



“This new accreditation provides a strong objective mark for UMRC. We simply couldn’t be more pleased. Our dedicated, hardworking staff and board leadership can be very proud of all they have worked to accomplish together.” ~John Thorhauer, UMRC President and CEO

United Methodist Retirement Communities is accredited through the Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence (EAGLE), an accreditation process of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. The program is a unique approach designed to inspire and recognize excellence in Christian Service.

EAGLE accreditation distinctively incorporates organizational self-study and verification, by a team of training reviewers with mandatory participation by the organization’s governing body. These elements provide guided opportunities for trustees to re-examine and reassess every aspect of their organization’s purpose, structure, covenants and operation. The EAGLE Accreditation process design is intentionally based on the foundation of Christian service. It expects the spiritual and physical needs of those receiving care to be met in a holistic manner, and that a formal relationship document be negotiated and officially executed between the organization and its faith-based judicatory.

Attaining EAGLE Accreditation is a distinct accomplishment that means special acclaim. Yet, the greatest value for the participating organization may not be in the final recognition of EAGLE achievement, so much as in the understandings, insights and camaraderie that occur during the actual pursuit of accreditation. During this time, trustees, staff and volunteers become acutely aware of the importance of their professional contributions and personal commitments to the achievement of excellence and expression of their organization’s values through quality service.

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