

## ***Don't wait...make plans now to go to...***

### **10<sup>th</sup> National Gathering of United Methodist Men at Belmont University --- *Focus on the Cross* July 10-12, 2009 (plus travel)**

Yes, plan to go to the UMMen Gathering at Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee on July 10-12, 2009. Further, plan to go in a rented van with other Nebraska men. It is an experience that will provide Christian fellowship, tremendous national speakers, unforgettable music and a spiritual lift that you will not be able to duplicate for 4 more years!

The **United Methodist Men of Nebraska** have responded in past years to the *Purdue* Gathering with great Christian spirit and enthusiasm. Hundreds of Nebraska men have made the journey again and again with high praise each time for the "greatest experience of their lives".

The Gathering is not inexpensive, but then nothing worth having ever has been. Your registration fee for the week-end at Belmont will be based on when you register. The basic Belmont Gathering registration fees are described in more detail on the separate Gathering registration brochure. Essentially, early bird registrations made before Feb 1, 2009 are \$175. After Feb 1, registrations are \$200 and go up to \$250 after June 1. This registration includes most meals. Dormitory lodging (double occupancy) and breakfasts are an additional \$80. However, off-campus motels are also available.

Please consider sharing a ride with some of your Nebraska friends by traveling in a van. Plans are under way for either mini-vans (6 passengers in a 7-passenger mini-van) and/or 12 or 15 passenger vans (with 10 or 12 passengers). We looked into a charter bus for maximum enjoyment, and believe the cost would not be feasible for the likely number of riders. The vans will be arranged as people express interest. A volunteer coordinator for each van would be necessary and the riders of each van would work out driver(s) amongst themselves. Either the registrar or individual van coordinator would arrange the motels enroute to and from Nashville. Estimated travel expenses to & from Nashville- motel & transportation- is estimated at \$200+ per person (approximately \$115-van, \$85-motel for two men per room), plus personal meals. More details will be provided as they are worked out. So for about \$455+ you will receive the inspirational experience of your life. Pre-paid registration fees may be REFUNDABLE with reasonable advance notice and if we can coordinate a registration switch to someone else.

Some scholarship aid money may be available for students and needy adults. We hope that everyone who really wants to attend is able to, whether they have all of the money to do it or not. Call me to request a scholarship application form. There are workshops designed specifically for youth.

Some might prefer to travel in a private vehicle alone or with someone else, or even fly.

As Transportation Coordinator, I would like the help of someone in various regions of Nebraska to work with me in making sure transportation is available for all who wish to go to this once-every-four-years'-retreat. Please let me know how I can help you make this rare journey- if you need a ride, or if you can lend a ride, or to meet up (and room beside) other Nebraska men at Belmont.

The form on the back of this sheet may be used to indicate your preference for transportation and to indicate if you are already registered for Belmont 2009. Belmont 2009 will surely be an experience you will never forget.

For More Information & Registration Information

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For Online Information on Belmont portion:

[www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org)

click "[10th National Gathering of UMMen](#)"

click "[Register Online](#)" or

"[Belmont Registration Brochure](#)"

***Bring a friend and make some new friends!***

\*EMS is the acronym that stands for the UMMen supporting membership of Every Member Shares in Evangelism, Mission and Spiritual Life. It has an annual fee of \$45 that connects individual men with, and supports, the national UMMen organization as well as providing information, resources, and discounts. I can provide you with an EMS member application, or you can get one on-line at: [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org)

**Information Sheet for the 10<sup>th</sup> National Gathering of UMMen at Belmont University  
July 10-12, 2009**

**REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Please check (✓) all blanks that apply and return the form to Craig Nordaker. If you are flexible and will go various ways, then mark several of them as applicable, indicating 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, etc.

\_\_\_\_ Send me a Belmont registration brochure.

\_\_\_\_ Send me an EMS membership form.

\_\_\_\_ I will register myself directly with UMMen, Nashville. [This is preferred method.]

You are encouraged to submit your own Belmont registration at your earliest convenience.

My preferred roommate is (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am already pre-registered with UMMen, Nashville for Belmont.

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in a Belmont Scholarship for a youth. Please send me an application form.

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in a Belmont Scholarship for an adult. Please send me an application form.

**TRANSPORTATION**

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in ride-sharing in a multi-passenger van to Belmont and back. I know the van will originate in Nebraska on July 9<sup>th</sup> and will likely stop overnight in St. Louis on the way to Nashville, and continue the next day to Belmont. I understand that we will return on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, probably stopping overnight in Kansas City, MO, and continuing home on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_ I would prefer to travel in someone else's private vehicle with other men but I have made no arrangements so far. Please help me make arrangements.

\_\_\_\_ I would drive my own private vehicle and take other men with me on a share-the-cost basis. Please help me make arrangements.

\_\_\_\_ I will travel to Belmont 2009 on my own and will not need transportation assistance.

Please list other comments or questions you may have - \_\_\_\_\_

Payment for the 'Van Transportation' portion of the trip (approximately \$115) will be required just prior to the trip. Each person will be responsible for paying directly for their own motel share and meals.

Please enclose your payment for the Belmont Gathering registration, along with your completed registration form, *only if you want Craig Nordaker to send it in for you.*

Please PRINT your contact information:

Please return this form or call/email to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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