

*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day;
teach a man to fish and he'll eat forever*



Let's Talk about Men's Ministry

"OUR CHURCH" needs to begin talking about Men's Ministry. I believe the Episcopal Church is losing its men and other denominations are doing some really exciting stuff with Men's Ministry, and we need to catch up and get on board.

As the newly appointed Province VIII President of the Brotherhood of St Andrew, I and others on the National Council of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew are making a concerted effort to elevate Men's Ministry to the National Agenda for the Episcopal Church. Less than two years ago, we could not find a reference to Men's Ministry on the Episcopal Church Web Site, Provincial Web Sites, or Diocesan Web Sites anywhere in the Episcopal Church. We could find references to ECW, to Daughters of the King, to Youth Ministry, to LGBT Ministry, to Indigenous Ministry- but we could not find any reference to Men's Ministry.

The Brotherhood of St Andrew has been a Ministry to Men in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion for more than 135 years. We discovered that many congregations and some of the younger clergy have never heard of The Brotherhood of St Andrew, and we have allowed the church to ignore the spiritual needs of men. It is now time to change that.

As the Province VIII President of the Brotherhood of St Andrew we have attended several National Conferences this past year with representatives of the Lutheran Church, the Methodist Church and many other denominations. The National Coalition of Men's Ministry (NCMM.org), and most recently the Denominational Men's Ministry Leadership conference meeting in Oklahoma City brought together leaders from The United Methodist Men's ministry, The Lutheran Men in Mission, Christian Men's Network, National Coalition of Ministries to Men, International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Man in the Mirror Ministries, Family Life Ministries, Christian Mentors Network,, Disciples of Christ and others. We participated in an all- day training session on the "Lead like Jesus" movement written by Ken Blanchard from the Center for Faith Walk Leadership, Inc.

Dr. Patrick Morley, author of Man in the mirror, defines discipleship as being "called to live in Christ, equipped to live like Christ, and sent to live for Christ." Our goal as Men's Ministry specialists, is to see that every congregation develops or expands its Ministry to Men, with a focus on "Leaving no man behind"

In 2016 The Brotherhood of St Andrew will hold its National Council Meeting in Province VIII. This meeting will be held on April 7-8-9, 2016 at the Windermere Hotel and Conference Center in Mesa Arizona. Featured at that meeting will be a ministry faire where representatives of the leading men's ministries in the nation will be available to share "What is working in Men's Ministries" Plan now to attend or send a representative from your congregations to this exciting event.

Check out some of these links and learn more about Men's Ministry, and then let's talk.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/mens-ministries>

<http://men.azdiocese.org/>

<http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/>

<http://www.gcumm.org/>

<http://ncmm.org/>

<http://www.maninthemirror.org/>

http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3205879/Sermon-Keplinger-2015-04-05-10am.pdf

[Lead like Jesus You Tube Video](#)

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Ken Blanchard: Lead like Jesus

