

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER –DECEMBER 2015

Greetings, as we close out the year let us all reflect back on 2015. I believe the Methodist Men's ministry here in upper New York is beginning to impact the lives of men and women throughout the conference as we make time each day to put God first in our lives and

our love for Him into Action. I worked as a grocery manager for 19 years before going into the mental health field. Being a manager in my early 20's was not easy; I had much to learn quickly to do the job well. But the one thing I realized almost immediately was that to achieve success, it required surrounding myself with hard working and committed people. Select men and women that were focused on getting the job done right no matter what. As I attempt to lead the UNYUMM into 2016-2017, I am blessed by God to be surrounded by spirit –filled men & women that love Jesus and are committed to serving Him!

We continue to travel from district to district meeting new brothers & sisters in Christ getting to know one another. Please make the effort to attend scheduled Methodist Men events when they are scheduled in your respective districts. For information on when and where future Methodist Men events will take place visit our website at unyum.org. We also invite you to visit us on Twitter and/or Facebook.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

November 7th- Dedication of DAV Ford Flex to the DAV followed by a Veteran's Day Parade & Expo

Thanks to UNYUMM Director of communication Scott Stumpf and UNYUMM Conference Vice President Steve Ranous for helping to lead the Disabled American Veteran's Project. The Methodist churches of the Cross Roads District along with the Methodist men partnered to help raise the funds over a two year period to purchase a 2015 Ford Flex for DAV for the transport of veterans to and from the VA Medical Center

in Syracuse. Taking place on November 7th at 10am at the Center of Progress Building at the NY state fairgrounds will be a formal vehicle dedication to the DAV by Bishop Mark Webb accompanied by a performance by the Syracuse Chorale. Blessings to all Methodist men & women that came together to serve God is such a special way.

UNYUMM/ Society of St. Andrew Potato Drops- October 17-Auburn UMC , October 24th-Campville /Endicott ,October 31st-Boonville UMC ,November 7th-West Schuyler UMC. On four consecutive weekends the Methodist Men facilitated the distribution of combined 3600-50 lbs bags of potatoes throughout Central NY and the Southern Tier, to emergency food distribution sites, food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens and churches.

Society of St. Andrew is a nation-wide hunger relief organization that underwrites the cost of our UMM Potatoes Drops. –Each Drop is 45,000 lbs of potatoes along with the trucks/gas and drivers. Please help us financially bless this wonderful hunger relief organization that has been a blessing to those in need here in the Upper NY Conference. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Society of St. Andrew. Please Send all donations to: UNYUMM Conference treasurer Dave Greer 221 Golf crest Circle Baldwinsville NY 13027: checks made payable to UNYUMM.

Go West young man!!! Many thanks go out to Niagara Frontier District UMM President Doug Hendershot ,District Vice president Ron Mullen and District Prayer Advocate Jim McMoil for being such welcoming hosts during our Christian (13 & up) Men retreat held on September 18-19th 2015 . This year's Annual retreat was held at Camp Hickory Hill in Varysburg, NY. God is moving!! Our UMM brothers out there are prayerfully planning to put together another Methodist (13 & up) Men 24hr Retreat next year. Please support them by attending and inviting a friend in need of Christ to join you!! . PRAISE GOD!! That we reconnected with the Methodist brothers in the western part of our conference. **Next September we are headed to the Binghamton/Oneonta Districts to bring God's excitement and revival to the UMM. Annual Retreat will be held at Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center Windsor NY.**

To submit website info for upcoming UMM events, missions; contact: Scott Stumpf 315-637-5567 or srsstumpf@ieee.org.

COME VISIT US ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER!! Thanks to UMM Brother Mark Hediger! To submit content for Twitter or Facebook; please contact Mark Hediger at 315-571-4467

Our next UNYUMM Exec Board meeting will be held at Endicott First UMC on February 6th and we will hold an installation service for James Aunt, James Kahn, and Jim McMoil, three new District leaders at that time. ATTENTION: Methodist Men of the Binghamton/Oneonta Districts –you are invited to Join us for 8am breakfast , singing and a short devotion before the start of our meeting at 9:15am

AROUND THE DISTRICTS - 2016

1/21-Chili challenge—5:30pm-8pm. The challenge will be held at Manlius United Methodist Church, hosted by the Manlius UMM. We want to thank local UMM President Brian Edwards and the UMM at Manlius ahead of time for graciously taking up the hosting of the Annual UMM Chili Challenge. Bring your prize winning chili to be judged and join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship.

2/1 -2/27 3rd Annual “Feed Our Vets February” churches and businesses throughout the Mohawk Districts will be partnering with the United Methodist men to collect non-perishable foods for needy veterans and their families.

5/6-5/7- 11th Annual UMM gathering at Camp Aldersgate – hosted by the Mohawk District UMM

Info concerning future Events please contact Scott Stumpf or srstumpf@ieee.org or visit our “Website” unyumm.org

God has created a wave of excitement and revitalization within the Upper New York Methodist Men and we are all blessed to be riding it!!

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!! May God’s love & peace fill all your homes this holiday season and always. My prayer is that we all, as Methodist Brothers & Sisters in Christ, continue to grow spiritually so we can lead others to Jesus.

In Christ.....

Mark Jones
Conference President
Upper New York United Methodist Men