

Society of St. Andrew

Gleaning America's Fields-- Feeding America's Hungry

It is with great honor that we let you know about some exciting news from the National Association of Conference Presidents UMM (NACP) and the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM). The GCUMM recently selected four organizations that will be Affiliate Partners. One of those four is the Society of St. Andrew. We have had a great working relationship with this incredible feeding ministry for many years and look forward to the ways this partnership will allow UMM to feed more people.

In the time it will take you to finish reading this letter, another 340,000 pounds of perfectly good food will go to waste in the United States. Hard to believe, isn't it? Yet it is an astounding fact that over 263 million pounds of food is wasted every day in this country. What makes that waste even worse, is that every day millions of Americans struggle to get enough food for their families to eat. It must break God's heart to see so much waste in the face of so much need.

Fortunately, however, the Society of St. Andrew is working every day to bridge the hunger gap in the United States. Some volunteer to help in soup kitchens. Others go into farmers' fields after harvest to pick up leftover food and deliver it to those in need. Still others help out at food banks and local pantries that serve the poor. All across this nation, the Society of St. Andrew with the support of United Methodist Men are doing something to address hunger in America. I truly hope the men in your fellowship are so engaged.

Now we have a unified effort by United Methodist Men with the GCUMM and NACP to lead our church to end hunger in America. If that were to happen, if every United Methodist Men's group in the country became a hotbed of anti-hunger activism in the church, the day would soon come when no one in the United States would ever experience hunger.

You have an opportunity today to take a step in that direction. United Methodist Men, in partnership with the Society of St. Andrew, are laying the groundwork for the movement that will bring hunger to an end in America. UMMen are salvaging food that would otherwise go to waste and giving it to hungry Americans. We are also educating the church about hunger and poverty in the U.S. and helping local churches find real solutions to hunger in their communities. Your UMMen fellowship can become a part of this exciting movement by helping us to bring it into reality.

We need your help in three ways. First, please send a financial contribution to support Meals for Millions. If every UMMen group donated just \$200 a year to this effort, we would be well on our way to ending hunger in America under UMMen leadership. Second, pray for this ministry and ask God to empower our work to his glory. Finally, if you are not already involved in hunger relief activity, get involved. Put your hands and feet to work in ministering to the hungry.

It is time for United Methodist Men to be known as the ones who are working to end hunger in America. Join with us! Use the tear-out form below and send in your contribution today. Through your faithful and generous support for our ministry, you have followed God's command. We are thankful that you are helping us meet this great need in our country.

Blessings,

Dan Ramsey, NACP President &

Wade Mays Director, Meals for Millions

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Thank you for your gift to feed the hungry!

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