenges with the GCUMM staff. If you develop a great ministry to men, GCUMM staff will highlight it on our website, our magazine, and other media to replicate your great work across the connection.

# Four Areas of Focus

There are ministries, programs, and events at the district, annual conference, and general church levels that can lead your church into a more sustained men's ministry. For the past several years The UMC has organized many of its efforts into four areas of focus. The 2013–2016 goals of the GCUMM include work in all four of these areas:

## **1. Develop principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.**

### *UM Men responses include:*

- a) Train, certify, and recertify 150 men's ministry specialists and 200 scouting ministry specialists.
- b) Provide annual training for at least 40 conference presidents of United Methodist men in conjunction with National Association of Conference Presidents meeting.
- c) Train at least 50 district and 100 local church leaders by way of Internet webinars each year. Additional training will take place at conference and district events, and through the use of Understanding Men's Ministry in Lay Speaker Academies or other venues
- d) Provide two or three one-day workshops on men's ministry and scouting ministry in Africa, Asia, or Europe.

## **2. Create new places for new people and revitalize existing congregations.**

### *UM Men responses include:*

- a) Provide resources to develop men's spiritual growth to local church by identifying 50 churches in each jurisdiction to measure increases in discipleship Bible study, Wesleyan Building Brothers, Walk to Emmaus, Letters from Dad, and other small-group ministries.
- b) Provide resources for hands-on mission and social-justice issues to local churches by measuring changes in participation in Habitat for Humanity, and local, national, and international Volunteers in Mission projects.

## **3. Engage in ministry with the poor.**

### *UM Men responses include:*

- a) Increase participation in the Meals for Millions program through the Society of St. Andrew by 10 percent each year.
- b) Assist Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries to open 10 state offices that coordinate and expand prison ministries.
- c) Provide resources for hands-on mission projects to 250 local churches.

**4. Combat poverty by improving health globally.**

*UM Men responses include:*

- a) Increase participation in Nothing But Nets by tracking participation in 250 targeted churches.
- b) Increase participation in Stop Hunger Now by 5 percent each year.

# Mandates from the 2012 *Book of Discipline*

1. Enhance evangelism, mission, and spiritual as men become servant leaders.
2. Advocate programs that train men within local churches to promote specific ministries, including prayer, missions, stewardship, and civic/youth-serving ministries.
3. Forge pastoral partnerships by men committed to the effective support and service of clergy and local congregations.
4. Enhance organizational strength by effective leadership resources, membership growth and financial accountability.
5. Assist men in their ever-changing relationships, roles and responsibilities in their family setting, workplace, and society.
6. Cultivate leadership among men for a policy of no tolerance of sexual harassment in family, church, workplace, and society.
7. Understand the organization, doctrines and beliefs of The United Methodist Church.
8. Fulfill the membership vows through commitment to prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness in congregational life.
9. Fulfill the Great Commission with and through The United Methodist Church as part of the body of Christ.

# United Methodist Men Disciplinary Goals

1. Increase the percentage of chartered units and other connections with local congregations formally and informally.
2. Increase participation in the Amachi program by 10 percent per year.
3. Increase growth of new programs targeted to at-risk youth and youth-serving agencies in 50 churches per jurisdiction by 2016.
4. Increase the number of churches sponsoring youth-serving organizations by 10 percent per year.
5. Increase the percentage of chartered UMM units and other connections with local congregations formally and informally through EMS Membership, Legacy, blogs, and social media sites. This will be measured by the increases in percentages and in funds raised. Only 22 percent of this budget is supported by apportionments; reducing that percentage by increased giving to the GCUMM will be another measure of performance.
6. Continue to provide copies of *Strength for Service to God and Country*, a historic book of daily devotions, to members of the Armed Forces.

