

Department of Men's Ministry
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I am writing this report on the heels of the 2026 Christian Men's Conference which was absolutely amazing. This conference has a 40ish year history and of all the years that I have been involved, this was (hands down) the best one yet. We had an amazing speaker in Jed Roseberry who spoke on our biblical masculine journey through the six Hebrew words for man in Scripture. It culminated in a healing service Saturday evening and our final worship Sunday morning. The 2026 CMC had 176 men registered which is a great increase from 122 in 2025 and 142 the final year the conference was held at St. Christopher. I anticipate us breaking the 200 mark next year and continuing to grow the Men's Conference. One of the greatest compliments that was received came from someone outside the ADOSC. They said that this is such an amazing conference and more dioceses need to participate and replicate what we are doing for men in South Carolina.

I also co-led a team with ARDF in disaster rebuilding/ home repairs in Black Mountain, NC in the week leading up to the CMC. We had several team members from our Diocese as well as members from DOMA and Living Word- who also joined us at the CMC. It is our plan to tie an ARDF trip into the Men's Conference next year as well with our ARDF partners still working in the Black Mountain area.

This year has already led to some speaking engagements at parish men's events as well and there are a few others on the horizon. We also have a Diocesan Men's Hike in late April that will be on the Foothills Trail with a combined through hike and king's hike option, allowing for a larger group to participate.

While I have to admit that I am exhausted while writing this, the efforts of the Men's Conference team were well received and men's ministry in the ADOSC is alive and well.

In His Grip,
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