

Called – Equipped — Sent

Are you a person with a heart for ministry to and through men?

Are you a person who is willing to lead by serving?

Are you a person who truly desires a life centered in Christ, and surrendered to God's will?

Are you a pastor, who feels the call to reach men as an urgent priority?

Are you willing - as a leader - to say to others, "Follow me, as I follow Christ"?

If so, you are the kind of person we seek.

The great possibilities of our denomination and our faith can only be reached when spiritually mature men assist in leadership.

Men's ministry specialists - who work as partners with men and pastors - will help men grow spiritually. As men grow in Christ, congregations are strengthened, communities are built, and the world is transformed.

General Commission on United Methodist Men And Men's Ministry Specialists

The Commission is the birthplace and serve as the development center for men's ministry specialists.

Men's ministry specialists work closely with the Commission and the UMMen leaders in their areas. Together they serve pastors, districts, and conferences. Men's ministry specialists are recertified every two years after review and proof of continuing education.



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Men's Ministry Specialist



Growing in
Christ, so
others may
know Christ



MMS Mission

Serve United Methodist lay and clergy leaders and their congregations in the ministry of Jesus Christ through men.

MMS Core Qualities

A **growing disciple** of Jesus Christ

A **person mentored** by and accountable to a spiritual adviser

A **servant leader** called to serve in men's ministry

A **person of Godly character**; faithful, trustworthy and credible

MMS Roles

Communicates with leaders through listening; assessing desires and needs.

Connects leaders in the local congregations with Commission leaders and resources.

Equips leaders for effective men's ministry through training, resources, and assistance.

Motivates leaders by helping groups establish vision statements and helping them discover new ways to minister to their communities.

MMS Application Packet

- Personal ministry background
- Pastor/spouse recommendation
- UMM & UMC leader consultations
- Spiritual gifts and personality assessments

MMS Leadership Training

- Read texts including Spiritual Fathers: *Restoring the Reproductive Church* and *The Class Meeting*
- Develop a 3 to 5 year MMS strategy

MMS Spiritual Development

- Consulting with a spiritual adviser
- Providing a personal spiritual growth history and preparing a plan for continued growth
- Surveying current discipleship relationships
- Reading and developing continuing education plan

MMS Educational Courses

- UMMen/UMC history course (available online/download)
- Safe Sanctuary and Sexual Ethics (available online/download)
- Understanding Men's Ministry
- Lay Speaking Ministries Basic course (available through conference or district)

MMS Certification

A panel authorized by GCUMM will review, interview and recommend MMS certifications as candidates complete the requirements.

MMS Promotion/Awareness

Certified MMS will work with GCUMM to develop ministry opportunities in their local area in consultation with conference and district leaders.