# Affiliate Organizations

- National Association of Conference Presidents ([www.nacpumm.org](http://www.nacpumm.org))
- UM Men Foundation ([www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org))
- National Association of UM Scouters ([www.naums.org](http://www.naums.org))
- The Upper Room Prayer Center ([www.upperroom.org/prayer\\_center](http://www.upperroom.org/prayer_center))
- Society of St. Andrew ([www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org))
- World Fellowship of Methodist and Uniting Church Men (<http://worldmethodistcouncil.org>)
- National Coalition of Ministries to Men (<http://ncmm.org>)
- Denominational Men's Ministry Leaders
- Boy Scouts of America ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org))
- Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. ([www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org))
- Camp Fire U.S.A. ([www.campfireusa.org](http://www.campfireusa.org))
- 4-H ([www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org))
- Big Brothers Big Sisters ([www.bbbs.org](http://www.bbbs.org))
- Stop Hunger Now ([www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org))
- Man in the Mirror Ministries ([www.maninthemirror.org](http://www.maninthemirror.org))
- Wesleyan Building Brothers ([www.buildingbrothers.org/wbb](http://www.buildingbrothers.org/wbb))
- Letters from Dad ([www.lettersfromdad.com](http://www.lettersfromdad.com))
- DiscipleMen.Com ([www.disciplemen.com](http://www.disciplemen.com))

# Men's Ministry Specialists

If you want to help others find new ways to reach men for Jesus Christ, you can become a men's ministry specialist (MMS). An MMS is a godly United Methodist man who is teachable and can teach others. He has communication skills and is willing to use these skills to evaluate the ministry of a congregation and to offer suggestions and resources. A MMS does not displace existing leaders, but he helps a congregation, a district, or an annual conference provide effective ministries by providing training and resources.

## Steps to Become a Men's Ministry Specialist

- Secure a recommendation from your pastor or another ordained United Methodist clergyperson.
- Invite this clergyperson or another spiritually mature person to serve as your spiritual adviser. You will be asked to check in with the person at least once a month in person or by phone.
- Meet with your district superintendent and conference and district presidents of UM Men. If you hold one of these offices, meet with other district, conference, or jurisdictional leaders.
- Complete a free online spiritual-gifts assessment and participate in a Disciple Bible Study, a "Companions in Christ" study group, or other small group that will aid in your spiritual formation.
- Participate in a "No Man Left Behind" regional training experience offered by Man in the Mirror Ministries.
- Read *Spiritual Fathers*, by Dan Schaffer.
- Complete online course on UM history and polity and participate in safe-sanctuary and sexual-ethics courses offered by your district or annual conference.
- Participate in a lay speaker course.

When you complete all program requirements, you will be recommended for certification by a review panel of the General Commission of United

Methodist Men (GCUMM) and Turner Center for Church Leadership at Vanderbilt University.

Current program information, certification requirements, and application forms are available at <http://www.gcumm.org>.



# Teaching Churches

One of the natural outgrowths of the men's ministry specialist program is establishing churches that can help others expand their ministries to men.

Currently, we are looking for churches that have increased the number of men in worship and established a number of small groups. Teaching churches may be those whose men are engaged in hands-on mission in their neighboring communities or around the world.

These teaching churches will serve as resources for neighboring congregations to replicate their successes. More details are available at [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org).

# Webinars: Training and Discussion Using Technology

**b**eginning last quadrennium, GCUMM shifted from travel-to meetings to click-on meetings. These training experiences have covered basic men's ministry principles designed for the local or district leaders, to specific topics on evangelism, mission, spiritual life, domestic violence, using social media, and prison ministry.

Participants include individuals sitting at home on their computer to district events where men gather from multiple churches to participate. In addition to the live presentation, each event is recorded and can be viewed later as a media file. In addition to topics in men's ministry, our scouting ministry schedules training webinars six to eight times a year.

We also use this technology for committee work within the GCUMM board, weekly meetings with our deployed staff, and conference calls where documents need to be discussed and rewritten.

We continue to have some face-to-face meetings, but the ongoing work of the GCUMM, the National Association of Conference Presidents, the United Men Foundation and other key leadership groups are more effectively managed using technology.

