

# **FACILITIES USE POLICY**

## **UNION GOSPEL MISSION MINISTRIES/INLAND NORTHWEST**

*Adopted by Board of Directors, February 19, 2013*

The primary use of all the **UNION GOSPEL MISSION MINISTRIES'** facilities, equipment, and property is to accomplish the stated purposes, goals, and promotion of this ministry. Our main purpose is to fulfill the mandate of Christ to 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 Ministries
2. Subscribe to the Statement of Faith
3. Do not interfere with the regular or preplanned programs of Union Gospel Mission Ministries.

Because of our structure, nature of support, and sensitivity to the whole community, we cannot rent, lease, or extend our facilities to be used:

1. When the sponsoring group is of a controversial nature. We may individually concur with the philosophy, doctrine, or practice of a sponsoring group, but if it could cause ill will toward the Mission by the community, we must deny use of the facilities.
2. On a regular, on-going basis unless there is a special action taken by the Board of Directors for that specific situation.

### **UGM CAMP**

There may be situations, particularly at UGM Camp, when individuals desire to use the grounds (fishing, swimming, hiking, family picnics, etc.), facilities (chapels, ball field, etc.), and equipment (tools, tractors, vehicles, etc.). Individuals or families may use the grounds so long as they fit the description of approved groups as stated above and abide by the written guidelines, which forbid the use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, illegal drugs, or improper language. They 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 of the use of the grounds and/or facilities will be made in line with these guidelines by the Director of Youth Outreach or his onsite staff. 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 situation, 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 as good a shape as when it was received.
3. The Youth Outreach director and the Executive Director, are in agreement (at UGM Camp)

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.