



FACILITIES USE POLICY

UNION GOSPEL MISSION INLAND NORTHWEST

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The primary use of all Union Gospel Mission facilities, equipment, and property is to accomplish the stated purposes, goals, and promotion of this ministry. Our main purpose is to share the gospel and minister to the poor. Because of our distinctive purpose and ministry, our vision extends beyond any particular church or denominational line, and we have adopted the following guidelines.

UGM facilities may be used by other groups that:

- 1) Have purposes consistent with the purpose of Union Gospel Mission.
- 2) Agree not to teach or use the facilities for activities contrary to the UGM Statement of Faith (see below).
- 3) Do not interfere with the regular or preplanned programs of Union Gospel Mission.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We hold the Bible to be God's Holy Word in its entirety and inspired in every part by the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible is the only Scripture inspired of God and there are no other inspired scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
2. We hold that man was created in the image of God, holy and innocent; that of his own choice, he sinned and, as a result, brought death upon all humanity (Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23). Those who are not saved are eternally separated from God (John 3:18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10).
3. We hold that Jesus Christ is God, born of a virgin, that He gave His life on the cross where He, who had no sin, was made sin for us; that He was buried and rose again from the dead. Afterward, He ascended into Heaven, from where He will come again (John 5:39; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Acts 1:9-11).
4. We hold that we are saved by grace through faith, apart from works, that the sinner who repents and personally accepts the finished work of Christ on the cross becomes

- a child of God, is made a new creation, and has the Holy Spirit living within him (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 14:17).
5. We hold that Jesus Christ is coming again for His church, to judge the living and the dead, to throw death and Hades into the lake of fire, and to dwell with the saints for ever and ever (John 14:3; 1 Peter 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:6,14-15; 22:1-5).
 6. We hold that through preaching, teaching, and serving, Union Gospel Mission must use all of its resources and activities to bring men, women, and children to know the life-changing power of the gospel, that they may have victory over sin, have fellowship with God, and live a fruitful life in Christ, surrendered to His Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:16; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31; Romans 5:1,2).
 7. We hold that Scripture speaks very clearly to the appropriate expression of human sexuality. God designed sex to be shared exclusively between one man and one woman who are united in marriage. All other expressions of sexuality stand outside God's design. Individuals are "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God, "woven together" in their mother's womb, male or female. The gift of one's gender is physically revealed in the womb and is not subject to being altered by the choice of the individual later in life. All individuals, regardless of marital status, sexual preference, or sexual orientation, are created in the image of God and derive their primary value from that truth. As such, all individuals should be loved unconditionally and served without hesitation. Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:18-25; 1 Timothy 4:4; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; Psalm 139:13-16.

UGM Camp

There may be situations, particularly at UGM Camp, when individuals desire to use the grounds (for fishing, swimming, hiking, group games, etc.), facilities (chapel, ball field, etc.), and equipment (tools, tractors, vehicles, etc.). Individuals, groups, or families may use the grounds so long as they fit the description of approved groups as stated above and acknowledge that this is a faith-based camp that operates in accordance with its sincerely held religious beliefs, as summarized in its Statement of Faith.

All approved groups must abide by UGM policies which, in part, forbid the use of alcoholic beverages, cannabis, illegal drugs, or profane language. Additionally, all sex-specific cabins, restrooms, and changing areas are to be used by the designated biological sex only. Approved groups and users must be responsible persons who will respect the grounds and clean up after themselves.

This privilege of use will only be granted at such times that it will not interfere with any other planned ministry activities. The decision regarding use of the grounds and/or facilities will be made in accordance with these guidelines by the director of youth outreach or the camp administrator. Any questionable requests will be referred to the executive director.

As a general rule, no tools, equipment, vehicles, etc. will be loaned to individuals or groups. In case of an emergency, or other dire need, an exception to this rule can be made so long as:

- 1) The person is a responsible person and sufficiently capable of using the item.
- 2) The item will be returned in the same condition it was received.
- 3) The camp administrator and executive director are in agreement.

For situations not covered by these guidelines, the decision will be made by the executive committee of the UGM board of directors. Any exception to the guidelines may be made by a majority vote of the executive committee.