Schedules of webinars are posted on [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org) and are delivered to all individuals who are on our e-mail list.

# The Charter

**S**ince local churches provide numerous opportunities for men to grow in Christ, the General Commission on United Methodist Men suggests that the local church hold the charter for all ministries to men. The GCUMM provides services for local units, sub-districts, districts, conferences, and jurisdictional organizations of UM Men.

## Chartered Men's Units Receive:

- *UM Men* magazine, the official publication for men's ministry, contains informational and inspirational articles designed to help men become servant leaders. This magazine includes news, ideas, announcements, and recognition of what is happening among men's ministry around the world. Also contained in the quarterly publication is information about scouting ministry, the UM Men Foundation, and missions.
- UM Men membership cards for every man in your church.
- A quadrennial frameable certificate with yearly renewal stickers.
- Important information critical to conducting effective men's ministry. Charter renewals come with a packet full of vital information important to successful UM Men units.
- A ministry idea book designed to help you with ideas for your local men's ministry.
- Information about the Upper Room Prayer Line sponsored by UM Men.
- Information about the nationally sponsored UM Men mission opportunities.
- Information about the official UM Men's website ([www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org)).

## Why Charter?

The charter has been the uniting instrument of United Methodist Men units for over fifty years. The concept to unite Methodist Men through a national office was a grassroots idea at the beginning of men's work.

United Methodist Men's units are chartered for all the same reasons that a local church is chartered as a United Methodist church, making its annual contributions to the general church through World Service and Conference Benevolences.

Our church is a connectional community of true believers under the Lordship of Christ offering a covenant relationship between persons. It offers a unique and favorable mission and ministry in the world.

Charter fees support the Upper Room Prayer Center, Scouting, and the ministries of other youth-serving agencies, training opportunities, and mission efforts around the world. Yes, your church will receive materials, updates, and program supplies for being chartered. But more important, your charter enables and accelerates ministry and discipleship throughout the connection.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN CHARTER APPLICATION**  
**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*“BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD*  
*AND NOT HEARERS ONLY”*



The General Commission on United Methodist Men is an official church organization recognized by the General Conference. The men’s organization gains strength, mission outreach, program information, and visibility because of the general church recognition of United Methodist Men.

**ANNUAL CHARTER RECERTIFICATION**

*How to charter or recertify:*

- ✓ Complete the information needed below.
- ✓ Have treasurer prepare a check for \$85.00 for a contribution to the mission of United Methodist Men.
- ✓ Mail this form with your check to:

General Commission on United  
 Methodist Men  
 P.O. Box 440515  
 Nashville, TN 37244-0515  
 (615) 340-7145, Fax (615) 340-1770

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
Check Amt.: _____
Check No. _____
Date _____
Initials _____
ID# _____
JAD _____
Entry Date _____
Initials _____

\*\*\*We can charter jointly 2 or more units as one, if they are meeting together.

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

- This is an application for a **NEW CHARTER**
- This is an application for **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION OF CHARTER**
- This is a recertification for a **LAPSED CHARTER**

**UM CHURCH CODE (IF KNOWN)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH** \_\_\_\_\_

(OR THE NAME OF YOUR UNIT, FELLOWSHIP, OR GROUP)

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**PASTOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTRICT** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARTER SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Opportunities for Individuals

## EMS/Legacy

Every Man Shares or Evangelism Mission and Spiritual Life (EMS) was introduced at the 1981 National Congress of UM Men at Purdue University. Every UM man is encouraged to annually enroll as an EMS member.

The idea of Legacy Builders was introduced at the 2005 National Gathering of UM Men at Purdue University as a way for men to support ministries long after they have gone.

The first \$45 of an annual legacy pledge pays for EMS membership. Amounts above that figure support leadership training, retreats and conferences, scouting and other youth-serving agencies, the Society of St. Andrew, the Upper Room Prayer Line, and ministries to children of incarcerated parents. A legacy pledge also helps provide a historic book of daily devotions to members of the armed services and supports ministries to men in other nations.

