

UMM MEN NACP NEWS



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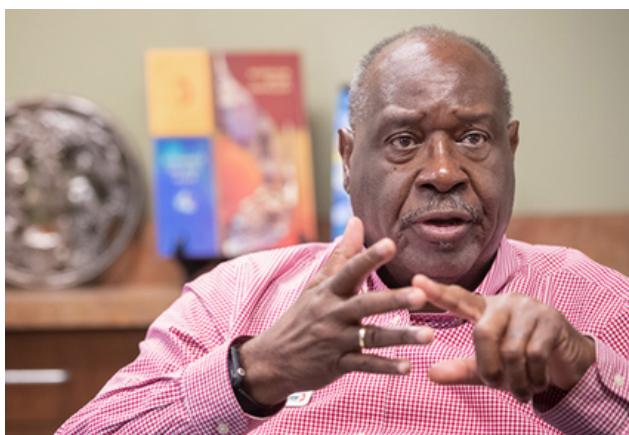
Bishops Serving UMM & NACP

Bishop Gary Mueller, GCUMM President, and Bishop James Swanson, interim GCUMM General Secretary are actively engaged in expanding support and resources for UMM, the NACP Leadership, and for all of our churches. We announced upcoming release of new training handbooks & plans to equip the field leadership.



NACP Opened by President Lightsey

Herman Lightsey welcomed the record-setting gathering and encouraged the group. He shared how challenges have been met gracefully and successfully to overcome. We are poised to move NACP into new and growing opportunities for UMM with the United Methodist Church.



New Communication Tools coming!

The GCUMM is developing new communication tools to better inform and support their mission.

Scouting & Men's Ministries are launching new initiatives to resource NACP, UMM and the local church. Recognizing the need to make these readily available, we are working on several projects to offer easy access to information and tools.

We are creating videos to better share information that anyone can access.

GCUMM is also developing a new website with easy navigation. Plus, a new App is in production that will be offering multiple tools for men and the local church.



GCSRW Gen. Sec. Addresses NACP

Bishop Swanson invited [GCSRW](#) Gen. Sec. Dawn Wiggins Hare to address the NACP gathering.

She shared encouragement and support for UMM describing the synergy of our two agencies & mutual service opportunities.



GCORR Shares Mission with NACP

Rev. Dr. Giovanni Arroyo, Gen. Sec. of GCORR, led a session showing the existing state of relationships in society and opportunities for growth and improvement.

The mission to make Disciples embraces all of God's children and the field is ready to harvest!

SEMINARY STUDENT LEADS BIBLE STUDY

Slice Penny shared a compelling testimony of his road through addiction and recovery.



His Spiritual Salvation Journey led him to study underlying issues facing today's generation. Supported by research he presented statistics showing the challenges in connecting to a new generation of young men. He focused on opportunities and ways to approach this mission that serve to reach & engage with a new generation.

NACP ELECTIONS



New Officers of the NACP were elected:

Mark Dehorter, Pres., Ken Hudgins, VP, Don Davis, Sec., Robert Wright and Larry Dozier, Co-Treasurers.

UMM Foundation – Supporting GCUMM

Addressing the UMMF Board Bishop Swanson outlines initiatives for Scouting and Men's Ministry. The UMMF shared a vision of expanding financial support for Men's Ministry in addition to Scouting.

Dan Ramsey was elected to succeed outgoing Steve Nailor as UMMF President.



NACP Prayer Advocate

Prayer was offered up by Wallace Neal, NACP Prayer Advocate. He led several sessions with the Prayer Advocate providing training and mission opportunities that reach all the way to the local church.

The goal is to raise up active prayer Advocates across the connection.



HONORS AND AWARDS



Incoming UMMF President Daniel Ramsey was given the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his contributions to UMM, NACP & UMMF. Outgoing UMMF President Steve Nailor was given a Commemorative Award for his service as President and a John Wesley Bible signed by all of the NACP. South Central Jurisdiction UMM President Charles McGarity was awarded the prestigious "John Wesley Fellowship" award.

DIRECTOR MEN'S MINISTRY

Sterling Eaton, Dir. Men's Ministry, led a training session for Conference Presidents showing how to organize & connect UMM to the District and Local Church. A brand new App and Website under development were shared. Each will be ready for release soon!

DIRECTOR SCOUTING MINISTRY

Director of Scouting Ministry's Steven Scheid explained new opportunities for UMM and Scouting together. Shepard Churches is a new initiative launching from the Center for Scouting Ministries that will greatly enhance the growth in our UMC Churches.

COMMUNION



NACP Men & Wives were invited to the Lord's Table to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.

NEW TRAINING FACILITY

GCUMM Offices house a new Training facility that will be used to inform and equip such diverse groups as Pastors, District Superintendents and UMM Presidents. Perfectly suited for the purpose this new space offers large screens for presentation & breakout areas

NACP SENDING FORTH

Men returned from the mountain top meeting heading to the mission field. The 2024 NACP conference began by reminding us of our baptism. It concluded with a reminder that we are servant leaders as we washed one another's feet. The mission is the discipleship of men and their families. We want to sustain this spiritual renewal. Now is the time for men to step up and lead the church.



UMMF FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The UMMF elected new Officers and Board Members. Plans for expanded ministry support & fundraising were outlined. The Board voted to create a new website for greater outreach.



FOOTWASHING



Modeling the example demonstrated by Jesus in the Upper Room the NACP attendees washed the feet of one another.



NACP attendee spouses were welcomed and the ladies joined in some of the group meals. Fun activities were coordinated by Delphine Swanson, Bishop Swanson's wife. The ladies took a guided bus tour of downtown Nashville, ate lunch at Paula Deen's Restaurant, went shopping at Opry Mills Mall, and spent the evening chatting and snacking together.

