

UNITED METHODIST MEN
David L. James, Conference President

Mission Statement: To make Disciples of men who will lead other men to Christ.

Since last Annual Conference, the Conference United Methodist Men have revised their Constitution and Bylaws.

The Conference Leadership team has met quarterly and we have been active in the Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Men. In March of 2020, Dave Belt, who serves as the Prayer Advocate, was elected to represent the Western Jurisdiction on the Board of the United Methodist Men Foundation in Nashville and Dave James was elected as Western Jurisdiction President for United Methodist Men.

Our DisAbility ramp building outreach ministry, Servants At Work (SAWs Southwest), has responded to 29 ramp requests since we began operations in December 2018. We currently have three open requests in the West District and seven in the South District.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, we suspended ramp building activities in March 2020. The need for this ministry continues to be demonstrated with nine new ramp requests being received in the first four months of 2020. While we primarily build in Cochise and Maricopa counties where we have prefab shops, we are working to create build teams in Pima, Yuma, and Clark counties this year. Since March we have held specific zoom classes for site surveying, prefab, and ramp installation.

In April we began to sponsor two new training programs for men in our churches.

The first class is based on Kevin M. Watson's, The Class Meeting, a nine-week series delivered as a Zoom meeting. This is available for up to 10 men per class.

Our second class is Lead Like Jesus, a 6-week workbook-based training created by Ken Blanchard. This class is also delivered by Zoom and is initially being led by a certified Lead Like Jesus trainer. Class size is limited to 10 men.

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