

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER -OCTOBER 2015

Greetings to all Methodist Brothers & Sisters,

Summer is just about over, school is ready to begin. We are closing quickly on the end of another year!! I believe what's left of 2015 will be a season of spiritual growth for us Methodist Men by giving God our very best; The first fruits of our labors and collective gifts. It will be about the DOING.... What we can, when we can, where we can, to introduce others to our Lord through our words and most importantly our **ACTIONS**.

FAITH

GROWS WHEN YOU.....WALK IT TALK IT

OWN IT SHOW IT

LIVE IT GIVE IT!!!!

WE NEVER DID IT THIS WAY BEFORE...!?!??

THE SCHEDULED UNYUMM ANNUAL RETREAT/BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR IN THE NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT. WE LEADERS OF THE UNYUMM HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS FOR METHODIST MEN THROUGHOUT THE UNY CONFERENCE TO BE REVIVED AND JOIN TOGETHER IN BUILDING A STRONG SPIRIT-FILLED MEN'S MINISTRY. HELP US TO BECOME A CONFERENCE WIDE METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY THAT WILL TRANSFORM LIVES BY OUR PRAYER & OUR HANDS-ON MISSION WORK IN OUR CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES.

OUR FIRST STEP IN BUILDING MEN'S MINISTRY WAS TO MOVE THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/RETREAT TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE CONFERENCE. PLEASE WALK WITH US AS WE ALL BEGIN A NEW CHAPTER OF THE UPPER NEW YORK UNITED METHODIST MEN. SUPPORT US BY ATTENDING THESE UPCOMING EVENTS.

UNYUMM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

WHEN: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 1PM-3PM

WHERE: INDIAN FALLS UMC

7908 ALLEGHANY RD

CORFU, N.Y. 14036

CHRISTIAN MEN (13 AND UP) RETREAT:

(HOSTED BY THE NIAGARA FRONTIER UMM)

\$50 PER PERSON \$125 MAX PER FAMILY

WHEN: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH, -4PM -SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH --
7PM

WHERE: CAMP HICKORY HILL 2970 KOHLER RD. VARYSBURG, NY

ACROSS THE CONFERENCE:

This year the UNYUMM are facilitating 4 potato drops; Auburn UMC, Campville/Endicott area ,West Schuyler UMC and Booneville UMC to help serve those throughout Central NY and the Southern Tier in 2015. All four potato drops translate to 3600 - 50lb bags of potatoes to food pantries, veteran outreach programs and those in need throughout Upper New York this coming fall!! Thank you Society of St Andrew for providing the truck, driver and potatoes. Please consider donations to the Society of St. Andrew in the coming year, without them our potato drops could not happen as they financially underwrite the majority of the cost of this yearly hunger relief mission of the UNYUMM . Donate at : EndHunger.org

We will be on the road again as we travel west to the Genesee Valley District to attend a breakfast at Faith United Methodist Church in Henrietta (near Rochester) on September 12th at 8am. Thank you Methodist brother George Sanford for organizing this opportunity for us to share in food and fellowship as we meet Methodist brothers from the Genesee Valley District!!

AROUND THE DISTRICTS:

United Methodist Men of the Crossroads District to bless the veterans of the Syracuse area with a new vehicle; Disabled American Veteran's vehicle is close to being put on the road. The new Ford Flex arrived in Syracuse August 17th. The Flex is at the DAV Syracuse VA Medical Center location. (Receiving its Methodist flame and cross decal) The Ford Flex will be used to transport veterans to and from the Medical Center. This was a wonderful Christian mission carried out by the churches of the Crossroads district and the United Methodist men. There is a ceremony in the planning stages to officially present the Ford Flex to the DAV during at the Veteran's Parade & Expo November 7th. Thank you! Conference Dir of Communications Scott Stumpf and Conference Vice President Steve Ranous for helping to make this veteran outreach Mission a success. Job well done!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 10/15/15 -6pm -8pm Chowder Challenge @ Baldwinsville UMC, join us as we cook, vote on and taste all varieties of homemade chowder. Hosted by UMM.

Potato drops: Oct 17th-Auburn UMC/ Oct 24th Campville (Endicott), October 31st Boonville UMC, Nov 7th West Schuyler UMC = 3600-50lb bags

For further info concerning any of the calendar:

Website: unyumm.org

Call Mark Jones: 315-749-3700

Want to start a UMM group at your church and/or surrounding churches in your area?? Please contact us and we will help you to partner in ministry with us as an official chartered United Methodist Men's group here in Upper New York. *"Men growing in Christ, so others will know Him."*

I am blessed to be serving with each of you as we work together to reach others for Christ, transforming lives. I thank you for your commitment to a life lived out by faith in Christ Jesus.

In Christ..... *Mark Jones*

UNYUMM Conference President

