

# LOCAL PRESIDENT JOB DESCRIPTION



The Local President of United Methodist Men should organize local church men according to the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. The Discipline states that "Each church or charge shall have an organized unit of United Methodist Men chartered and annually renewed through the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM)." It is a primary responsibility of the local president to see that the men of his church are organized and chartered. Selection of the Local Church President should be accomplished according to the process of selection determined in each local church. A local church president is:

1. Honest, humble, and desires to encourage and help others grow.
2. Willing to set aside personal agenda for the Kingdom agenda.
3. Growing in his relationship with God through regular prayer, Bible study and worship attendance.
4. Mature enough to have an orderly life, yet flexible enough to consider new and innovative approaches to men's ministry.
5. Willing to find answers to the following questions,
  - a. What are the goals of our local church United Methodist Men's group?
  - b. How will we reach our goals?
  - c. What are the needs of the men in my church?
  - d. What about the bigger picture?
6. Committed to strengthening United Methodist Men at every level.
7. Practicing the principles of servant leadership.
8. Working closely with the leadership of the district and conference UMM.
9. Coordinating effectively with the district president and/or GCUMM for retreats, events and programs.
10. Actively promoting EMS memberships to support men's ministry through Evangelism, Mission and Spiritual growth.
11. Experienced with the structure and organization of UMMen and the UMC.

**Specific responsibilities of the local church president of United Methodist Men include:**

**A. DISCIPLINARY RESPONSIBILITIES-**

- ◆ Work with local UMM developing programs relevant to men.
- ◆ Encourage the men of the local unit in daily discipleship including prayer and scripture.
- ◆ Promote the objectives and responsibilities of the conference, district, and GCUMM.
- ◆ Encourage and support spiritual growth, mission, outreach, prayer, evangelism and faith development.
- ◆ Encourage knowledge and support for the total mission of the United Methodist Church.
- ◆ Study and become familiar with the United Methodist Church, its organization, doctrine, practices and beliefs.
- ◆ Cooperate with all levels of United Methodist Men in achieving goals.

**B. ANNUAL CHARTER AND EMS GOALS-**It is the responsibility of the Local Church President of United Methodist Men, working with the district president of United Methodist Men as well as the GCUMM, to achieve local church goals in the following categories;

1. Annual renewal of charter
2. Recruitment of new EMS members
3. Renewals of previous EMS members

Local Church Presidents in coordination with District Presidents should determine goals for their local church. An annual report on goals and strategies utilized to reach goals and the results of these efforts should be submitted to the District President. Successful strategies will be compiled and shared with other local church presidents.

**C. ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP LOCAL CHURCH UNITED METHODIST MEN-**The Local President of United Methodist Men should encourage and help resource the local church United Methodist Men. Working closely with district leadership, the local church president should encourage programs that strengthen the spiritual and relational life of the men in his unit and should help equip the men of his church as needed.

- D. RECRUIT MEN TO ATTEND NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND CONFERENCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**-The Local Church President has the responsibility to make sure that men in his church attend UMM training events either on a national, conference, or district level. The GCUMM staff may be called upon to help local presidents in planning and retreat events.
- E. COMMUNICATE LOCAL CHURCH PLANS FOR UMM**-The Local Church President should be in regular communication with the men of his church as well as the men of the district concerning the plans, goals, programs and resources available for the men of the church. This can be achieved by regularly contributing to a local church UMM newsletter, a regular article on UMM in the church newspaper, an e-mail or fax-based newsletter and a district laity/clergy newsletter. Each Local Church President should present an Annual Report at their charge conference. It is also the Local Church President's responsibility to see that the United Methodist Men of his church are represented at the district meetings of United Methodist Men. Whenever possible, the Local Church President should give an oral and/or written report at appropriate district and local church meetings. Resources for communication pieces may be obtained through the General Commission on United Methodist Men.
- F. MEET REGULARLY WITH LOCAL CHURCH SCOUTING, PRAYER, HUNGER, AND STEWARDSHIP ADVOCATES AND COORDINATORS**-The Local Church President must be intentional in scheduling regular meetings and contacts with the UMM leadership within his church. At least twice a year is recommended, once a quarter is preferred.
- G. RECRUIT AND PROMOTE ATTENDANCE AT ALL EVENTS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE, DISTRICT AND AT THE NATIONAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST MEN**-It is a major responsibility of the Local Church Presidents of United Methodist Men, working in coordination with the district presidents of United Methodist Men, to promote and recruit men (lay and clergy) to attend all conference and district events as well as the National Gathering of United Methodist Men. Each Local Church President will work with district presidents to help achieve attendance goals. The local church goals will help the district to reach the overall conference goal. The GCUMM staff will be available to help conference, district and local church presidents with the establishment and implementation of their goals.
- H. ENSURE THAT ALL UNITED METHODIST MENS LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES RELATE TO THE COMMON PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST MEN**-The local church UMM unit should use this purpose as the basis for its events, training, mission and priority-making decisions.

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S LEADERSHIP**-Local Church Presidents are expected to be in regular attendance at meetings called by the District president of United Methodist Men. Local Church Presidents are expected to implement programs that are approved by the National Association of Conference Presidents, the UMM annual conference leadership team and the GCUMM. The GCUMM staff is available to assist local church president.