

The Conference Organization of United Methodist Men

In each annual conference there shall be a conference organization named United Methodist Men, auxiliary to the jurisdictional committee on United Methodist Men and to the General Commission on United Methodist Men (2012 Book of Discipline ¶648).

The conference organization shall elect a leader who may be titled conference president of United Methodist Men, conference team leader of UMM or a similar title.

The person selected for this position must be an active professing lay member of a United Methodist Church within the bounds of this conference or a clergy member serving a church in this conference.

The conference organization [of UMM] shall also elect at least one vice president, a secretary and a treasurer (2012 Book of Discipline ¶648.5)

Selection to the position of conference president will make this person a voting member of the annual conference, and he may serve on other conference agencies.

Selection to this position places this person as a voting member of the National Association of Conference Presidents (NACP), and he is expected to participate in the annual meetings of the NACP typically held in Nashville, Tenn., in early March.

This leader should support the key features of the UMM Purpose Statement:

- To encourage knowledge of, and support for, the total mission of The United Methodist Church
- To engage in evangelism by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions
- To clarify and speak to the identity and role of men in contemporary society
- To seek commitment to discipleship
- To study and become familiar with the organization, doctrines, and beliefs of The United Methodist Church
- To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district, conference, jurisdiction, and church-wide goals.

This servant leader should lead by example as he demonstrates these personal objectives:

- Engage daily in Bible study and prayer
- Bear witness to Christ's way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions
- Engage in some definite Christian service

When accepting this position, this conference leader should assemble or complete a leadership team for the conference UMM. This leadership team will assist with setting goals and determining men's ministry and scouting ministry strategies for this conference.

When accepting this position, this leader should begin immediately to mentor at least one other person to take his place.

This leader should communicate effectively and regularly with members of the conference organization of UMM and should ensure there is at least two-deep leadership in each district and the conference level of UMM.

This leader serves the men of this conference, but may also be asked to serve the NACP in other capacities.

Specific areas of attention for this leader and his team include:

1. Establish measurable goals that promote disciple-making in this conference and a way to annually assess accomplishment of these goals.
2. Equip district and local church men's ministry leaders to provide for all the men in all the churches, and help churches minister to men in those communities who do not know Christ.
3. Promote and participate in retreats, seminars and small groups where the primary purpose is to bring men of all ages into a closer, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
4. Promote and participate in the many ministries of UMM including those supported by the General Commission on UMM (GCUMM).
5. Promote the use of GCUMM materials and resources
6. Find joyful ways to finance the ministry to, for and with men in this conference.
 - a. Expand the number Every Man Shares (EMS) members and Legacy Builders
 - b. Expand the number chartered organizations.
 - c. Use fundraising methods that are in keeping with the UMC principles and reflect the imagination of this unique conference.
7. Use GCUMM resources to expand men's ministry in ways that add vitality to local congregations.
8. Promote jurisdictional and national training events and webinars.
9. Spend time with a spiritual adviser who will guide his continued growth in his Christian walk.
10. File an annual report with the president of the NACP and quarterly reports with the jurisdictional president of UMM.
11. Practice what he asks others to do.

GCUMM has a host of suggested books, training materials, and staff available to conference leaders. If this conference has a need, GCUMM has materials to help, knows where to find them, or will create them. This leader should never attempt to do this alone; there are many persons within this conference and within the NACP and GCUMM who are eager to help