

## **Purpose of United Methodist Men**

From the 2000 Discipline, Paragraph 256

“Each church shall have an organized unit of United Methodist Men chartered and annually recertified through the General Commission on United Methodist Men to provide a dedicated ministry for building men spiritually and involving men in the total ministry of the Church.”

1. Resource material to support effective men's ministries shall be provided by the district, conference and jurisdictional organizations.
2. United Methodist Men exists to declare the centrality of Christ in every man's life. Men's ministry leads to the spiritual growth of men and effective discipleship. This purpose is served as men are called to model the servant leadership of Jesus Christ.
3. Individual and group strategies form the foundation of United Methodist Men ministry:
  - Enhance evangelism, mission, and spiritual life as men become servant leaders.
  - Advocate programs that train men within local churches to promote specific ministries including prayer, missions, stewardship, and civic/youth serving ministries.
  - Forge pastoral partnerships by men committed to the effective support and service of clergy and local congregations.
  - Enhance organizational strength through leadership.
  - Assist men in their ever-changing relationships, roles, and responsibilities in the family, at work, and in society.
  - Understand the organization, doctrines, and beliefs of The United Methodist Church.
  - Live up to church membership vows.
  - Fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.
4. Men seeking membership will be asked to subscribe to these personal goals: Daily Bible study and prayer; bearing witness to Christ's way in words and actions; and engaging in Christian service.