



MY JOB WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 12, 2005

Mission

United Methodist Men exists to declare the centrality of Christ in every man's life.

MOTTO

But be doers of the word, and not merely listeners who deceive themselves.....James 1:22 NRSV

Suggested Constitution

Article I

Name

The name of the unit is (church name) United Methodist Men's Unit of city and state) chartered and certified annually by the General Commission On United Methodist Men.

Constitution cont'd

Article II

Purpose

United Methodist Men shall be a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to daily seek his will. Its primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and all their relationships.

Constitution cont'd

Article III

Concerns

- (1.) To encourage knowledge of and support of the United Methodist Church.
- (2.) To engage in evangelism by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions.

Constitution cont'd

Article III

- (3.) To clarify and speak to the identity and role of man in the contemporary society.
- (4.) To seek commitment to discipleship.
- (5.) To study and become familiar with The United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrines and belief.
- (6.) To cooperate with all units of United Methodist Men in obtaining these objectives through district, conference, and church-wide goals.

Constitution cont'd

Article III

(7.) To support the National Congress of United Methodist Men, the National Prayer Ministry, Bible Study Program, Scouting Ministry, Every Man Shares Program (Evangelism, Mission, Spiritual Life) and other ministries, programs, and projects sponsored by the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Constitution cont'd

Article III

(8.) To support district-wide projects that would provide a sense of community among the men of the district.

(9.) (Add any special concerns of your unit) _____

(10.) _____

Constitution cont'd

Article IV

Encourage Each Man in These Personal Objectives

- (1.) To engage daily in Bible study and prayer.
- (2.) To bear witness to Christ's way in daily work and in all personal contacts through words and actions.

Constitution cont'd

Article IV

(3.) To engage in some definite Christian service.

(4.) _____

(5.) _____

(6.) _____

Constitution cont'd

Article V

Membership

- (1.) Men who subscribe to the major concerns and personal objectives stated above.
- (2.) The duly appointed pastor(s) and the lay leader of the church shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

Constitution cont'd

Article V

- (3.) Membership may include men from other United Methodist Churches, men from other denominations, as well as non churched men.
- (4.) Men who are members of the District, Conference, Jurisdiction or National Organizations.

Constitution cont'd

Article VI

Meetings

This unit shall hold meetings as specified in the By-Laws. The meeting held during the month of _____ shall be designated as the annual meeting. The election of officers shall take place at this meeting. Additional meetings of United Methodist Men may be called by the president, pastor, or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Constitution cont'd

Article VII

Officers

The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Constitution cont'd

Article VIII

Establishment of Committees and Task Forces

The unit shall establish such committees and task forces it deems necessary in order to carry out the business and objectives of the unit.

Constitution cont'd

Article IX

Executive (Steering) Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following: The officers and all committee chairs. The pastor and the lay leader are ex officio members of the Executive Committee with the power to vote. General Administration and supervision of the affairs of the unit are vested in the Executive Committee.

Constitution cont'd

Article X

Correlation

The work of the unit shall be correlated with the total program of the church as initiated by and directed by the Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, under the leadership of the pastor.

Constitution cont'd

Article XI

Finances

The program of the unit shall be financed by such means as the members may approve on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Constitution cont'd

Article XII

Cluster Unit

Because of too few men, low interest, or other reasons it may be desirable for the men from one or more churches to come together and form a Cluster Unit of United Methodist Men with appropriate officers.

Constitution cont'd

Article XIII

By-Laws

By-Laws in harmony with the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted by two-thirds majority vote of all members present at a regular or called meeting provided proper advance notice be given of such proposed change.

Suggested By-Laws

Article I

The order of business for this unit shall be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner according to the Constitution and By-Laws. Any question not covered by the By-laws shall be decided in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

By-Laws cont'd

Article II

Duties of Officers

A. President: The President shall be the presiding officer of the unit and shall preside at the annual, regular, and special meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee. He shall have general oversight over the work of the unit. He shall be an ex officio member of all committees and task forces, except the nominating committee. He shall be familiar with the work of the General Commission on United Methodist Men and that of the District President and Conference President.

