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Dear Local Presidents and Church Pastors:

Can you believe it? We are 8 years into the 21st century. I believe that the United Methodist Men achieved several milestones in those 8 years. Here are a few:

- **2000-** General Conference increases the number of board members from 23 to 40, including two Central Conference representatives.
- **2001-**UM Men Foundation assets total \$1,413,210; Bowl-a-thon raises \$89,931
- A California Eagle Scout seeks commission help to republish World War II book *Strength for Service to God and Country (SFS)*.
- **2002-** The commission publishes *T-Quest*, a small-group resource for men; 5,135 chartered groups; 9,964 EMS members. Ten thousand *SFS* books are shipped to soldiers serving in Afghanistan.
- **2004-** 5,542 chartered groups
- **2005-**Gil Hanke, Nacogdoches, Texas, elected president of the commission for the 2005-2008 quadrennium. Glenn Wintemberg elected NACP president; 4,934 chartered groups; 8,781 EMS members.
- **2006-**The UMC ends 2005 as the second largest charter organization of the BSA with 376,472 youth and 11,864 units meeting in 8,000 UM churches
- **2007-**Commission moves into new offices on Nashville's Music Row. The Rev. David Adams elected general secretary of the commission. First training session for Men's Ministry Specialists.

As we enter this centennial year for the United Methodist Men, I am asking that we place special emphasis on the following:

- Recertification of charter. As of January, 2008, there were only 29 fellowships chartered in the Charlotte District. I will be happy to let you know your chartering status.
- Increased financial contribution to the UMM/ WNCC special emphases programs. (see enclosure)
- Implement some of the suggested programs as outlined on the 2008 Anniversary Celebration calendar. See website: www.gcumm.org.
- Increased attendance at the WNCC United Methodist Men's rally on April 25th to April 27th at Lake Junaluska. This year there will be scholarships available for some selected youths within our district to attend this year's rally.
- District UMM Leadership sessions. There will be 6 sessions held at different Host Cluster churches within the Charlotte District during months March-April.

As you can see this year promises to be busy one for us as Men in Ministry together.

Yours in service for Christ,

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