

PROFILE OF A CONFERENCE PRAYER ADVOCATE

(Herein referred to as CPA)

Conference Prayer Advocate is a Special designation among United Methodist Men. Herein referred to as C.P.A. This person is carefully selected by the Conference President of United Methodist Men to serve as an advocate of prayer through United Methodist Men Fellowships. The C.P.A. will call on each District President to appoint a District Prayer Advocate, and each Men's Fellowship President to appoint a Local Church Prayer Advocate. Since this a unique opportunity for personal ministry, the following criteria should be used by the Conference President in the selection of this person.

1. A VITAL CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

The Number One necessity is a vital Christian experience that motivates personal ministry. The C.P.A. must be in touch with Christ's transforming power at work in one's personal life

2. A DESIRE FOR A GROWING LIFE OF PRAYER

The Upper Room Prayer Ministries will provide resources to aid persons in their prayer pilgrimages. The C.P.A. will be a primary link between The Upper Room and United Methodist Men, and will also be a primary beneficiary in learning about practical resources for prayer. The desire for a growing life of prayer should be a priority motivation for a C.P.A.

3. A WILLINGNESS TO BE EQUIPPED FOR MINISTRY

It is essential that the C.P.A. attend The Upper Room Living Prayer Center orientation session. This training event take place very year and it is sponsored jointly by the Commission on The United Methodist Men and Upper Room Ministries. It is held in Nashville, Tennessee. The Upper Room underwrites the total cost for CPA's.

Each CPA should experience and advocate as many special prayer-oriented events as possible, such as Prayer and Bible Conference "Soul Feast", Companions In Christ, the Walk to Emmaus weekend, An Adventure in Healing and Wholeness, The Academy for Spiritual Formation, and other prayer or Spiritual Formation events or opportunities.

For information on events sponsored by Upper Room Ministries call toll free (877) 899-2780 ext 7113. These events are not required, but should be given priority consideration in each C.P.A.'s personal schedule.

4. COMMITMENT TO A TIME OF SERVICE

Because of the scope and detail of this ministry, the importance of continued relationships with United Methodist Men, pastors, and local churches, and the sizable task of involving men and women across the entire annual conference, the C.P.A. should consider serving at least three years. This appointment by the Conference President is on an annual basis. The C.P.A. should consider this ministry of prayer as a priority commitment in and beyond the local church.

HOW MANY CPA'S ARE NEEDED?

One Conference Prayer Advocate is needed for every annual conference where there is a desire for a direct and intentional emphasis on prayer among United Methodist Men and in their churches.

THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE PRAYER ADVOCATE

1. Develop a network in your annual conference to carry out the goals of The Upper Room Living Prayer Center.
 - Recruit District Prayer Advocates (DPA)
 - Give orientation to DPA's
 - Recruit Local Church Prayer Advocates (LCPA)
 - Present goals to LCPA's
 - Present resolutions through United Methodist Men to the annual conference
 - (Should be done before February for annual report)
2. Promote the publicity of the telephone numbers of The Upper Room Prayer Center and Web page. (www.upperroom.org)
3. Encourage the support of the cost of the Toll-free line.
4. Spread the information on the resources and programs of The Upper Room.
5. Take part in one or more of the events offered by The Upper Room.
6. Start Covenant Prayer groups
7. Receive and share information on your work, goals and needs with The Upper Room Prayer Center Staff.

COMMISSION

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING TO BE AT THE WORK OF ADVOCATING PRAYER WITHIN THE LIFE OF YOUR CONFERENCE.

HELPFUL NUMBERS:

For information on how to start an Upper Room Remote Prayer Line or an Upper Room Covenant Prayer Group call toll free The Upper Room Living Prayer Center at (877)-899-2780 Ext. 7214 or 7215

To order Upper Room Catalogs and resources call (800) 972-0433

For information on events sponsored by the Upper Room Ministries Program Unit call toll free (877) 899-2780 ext. 7113