

**HOW TO ORGANIZE**  
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**DISTRICT ORGANIZATION OF UNITED METHODIST MEN**

**Step 1**

Meet with the District Superintendent, Conference President of United Methodist Men, and District Lay Leader. It may not be necessary to meet individually with each of the persons listed above; however, there should be a sense of understanding and need which would assure the organization of success.

**Step 2**

Have a small committee established by the District Superintendent or the District Council on Ministries (or equivalent) or with their knowledge and approval. The District Superintendent, District Lay Leader, and Chairperson of the District Council on Ministries (or equivalent) should be members of the committee. The committee should consist of approximately nine (9) persons including a pastor and a local church lay leader. Consideration should be given to age and ethnic representation. The committee should have the responsibility of developing a statement of purpose and for giving consideration to financing the work of the proposed organization. The committee should highlight some possible ministries and possible projects to be undertaken--ones that could best be done at the district level that would tend to bring about a sense of community among the men. The committee should also review the suggested Constitution and By-laws for a District Organization of United Methodist Men.

**Step 3**

The committee should share its plans, findings and recommendations with the District Council on Ministries (or equivalent).

**Step 4**

Call a meeting of the presidents and all chartered fellowships of United Methodist Men in the district. If a local church does not have a chartered or an organized fellowship of United Methodist Men, at least one man from each local church should be invited to represent the men of each local church. The purpose of the meeting should be stated in the call.

**Step 5**

At the called meeting the committee should present its statement of purpose its plans for statement of purpose, its plans for financing the work for the proposed District Organization of United Methodist Men.

The Committee should also present its proposed Constitution and By-Laws, and any other matters needing consideration. From this group, a committee on nominations should be elected/appointed and a date, time, and place for the organizational meeting should be set. A program committee should be established to plan an inspirational and challenging organizational meeting. Consideration should be given to a period of fellowship. An agenda for the organizational meeting should be established by the planning committee.

## **Step 6**

An invitation should be extended to the District Superintendent, Conference Lay Leader, Conference President of United Methodist Men, District Lay Leaders, all pastors and local church men in the district. An invitation should be extended to the District Presidents of United Methodist Women. The business and discussions of the organization should be kept to a minimum. All reports should be in printed form. The following reports should be presented at the organizational meeting: purpose, projects, finance, time and place of meetings, and nominations. Matters should be referred to appropriate committees in order to minimize discussion.