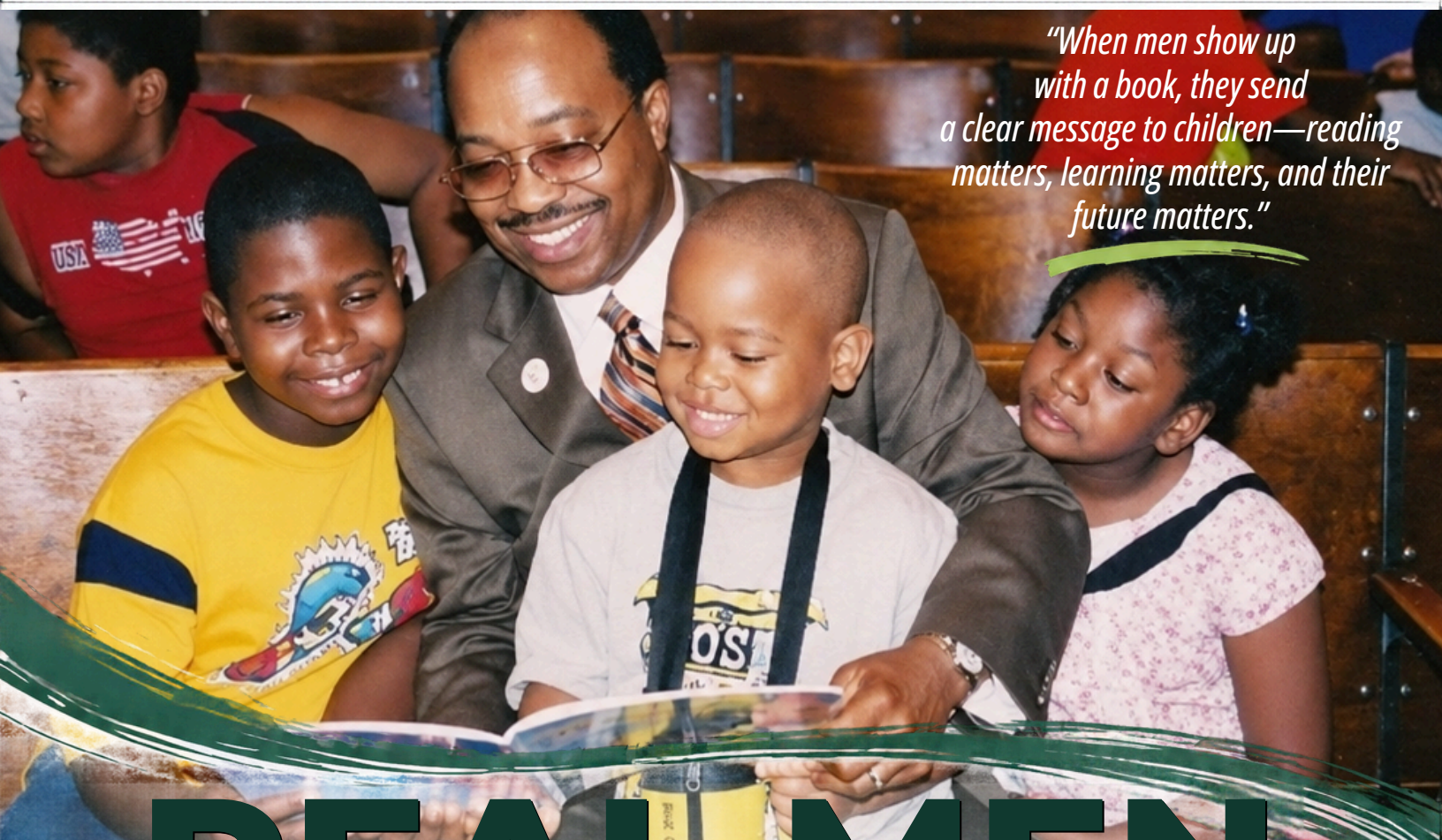




A JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE MINISTRY TO MEN OF THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AND THE ONE CHURCH ONE SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

*"When men show up
with a book, they send
a clear message to children—reading
matters, learning matters, and their
future matters."*



REAL MEN READ

A November Call to Read, Lead, and Inspire



**READING
MATTERS.**



**LEARNING
MATTERS.**



**AND THEIR
FUTURE
MATTERS.**

**One Month. One Book. One School.
A Lasting Impact.**

REAL MEN READ

REAL MEN LEAD.

*Stronger Churches.
Stronger Schools.
Brighter Futures.*

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR CHURCHES AND WEEN OF ACTION

1



START WITH YOUR CHURCH

- Speak with your pastor and church leadership.
- Allow the Ministry to Men to help lead the effort.
- Identify men who are willing to participate.
- Determine if your church already has a relationship with a neighborhood school.

2



CONTACT THE SCHOOL

- Reach out to the principal, administrator, teacher, or librarian in advance.
- Introduce your church and the *Real Men Read* initiative.
- Be flexible with dates and times.
- Work through your One Church One School partnership when possible.

3



FOLLOW SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

- Complete any required visitor or volunteer application.
- Present identification.
- Follow background screening requirements.
- Check in at the main office and wear a visitor badge.
- Follow school rules for visits, security, photography, and social media.

4



CHOOSE A GREAT BOOK

- Select a book appropriate for the age and grade level.
- Consult the teacher or librarian if you need help.
- Choose something engaging, positive, and suitable for the school environment.
- When in doubt, ask the school to recommend a book.

5



ENGAGE AND ENCOURAGE

- Introduce yourself and share why reading matters to you.
- Show the cover and ask what they think the story is about.
- Use expression and enthusiasm.
- Pause and ask questions.
- Listen and celebrate their answers.
- Be kind, patient, and encouraging.

6



SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

- Tell us what book you read, where you served, and what the experience meant to you.
- Share photos (with permission) or a photo of yourself or ministry with the book.
- Tag us on social media.
- Challenge another man to participate.

SHARE WITH US!

We want to celebrate the men, churches, and schools participating in *Real Men Read* throughout November. Send your stories, reflections, and photos to:



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