

The G. Ross Freeman Leadership Award

PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION CONFERENCE
PRESIDENTS OF UNITED METHODIST MEN

*Criteria to be used by the ANNUAL CONFERENCE SELECTION COMMITTEES for Evaluating Nominees.
Local Church UMM Fellowships may wish to use them as suggestions in making Nominations.*

The **G. Ross Freeman Leadership Award** may be given one pastor each year chosen by the *Annual Conference Selection Committee*. The Conference President of United Methodist Men names the Committee.

Any pastor who is active in the ministries of men through the Local Church Fellowship of United Methodist Men may be nominated for the Award. Nominations can be submitted from a local church Fellowship, a District Superintendent, a District President of UMM or any official of the Annual Conference on forms provided by the *Southeastern Jurisdiction Awards Committee*. Nominations along with supporting data must be mailed to the Conference President of United Methodist Men by February 1.

The *Annual Conference Selection Committee* will determine the recipient of the Award to be presented at Annual Conference on the basis of the information provided in the nomination form and the supporting data. Ask questions like the following in preparing documentation about your pastor. Add two or three additional pages if you like in building a case for your pastor. Feel free to give some examples to illustrate briefly ways in which he/she meets the criteria.

1. *Does the pastor...*

- Participate regularly in United Methodist Men meetings and activities?
- Go with the men of the church on retreats?
- Lead the congregation in honoring men for their activities and ministries through bulletins, announcements, newsletters and in other ways?
- Furnish ideas and resources for planning without attempting to dominate decisions?
- Guide persons whom God calls into the ministry and provide them opportunities to use their gifts?
- Encourage a wide variety of activities to appeal to all ages of men?

2. *Does the pastor...*

- Insist that the local unit be a chartered UMM Fellowship?
- Strive to help men grow spiritually by attracting more men to participate in the activities of the church?
- Find ways for men to mentor and disciple youth of the church as they grow toward maturity?
- Support the work of United Methodist Men at the General and Conference level by being a dues-paying member of EMS (Every Man Shares)?

- Provide information from what he reads in the magazine for United Methodist Men, UM Men – Uniting Men and Meaning (which comes free with the EMS membership) and other information he receives about what men are doing throughout the world?
3. ***Has the pastor encouraged Evangelism...***
- By actively guiding the men in a plan to evangelize men and boys?
 - By supporting Scouting as an extension of the church's ministry for building young people and as a vehicle of evangelism?
 - Among men and boys by personal example?
 - By leading programs on Faith Sharing and witnessing?
 - By planning activities to lead men to faith in Christ?
4. ***Has the pastor encouraged men in hands-on Mission and Ministry experiences...***
- By demonstrating a passion for missions?
 - By going periodically with men and members of this congregation to serve on Volunteers in Mission Teams either overseas or within the United States?
 - By suggesting programs on mission outreach themes led by Persons in Missions?
 - By helping the men become familiar with United Methodist Missions Agencies within the conference.
 - By participating with teams of men who help aged and infirmed persons look after their lawns and homes and other tasks in order to stay longer in their own homes and communities?
 - By bringing them information about the Potato Project, Meals for Millions, and the program of Stop Hunger Now – ways in which United Methodist Men are working with the Society of St. Andrew to Feed the Hungry in the United States and in Third World countries?
5. ***Has the pastor encouraged men in experiences of Spiritual Growth...***
- Through teaching, preaching, directing guided experiences and personal example?
 - Through arranging Men's Prayer Groups and Bible Study?
 - Through encouraging and using men to pray in public?
 - Through supporting use of the Living Prayer Center of the ***Upper Room***?
 - Through urging men to participate in ***TQuest*** (Transformation) small groups?
 - Through leading or providing leaders in one or more of the *Spiritual Journey for Men*, *Transforming Journey for Men*, *Ministry Journey for Men*, *Discipleship* or some other program specifically designed for men?
 - Through recommending other materials and studies and devotional books on the Bible and prayer written for men?
 - Through leading men to study the Spiritual Gifts and finding ways to utilize the Gifts which they have been given in ministry?