

**Department of Men's Ministry**  
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Since my last report at Convention a number of things have happened and planning is in the works for many more events and ministry opportunities. Most recently, a group of men traveled up to Kings Mountain for a King's style Men's Hike. These King's Hikes as we call them are great because we use base camps and simply go out on day hikes. What this means is that you can sleep in a larger tent, perhaps even with a cot or air mattress. The food is brought in using coolers and often includes steaks. There is generally a latrine nearby that allows you to "take care of business" in a more refined manner without requiring the use of a shovel. The beauty of these hikes is that the comradery of the trail still exists without the need to carry everything on your back and it opens up Men's Hikes to older men, younger men, or mobility impaired men. These are a wonderful opportunity for multigenerational men's ministry experiences.

There have also been a handful of men serving alongside ARDF in Western North Carolina this Spring with more opportunities coming up over the summer. While it has been great to serve alongside men from my own parish, it is also wonderful to connect with folks from around the entire ACNA. I highly encourage these opportunities for the men of our churches as a way to get into the mission field a bit. It doesn't require any specific skills as the folks on the front lines will assign a group work that they are capable of handling. It also is a wonderful opportunity to learn a new skill as well.

At the time of writing this, I am awaiting confirmation from an individual asked to serve as our 2026 Christian Men's Conference speaker. I hope that by the time we gather I can announce that publicly. I am excited to return to Lutheridge in Arden, NC where we had an incredible retreat in February. **Please plan to join us February 6-8, 2026 in the mountains at Lutheridge Conference Center.**

The Canon's have also begun meeting I with The Ven. Hunter Jordan, Archdeacon of the Diocese which has been a fruitful time of sharing and prayer for each other's ministries. I greatly appreciate his leadership.

In His Grip,  
Newman Lawrence, Canon for Men's Ministry, ADOSC