

Report

United Methodist Men

Men – according to the General Commission of Methodist Men in Nashville we are struggling. Fewer churches are renewing their charters or becoming chartered for the first time. Thank you for those churches that have been and continue to be chartered.

Reasons given for not chartering from our own churches are:

- \$80.00 annual fee is too high
- What are we getting for being chartered
- Our men’s group has folded
- Pastor does not support the men
- Only have age 60 and above attending our men’s group

Ok, enough about reasons why are churches are not participating with the General Commission of Methodist Men.

- \$80.00 is not a lot of money – look how much you spend on sporting events, eating out, movies, coffee, etc. - what do we get - personal enjoyment or full from eating
- Please look at the UMM General Commission web site www.gcumm.org to see what your \$80.00 supports.

If your men’s group has folded why not consider meeting quarterly with another church or two. There are many churches like yours that have a desire to have men get together, but are small in numbers. Try it. In Matthew 18:20 we read “For where 2 or more are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them”.

Pastors’ not supporting the men of your church is only an excuse. Pray about it and talk to the Pastor why he or she does not support United Methodist Men. Be strong and gather together in the name of Jesus Christ for fellowship, devotion, prayer, sharing and missions.

Younger men not coming to church men’s events is certainly an issue. Our young men today are so stretched with work, their families, sports, etc. These men do not want to sit through a meeting. How can we get them involved in men’s ministry? This is your challenge. This is our challenge. Please forward to me walkern@comcast.net if your church is reaching out to this age group.

Getting together for a conference men’s gathering has been difficult. Men do not want to travel far from home for a men’s event. Our conference has now grouped our 9 districts into 3 regions. In 2016 & 2017 there will be regional gatherings for the United Methodist Men, Having 3 gatherings travel time will be less and participation should be greater.

Men let us continue to witness for Christ and to tell others what God has done for us. We do not need a formal setting or a soap box to do this. Opportunities to do this can arise any time if we are alert to them.

In Luke we read “Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts”. Please send me what good things are occurring with the men in your church so they can be shared with other churches.

Thank you for what you are doing in your local church, community, family, district and conference.

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