

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

Ministry to men continues to be the genesis of another disciple made for Christ. The organization of United Methodist Men of the South Carolina Conference works to engage a single man who will grow to be a part of a small group of men that will lead a church to do its part in transforming the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are currently in the process of presenting "Reaching Every Man", a 4 or 5 hour version of the 2 ½ day No Man Left Behind seminar by Man In the Mirror. Cost is only \$15 per man with an opportunity to buy Pat Morley's book for \$15.

Rock Hill – April 25, 2009
Charleston – May 16, 2009
Greenville – May 23, 2009
Columbia – June 6, 2009

The National Gathering of Men will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, July 10, 11, 12. We have asked each of our 12 Districts to get at least one bus load of men to go. We hope that some districts will have more. Our Conference goal is 200. There is still time to get a seat. Spouses are welcome.

Our spiritual well-being continues to be a top priority. We completed a successful Spiritual Retreat held in February at Springmaid Beach. Rev. David Beam of Cashiers UMC, Cashiers, North Carolina, was our keynote Retreat Speaker. Rev. Ken Nelson led our Sunrise Services. In addition, there were breakout sessions on a variety of subjects and training for local church UMM officers. It was a great weekend of men in ministry.

We continue to work with communications and relationships. It is through personal, spiritual interaction that we will strengthen the life of one man, then a small group of men, then a congregation of men, then the men of the United Methodist Church. We are using a variety of spiritual growth opportunities that will lead men to put Christ in the center of their lives.

Prayer, Strength for Service devotional books, Scouting, and Feeding the Hungry continue to be major focuses of the United Methodist Men of the SC Conference. We donated over \$4000 to the Upper Room Prayer Line. The prayer line is routed to our UMM Spiritual Retreat held in February, the SC Annual Conference every June, and to the SC Laity Convocation each July, and calls are answered and prayers lifted up throughout all the meetings. Training for this important ministry is always available.

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