

PROFILE DISTRICT PRAYER ADVOCATE

(Herein referred to as DPA)

District prayer advocate (and conference prayer advocate) is a special designation among United Methodist Men. Herein referred to as DPA, this person is carefully selected by the District President of United Methodist Men Fellowships of the district. Since this is a unique opportunity for personal ministry, the Conference and District Presidents should use the following criteria in the selection of persons for those positions.

1. A VITAL CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

The number one necessity is a vital Christian experience, which motivates personal ministry. The DPA must be in touch Christ's transforming power at work in one's personal life.

2. A DESIRE FOR GROWING LIFE OF PRAYER

The Upper Room Prayer Center will provide resources to aid persons in their prayer pilgrimages. The DPA will be a primary link between The Upper Room and United Methodist Men on the district level. The DPA 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 District Prayer Advocate.

3. A WILLINGNESS TO BE EQUIPED FOR MINISTRY

It is essential that the DPA attend the training sessions planned by the conference prayer advocate. Each DPA will experience as many prayer-oriented events as possible, such as The Prayer and Bible Conference "Soul Feast", The Walk to Emmaus weekend, Companions in Christ bible study, and An Adventure in Healing and Wholeness and The Academy for Spiritual Formation. For information on events sponsored by Upper Room Ministries please call toll free (877) 899-2780 ext. 7213. Also take advantage of any other prayer and devotional opportunities. These are not required, but should be given priority consideration in each DPA'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 district, the DPA should consider serving at least three years. This appointment by the District President is on an annual basis.

The District Prayer advocate should consider this ministry of prayer as a priority commitment in and beyond the local church.

HOW MANY DPAs ARE NEEDED

One district Prayer Advocate is needed for every district where there is a desire for a direct and intentional emphasis on prayer among United Methodist Men and in the churches of the district.

THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT PRAYER ADVOCATE

1. DEVELOPMENT

- Develop a network of interested leaders in your district to carry out the goals of The Upper Room Prayer Ministry, which United Methodist Men are enthusiastically supporting.
- Recruit a Local Church Prayer Advocate (LCPA) in all United Methodist Men Fellowships of the district.
- Present goals, training and a district strategy to LCPA'S.
- Help equip speakers who will advocate formation of prayer groups and share information on The Prayer Ministry.

2. PROMOTION

- Promote the publicity of the toll-free telephone number (800) 251-2468, also the web page of the Upper Room Prayer Center www.upperroom.org
- Encourage the support of the cost of the toll-free Prayer line from each United Methodist Men's Fellowship.
- Spread the information on the programs and resources offered by Upper Room Ministries.
- Encourage the local congregations to take part in one or more of the events offered by the Upper Room – or a district event.
- Encourage the beginning of Covenant Groups in all churches.
- Receive and share information on your work, goals and needs with the staff of The Upper Room Living Prayer Center. Toll free business line (877) 899-2780 ext. 7214 or 7215.

3. COMMISSION

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING TO BE AT THE WORK OF ADVOCATING PRAYER AS YOU MOVE WITHIN UNITED METHODIST MEN DISTRICT STRUCTURES TO LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.

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