UNITED METHODIST MEN Randy White, President

The Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference is in its first year of existence. The combining of the legacy Memphis and Tennessee Conferences has given way to this "New Beginning." Officers of the United Methodist Men (UMM) for this new conference are: Randy White, president; Bill Bowen, vice-president; Larry Davis, treasurer; and Ingram Howard, secretary.

Pulling everyone together and getting organized has become a harder task than we expected. We will get there—it's just going at a slower pace than we had hoped for.

It has been decided that a UMM group from a disaffiliated church may join a UMM group continuing its faith in the UMC. However, the members can not be in leadership roles or vote on any UMC matters.

One of our most exciting projects going on now is the building of a facility for our Disaster Response Ministry, led by coordinator Robert Craig, at Reelfoot Rural Ministries in Tiptonville, TN. This will help us to have supplies and equipment at one location and make dispersing these items easier and more organized at the time of emergencies.

The second annual "Gathering" for TWK UMM was on Tuesday, April 18, at First United Methodist Church in Ripley, TN. We had a wonderful time together this year!

As we strive to draw men to Christ, we will not give up.