

## 100 years of faith in action...

from various UMM conferences and GCUMM sources

As Methodism's founder, John Wesley, rode more than 75,000 miles in faithful response to Christ's call to share the Gospel, in 2008 United Methodist Men celebrate 100 years of men in mission and ministry, putting their faith in action in the Wesleyan tradition.

In 1908, men's ministry was first recognized by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, thus acknowledging the unique role of men as a vital part in the church's fulfillment of the great commission.



During 2008 it is both right and important that United Methodist Men throughout the church use the history of the last 100 years as a tool to motivate and inspire themselves and others to faithful obedience to Jesus Christ.



In looking back the goal is not to say "Look at the good we have done", as the works rightfully speak to the glory of God.

The power of the Holy Spirit did it, not men.

Rather, looking back should say to future generations, look what you can do when God is in charge and Jesus Christ gets the glory.

### RESOURCES:

For your assistance, links are provided here to many resources from the General Commission on United Methodist Men and others that can help you celebrate 100 years of men's ministry.

[100th Anniversary of Men's Ministry Bulletin Insert \(PDF\)](#) A short history of men in ministry in Methodism. A local fellowship might print local events of importance on the reverse for distribution in the church bulletin.

[Men's Ministry Worship Service \(PDF\)](#) A liturgy and litany for use by a local congregation on a designated Sunday where UMMen's ministry is recognized and encouraged.

[100th Year Anniversary Calendar \(PDF\)](#) A calendar containing historical highlights and suggestions for men in ministry throughout the church year.

### HISTORY:

[The Beginnings of Men's Ministry and A Word from 1907 \(PDF\)](#) An overview of the early day's of Men's Ministry in The United Methodist Church's forebearers.

[The Next 100 Years of Men's Ministry](#) (PDF) A word of encouragement and inspiration to future action as men following the Lord's call.

STORIES:

Story Archives that show the results of men who step out in faith to follow the Master's call from: [SEJUMM Men's E-News](#) and the [General Commission on UMM](#)

Special [March 2008 issue The Interpreter online](#) contains many wonderful stories of men in action for the Lord, as well as links to additional resources for men.

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