



Wilmington District Newsletter



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BISHOPS DINNER REPORT

The following letter was received from Lorrie Luhring, Dist. Scouting Coordinator;
Dear Steve,

What a great evening!!

The success of the United Methodist's Wilmington District Bishop's dinner would not have been possible without the teamwork and efforts of the members of the Wilmington District United Methodist Men. We know that the evening was successful as out of the 23 churches that were represented at the dinner, 15 are now committed to exploring, starting, sponsoring, or expanding scouting, or 4-H units!

We have received numerous compliments on the entire evening and that would not have been possible without the efforts that you *personally* made, coupled with the help of the District UMM.

I know that we have planted numerous seeds in the Methodist Churches in the greater Wilmington and surrounding areas. I am sure we will see many of those bear the fruits of our efforts to bring quality partnerships to the youth of our communities. I look forward to continuing this strong outreach ministry in the Wilmington District with the hope that we have created numerous opportunities for new Scouting units.

As you saw from the dinner, the UM Church is committed to these partnerships and even has the personal testimony regarding the importance of the represented partnerships from the leadership of the Methodist Church. Couple that with the demonstrated commitment of the BSA, GSUSA, 4-H USA and Campfire USA and we have a winning team!

UMM/BSA WORKDAY SET FOR MAY 6TH 2006

New Bern Dist President, Bobby Stricklin sent the following information to our District;
Gentlemen,

I have arranged a joint UMM/BSA workday at Camp Don Lee on May 6, 2006. We will report between 8:30 - 9:00 in the morning for assignments to each specific project, break for lunch approximately 11:30, listen to a speaker from BSA on the relationship of either the UMM and BSA, or something relatively close to that, then finish our projects and go home.

Camp Don Lee is always in need of repair to something and this should provide good fellowship amongst both the UMM and the BSA.

the only thing we ask each UMM member is that they be willing to pay \$10.00 towards their lunch. The lunch doesn't cost that much, but we will use the excess money to pay for each BSA member. If there is not enough to pay for all the BSA members the NB District UMM will pay the difference.

Please put this date on your calendar for next spring. More information will be sent in the Winter 2006 newsletter.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The 2006 Dist. Leadership training will be held January 29th from 3 – 5pm at Grace UMC. The UMM will have information and training and ALL UMM are urged to attend.

GCUMM SURVEY RESULTS

For the past year the GCUMM have received over 2000 survey forms from local churches throughout the country. Below are listed some of the findings from that survey;

>21% of our churches have a chartered UMM chapter.

>33% of the men in our churches are involved in spiritual growth and service to the church.

>96% of male involvement at church is devoted to upkeep and repair of the facilities

>Most men's groups are in the range of 16-50 members.

> "Need to recruit younger men" is the #1 request most often mentioned by UMM Chapters.

>24% of the churches requested some type of assistance from the GCUMM to help with their men's ministry.

The Wilmington District tends to fall in line with the above numbers. We do have 38-40% of our churches chartered which is almost double the national average.

At the District Leadership Training, there will be information available to help us improve these numbers by using new programs.

SANFORD DISTRICT UMM RESPOND TO MISSISSIPPI

The UMM of the Sanford Dist. using a mobile kitchen from St. Paul UMC responded to the disaster in Mississippi. They prepared 1200 hot meals per day for 6 weeks during September and October.