By-Laws cont'd

Article II

B. Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President, accept assignments made to him, preside in the absence of the President, and assume full responsibility for that office.

By-Laws cont'd

Article II

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes and all records that include all meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee—the annual, regular and special. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records suitable for historical filing.

By-Laws cont'd

Article II

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all funds. Adequate records shall be kept and a report shall be made at all meetings of the unit and the Executive Committee. Requests for disbursements of funds not approved in the budget shall be made by the President, Executive Committee, or the unit.

By-Laws cont'd

Article III

Committees

A. Executive (Steering) Committee: The Executive Committee makes plans for the unit and evaluates same. It transacts interim business. However, all transacting must be approved by the unit at its next regular or special meeting. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or as often as it deems necessary.

By-Laws cont'd

Article III

Committees

B. Projects: The Projects Committee shall plan and execute all projects of the unit.

C. Program: The Program Committee shall plan all programs both on short term and a long-range basis.

By-Laws cont'd

Article III

Committees

D. Nominating: The Nominating Committee shall be elected from the floor at the regular annual meeting of the unit. The nominating committee shall consist of five persons, including the pastor and lay leader. The Nominating Committee shall present its slate of officers and chairmen of all standing committees at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

By-Laws cont'd

Article III

Committees

E. Other committees as desired by the local unit.

By-Laws cont'd

Article IV

Appointment of Committees and Task Forces

The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint additional committees and task forces deemed necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of the unit.

By-Laws cont'd

Article V

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the _____ Unit of United Methodist Men shall be held on the _____ at a place and time to be determined by the President and Executive Committee.

By-Laws cont'd

Article VI

Voting Procedures

Voting in an election for officers shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise decided.

Voting on other matters at all regular and special meetings shall be by voice vote, show of hands, or by standing unless otherwise ordered by vote of the unit.

By-Laws cont'd

Article VII

Vacancy

When a Vacancy occurs in an office or a committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the president in consultation with the Executive Committee.

By-Laws cont'd

Article VIII

Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the unit by a two-thirds majority of all members present provided the notice of such proposed amendment is given 10 days in advance.

Charter

- The Discipline of UMC requires each church or charge to have a chartered UMM unit.
- Charter is Unit connection to National Organization
- Charter is recertified annually (January)
- Cost is \$65 annually
- http://www.gcumm.org/Commission/WHY_CHRTR.html

Charter cont'd

- Funds from charter allow national office to operate and provide support for local units.
- This includes but is not limited to:
 - Program materials
 - Group and Individual study materials
 - Fund raising ideas
 - General resources

