

Virginia Conference United Methodist Men Mission, Vision, Values, Objectives and Goals September 2024

Mission (Why we exist):

Our mission is to unite men within the church for spiritual growth, for service, and for fellowship to become effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision (What we aspire to be):

Our vision is to be a spiritually mature and leading force in the church and community, exemplifying Christ-like service, nurturing faith, and positively impacting lives.

Values (Our guiding principles):

- **Growth:** Deepening our faith walk with Christ.
- **Faithfulness:** Commitment to the teachings of Christ and the Methodist tradition.
- **Service:** Dedication to serving the needs of the church, and the broader community.
- **Fellowship:** Building strong, supportive relationships among men.
- **Integrity:** Upholding and encouraging honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct.

Objectives (Our broad aims) and Goals (Specific steps):

1. Encourage individual spiritual development.

[SEJ Goal: Each man should involve themselves in a small transformational group (Wesley class meeting and or other similar type group), for study, support, accountability, and fellowship.]

VAC Goal: Promote and encourage the formation of small transformational groups (Wesley class meeting and or other similar type groups) within the Virginia Conference for study, support, accountability, and fellowship.

2. Ministry partnership with Conference clergy and lay leader.

[SEJ Goal: To identify, connect with, encourage, pray for and support clergy women.]

VAC Goal: Develop an ongoing Zoom prayer group which prays for our Bishop, Conference lay leader, and all clergy of the Virginia Conference.

3. Improve race relations

[SEJ Goal: Healing Circles – Promote the use of the Circles to foster communications and relationship building between varied constituents’ groups.]

VAC Goal: Promote awareness of Healing Circles and other race related programs.

4. Engage with campus ministries and younger men.

[SEJ Goal: Engage with Wesleyan Groups, if any, in each District.]

VAC Goal: Identify campus ministries and Wesleyan Groups within each district. Develop ministry strategies to engage with younger men.

5. Embrace Scouting.

[SEJ Goal: Introduce Scouting and its values to the local Conference.]

VAC Goal: Promote the value of Scouting within each district of the Conference.

6. Advocate for environmental issues and creation care.

[SEJ Goal: United Methodist Men will be at the forefront of advocating for solutions and implementing sustainable practices in our communities.]

VAC Goal: Promote and support the Society of St. Andrew ministry. Promote avoidance of wastage of any kind including gas, water, electricity, food, etc.

[*The Society of St. Andrew is a United Methodist hunger relief non-profit focusing on food wastage and poverty-induced starvation.*] (<https://endhunger.org>).