

## United Methodist Men

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the statewide group is to support and establish United Methodist Men's ministries in congregations across Indiana. Our goal is "Helping men grow in Christ so others may know Christ."

### **2009 Actions/Accomplishments**

A statewide organization of United Methodist Men came into existence with an organizational meeting in October 2009 (conference officer information is at [www.inumc.org](http://www.inumc.org)). At this meeting it was determined that the flow of communication and support from the General Commission of United Methodist Men to the local church was broken. We have been working on this communications problem and are confident that by the time of annual conference we will have in place a communications network that will get UMMen information quickly and effectively to the local churches. Support to the Men in the local church will be our number one objective in 2010.

The Indiana UMM is working to implement a new model and vision of men's ministry. We believe that the result will be men involved in all four areas of focus which will reach the world for Christ. Just a few examples of this involvement follow:

*Developing principled Christian leaders.* Train Men's and Scouting Ministry Specialist to serve in every District by 2012. In March 2010, John Dockery was commissioned as Indiana's first Men's Ministry Specialist, one of 16 MMS across the U.S. We have 4 Scouting Ministry Specialists in Indiana (only 46 in USA) to assist local churches in developing Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Camp Fire, 4-H and Big Brothers Big Sisters Amachi programs.

*New places for new people and renewal of existing congregations.* Awaken and build men spiritually as a means to revive congregations. Encourage and equip men to serve their pastors and congregations as ministry partners.

*Ministry with the poor.* Train UMM leaders to become advocates and friends of the poor, and eliminate the effects of poverty and racism. Expand US Hunger relief efforts through the Society of St. Andrew. The Indiana United Methodist Men ranked third in the country in 2009, with cash donations of \$15,096 to the Society of Saint Andrew. Various food field gleanings and potato drops provided many tons of food that are not included in the above cash donations.

*Global health.* Direct UM scout troops in advocacy and fundraising for Nothing But Nets. Care for hearing impaired Haitian Children through Hope of Hearing.

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