

## **Conference United Methodist Men Dean Hollomon, President**

The mission of the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Men is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through prayer, study, witness and service.

How is the health of our conference United Methodist Men? At individual churches the men are fulfilling the mission in many ways, serving in their churches and communities, but as the men of the Oregon-Idaho Conference I do not feel we are doing enough to equip the men of our churches to develop and use the gifts that God has given us. From the east to the west, from the north to the south of our conference, we are diverse in our needs and sometimes in our approach to solutions. There is a hymn that binds us together that goes:

“Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!” [©1973, Al Carmines]

As conference men, we need to share our experiences, faith, and needs with each other by retreats held locally, workshops and training as needed to develop the gifts of the Spirit. If each church of our conference would become chartered with the conference we would have over five thousand dollars a year to help with training and identifying local needs. We can move forward by working together.

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