

The General Commission on United Methodist Men

- Presented by Rev. Dr. Richard “Rick” Vance
- Micah 6:8 – “Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.”





Mission & Identity

- One of the General Agencies of The United Methodist Church
- Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee
- Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ through ministries to men and youth
- We believe when men live faithfully, families strengthen, churches grow, and communities are transformed.

Our Global Commitment

- Historically centered in the U.S.
- We've often said we were global — but we haven't always lived it out.
- Today, we are intentionally becoming truly global:
 - Listening and learning from contexts like the Philippines
 - Building partnerships, not exporting programs
 - Walking as brothers in Christ across cultures.

Our Focus – Equip, Connect, Serve



Equip: Provide spiritual and practical resources to help men grow as disciples and leaders



Connect: Build relationships that remind men they are part of a worldwide brotherhood shaped by grace



Serve: Support ministries that care for communities, mentor youth, and guide Scouting & leadership development.

Our Vision

- To provide resources, opportunities, and safe places for men to become disciples who:
 - Love Boldly
 - Serve Joyfully
 - Lead Courageously



What It Means to Love, Serve, and Lead



- Love Boldly – Love as Christ loved, crossing barriers and taking risks for compassion's sake



- Serve Joyfully – Serve with gratitude, not obligation — every act of service is an act of worship



- Lead Courageously – Lead with integrity and humility, modeling faith when the way forward is unclear.

Reaching Younger Men

- Many younger men are searching for belonging and purpose
 - We must invite them into the movement, not expect them to inherit it
 - Meet them where they are
 - workplaces, campuses, and digital spaces
 - Encourage mentorship: older men walking beside younger men in faith and life.

Stewardship and Mission

Stewardship is more than finances — it's faithful management of God's gifts we must be good stewards of time, talents, relationships, and influence

Stewardship means multiplying impact: using every gift to build the Kingdom, not personal comfort.



A Global Brotherhood

- I am inspired by the work of the United Methodist Men of the Philippians

- Together, we are building a humble, relational, and Spirit-led movement

- GCUMM is learning, listening, and walking with men worldwide.