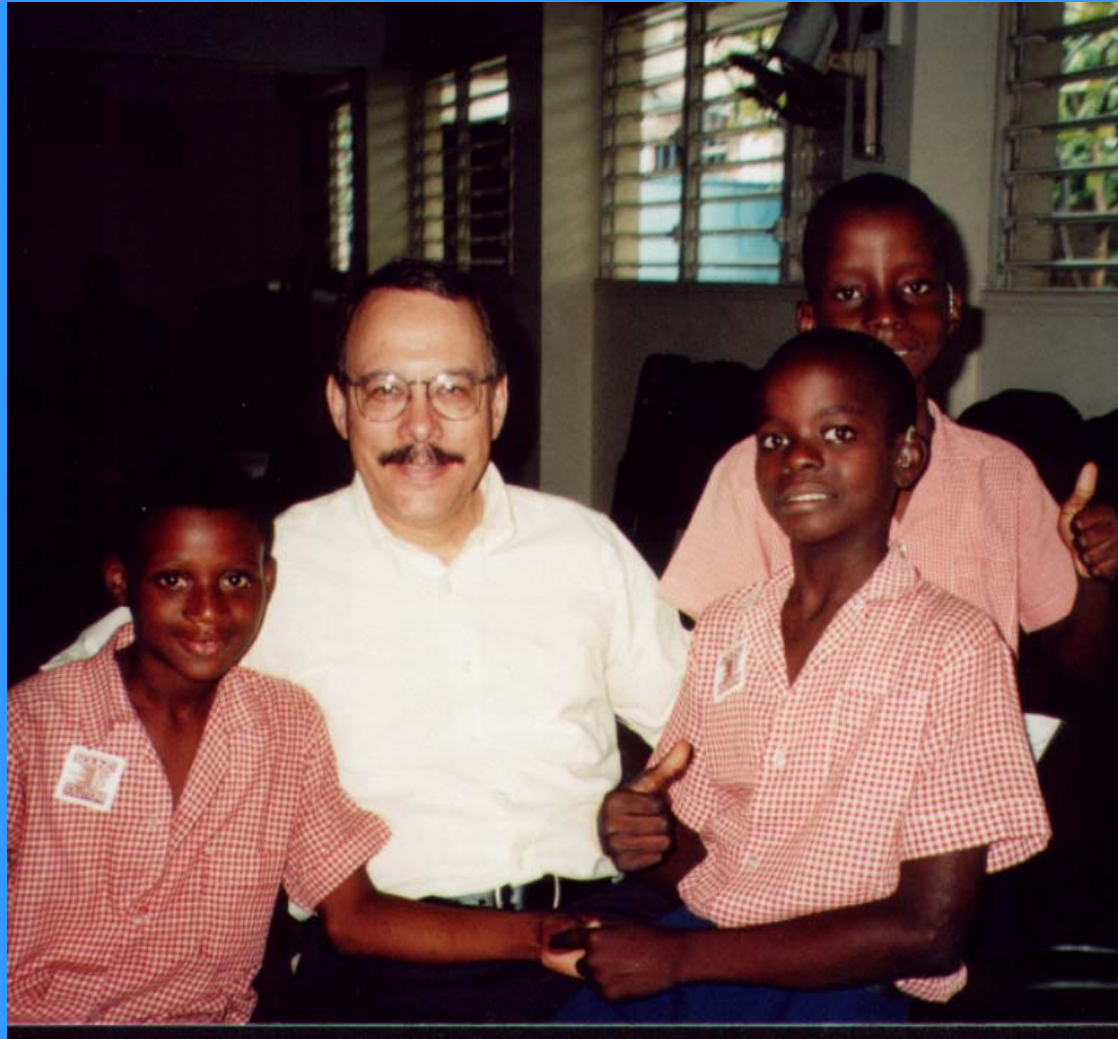
EMS

- EMS does for individuals what Charter does for the unit
- Join for \$30 per year
- Renew on anniversary date of joining
- <http://www.gcumm.org/EMS/emstext.htm>
- Quarterly Magazine
- Supports Conference and District activities
- Supports multiple charities

Society of St. Andrews



Hope of Hearing



UPPER ROOM PRAYER LINE

- 24 hour toll free phone line offers live prayer support to callers
- 1-800-251-2468
- <http://www.umc.org/interior.asp?ptid=1&mid=622>

RESOURCES

- Austin District UMM <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/austinumm/>
- General Commission on UMM <http://www.gcumm.org/> or 614-340-2468
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- Paul Diehl Pediehl42@yahoo.com or 512-306-9819
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Important Future Dates

February 19---Quarterly Austin District Meeting at Wesley UMC

March 28---1st Annual Austin District UMM Golf Tournament at Star Ranch Golf Club

April 8-10--- SW TX Annual Conference UMM Retreat At Mount Wesley

June 3---UMM Luncheon at Annual Conference in Corpus Christi

July 15-18---9th National Gathering of UMM at Purdue University