To become an EMS member or a legacy builder, call 615/340-7145 or e-mail [gcumm@gcumm.org](mailto:gcumm@gcumm.org). Visit the [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org) web site for additional information.

## National Gathering

Plan now to attend the 11th National Gathering, a quadrennial conference formerly called National Congress of United Methodist Men. The event will be held at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 10–14, 2013. Contact the GCUMM for additional information or visit the website ([www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org)).

# Mission Projects

## Upper Room Prayer Line

With support from United Methodist Men, the Nashville-based Upper Room Living Prayer Center prays with 30,000 people each month. That does not include the 6,000 visits to the website ([www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)), over 200 letters each week, and 6,000 monthly e-mails.

The United Methodist Men Foundation pays the cost of the toll-free prayer line and United Methodist men staff the lines through the year. For the past twenty-four years, the foundation has annually given over \$20,000.

Prayer center phone lines are open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. There is a network of more than 1,000 people who answer the phone lines, and more than 2,400 people in more than 300 covenant prayer groups around the globe.

Not only do the callers say they are blessed, the ones who answer the phone lines and/or are in covenant prayer groups tell of the blessings they receive from sharing these life-changing times.

United Methodist prayer advocates recruit volunteers for remote- and covenant-prayer groups. They also help raise funds to cover the cost of the prayer line.

For information, call 1-877-899-2780, ext 7215; or email [mperez@upperroom.org](mailto:mperez@upperroom.org). To ask for a prayer, call toll-free: 1-800-251-2468.

## The Society of St. Andrew

The Society of St. Andrew is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to fighting domestic hunger. Founded in 1979 by two United Methodist pastors, it is also an Advance Special mission project.

The society saves fresh produce that would otherwise go to waste and delivers it to people in need. Through the society's Potato Project, 15 million to 25 million pounds of produce—primarily potatoes—are saved annually to provide 45 million to 75 million servings of food free to food banks, soup kitchens, Native American reservations, and other distribution agencies. The society's Harvest of Hope and Gleaning Network programs also annually save more than 20 million pounds of food from farmers' fields and deliver it to the nation's hungry.

## Meals for Millions

Meals for Millions is the primary hunger relief mission of United Methodist Men. Established in 1986 as an Advance Special Mission Project (#982225-8), Meals for Millions is designed to get United Methodist Men directly involved in leading our church to fight hunger in proven, cost-effective ways through the ministries of the Society of St. Andrew. Through Meals for Millions, men can literally feed millions of people in the name of Christ, take a leadership position in all levels of the church in fighting hunger, and become involved in hands-on ministry to the poor.

## Stop Hunger Now

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger-relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The organization is driven by a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

Stop Hunger Now's meal packaging program provides volunteers the opportunity to package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals that are used in crisis situations and in school feeding programs for schools and orphanages in developing countries around the world.

In its effort to respond to emergency needs around the world, Stop Hunger Now receives and distributes significant donations of in-kind aid. These donations are large quantities of food, medicines, medical supplies, and other such items as may be of use in fighting hunger and providing relief in a crisis.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Amachi Partnership

America faces a growing crisis of multigenerational incarceration. We have witnessed grandfathers, fathers, and sons waiting together in prison for the arrival of the great-grandson.

United Methodist Men can help break this intergenerational cycle of incarceration by becoming Amachi partners with a child of an incarcerated parent. *Amachi* is a Nigerian Ibo word that means "Who knows but what God has brought us through this child."

Currently, there are 250 mentoring children of prisoner programs in 48



states. They have partnered with more than 6,000 churches and served at least 100,000 children.

For information on becoming an Amachi volunteer, visit [www.amachimentering.org](http://www.amachimentering.org).

## **The Hope of Hearing**

United Methodist Men have an opportunity to help change the lives of Haitian children with hearing difficulties.

Each year, Gil Hanke, top staff executive of the General Commission on United Methodist Men, travels to Haiti with audiologists and speech/language pathologists to work in schools for deaf children.

