**Suggested service for a life member**

*We gather as the church to recognize <Name> as a life member of United Methodist Men.*

There are more than five million United Methodist men in 56 nations around the world, but only one man in 10,000 holds a lifetime membership in a local church, district or conference unit of the global United Methodist Men.

John Wesley said divine grace operates at three levels.

[Prevenient grace](http://www.ask.com/wiki/Prevenient_grace?qsrc=3044) is given to all people. It is that power which enables us to love and motivates us to seek a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This grace allows us to accept or reject God’s gift to us.

[Justifying grace](http://www.ask.com/wiki/Justification_%28theology%29?qsrc=3044) is a gift that we receive by faith and trust in Christ. It is not something we earn, it is given to us in spite of our sin, and we are forgiven through the atoning work of [Jesus Christ](http://www.ask.com/wiki/Jesus_Christ?qsrc=3044) on the cross. Sometimes this is known as conversion when a person accepts Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. This experience can be one transforming moment, such as the response to an [altar call](http://www.ask.com/wiki/Altar_call?qsrc=3044), or it may involve a series of decisions across a period of time.

[Sanctifying grace](http://www.ask.com/wiki/Sanctification?qsrc=3044) sustains a believer in his journey toward an authentic love of God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and an unpretentious love of neighbors. Wesley called this a journey toward perfection.

According to Wesley, good works are the fruit of salvation, not the way in which salvation is earned. Faith and good works go hand in hand. A healthy tree naturally bears fruit.

<Name> your life and your actions are clear indications that you are a recipient of sanctifying grace. Your life shows the fruit that comes from a person who is on a lifetime pilgrimage toward perfection.

In granting you a lifetime membership in United Methodist Men, we recognize the gift of grace you have received and the lifetime of service you have given to United Methodist Men, the United Methodist Church and to your community.

In your name, we have contributed funds to support the national and international ministries of the United Methodist Men Foundation, and we congratulate and thank you for your ministries.

<Name> I present you with a life membership certificate, a life membership card and a life membership pin.

You are now one in 10,000.