After children are tested, an ear mold impression is taken. These impressions are taken back to the United States and custom ear molds are made. Once in place, the hearing aid is turned on and adjusted for each child.

“Seeing the expression on the child’s face as they hear amplified sound for the first time is miraculous,” says Hanke. “Most light up the room with a smile, acknowledging that they hear their voice.”

Men can help by collecting hearing aids and providing funds for the cost of impression material, ear molds, batteries, and travel expenses. Since the earthquake of 2010, teams to Haiti have dealt with the immediate construction needs of the Haitian Methodist churches and schools. During the fall of 2012, the Hope of Hearing team resumed their work in Haiti at several schools for children with severe hearing loss.

# Distinguished Recognitions

## The Society of John Wesley

The Society of John Wesley is a fellowship of individuals committed to the support and expansion of United Methodist Men's ministries.

Fellows in the society are known by their witness, vision and stewardship that enhance and strengthen the mission and ministry of the church.

The society was created by the United Methodist Men Foundation to promote greater awareness of the Christian principles and practices embodied in the church.

A gift of \$1,000 to the UMM Foundation enables one to become a fellow.

## Life Membership

Men who have made exceptional contributions to your church and community may be given a life membership in United Methodist Men.

The award includes a life-member certificate in a leatherette presentation folder, a membership card, and a .10-carat gold pin. The cost is \$200.

## The Torch Award

Men or women who have given outstanding leadership to the Boy Scouts or other youth serving agencies may be presented with a Torch Award. The \$50 award includes a certificate, medal and clutch-back pin.

A Silver Torch may be awarded to those youth leaders who have served at the regional, national, or international level.

# Resources

*UM Men Magazine* provides information and inspiration for men. View back issues at [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org) and subscribe by calling 615-340-7145.

## FREE RESOURCES AT WWW.GCUMM.ORG

*United Methodist Men Meditation and Action Guide to DISCIPLE II.* Bishop Richard B. Wilke, the principal architect and author of the Disciple series, provides a free guide.

Suggested constitutions and bylaws for United Methodist Men organizations and job descriptions and installation service for officers:

*Expand Your Ministries to Men.* A compilation of articles about ministries to men.

*Extending Our Reach.* An overview of United Methodist Men ministries and information about awards, fund-raising projects and programs.

*I Believe You.* A discussion guide on intimate partner violence.

New materials are added often; please check the Resource section of our Web page for the most updated list.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM COKESBURY

*Get Real: A Spiritual Journey for Men,* by Derek Maul. Upper Room. ISBN 9780835899116.

*Why Men Hate Going to Church,* by David Murrow. Thomas Nelson. ISBN 9780785232155.

*The Care of Men,* by Christie Neuger and James Poling. Abingdon Press. ISBN 9780687014514.

*The Hidden Spirituality of Man,* by Matthew Fox. New World Library. ISBN 9781577316756.

*365 Meditations for Men.* Abingdon Press. ISBN 9780687651986.

*What God Does When Men Pray,* by William C. Peel. NavPress. ISBN 9780891097297.

*Effective Men's Ministry*, edited by Phil Downer. Zondervan. ISBN 9780310236368.

*Wild at Heart*, by John Eldredge. Thomas Nelson. ISBN 9781400200399.

*Bad Boys of the Bible*, by Barbara Essex. Pilgrim Press. ISBN 9780829814668.

*No More Christian Nice Guy*, by Paul Coughlin. Bethany House. ISBN 9780764203695.

*Spiritual Fathers*, by Dan Schaffer. Building Brothers. ISBN 9780977447800.

*Pastoring Men*, by Patrick Morley. Moody Publishers. ISBN 9780802475534. (Also available at [www.maninthemirror.org](http://www.maninthemirror.org) and [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org).)

*No Man Left Behind*, by Patrick Morley. Moody Publishers. ISBN 9780802475497. (Also available at [www.maninthemirror.org](http://www.maninthemirror.org) and [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org).)

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