



October 11, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (October 11, 2022)

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to record the minutes from the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men Executive Committee's meeting, which convened on October 11, 2022.

2. **WELCOME & DEVOTION:** The meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men met for its October 2022 meeting on October 11, 2022, via ZOOM. President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order at 7:10PM, welcomed the attendees, and thanked them for joining the meeting. He then called on Jacque Williams, Director of Spiritual Development, to provide the devotion for the evening. Jacque used Exodus 40:38 as his devotional scripture. The essence of the scripture says, *"So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels."* At the outset, Jacque shared with the Brothers about his trip to Rolling Rock and the beauty of God's creation he experienced while camping. As he added wood to the fire, he could feel the presence of the Lord. In all this, he knew the Glory of the Lord was near. His final word was for us to "Check Your Fire." At this juncture, Jacque asked for prayer requests and praise reports. President Ernest asked that we lift up the people in the recent hurricane. Cary gave a praise report about his 10 days in Michigan and wanted us to continue to pray for Mobility Worldwide. Finally, thanks were offered for our Disaster Response Teams and for UMCOR. With these requests and praises, Jacque went to the throne of grace to close our devotional.

3. **ROLL CALL:** The next order of business was the Roll Call by the Secretary. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

BEN GREEN	JOHN HOLLEY	CARY LOESING
ALBERT LYLES	JACQUE WILLIAMS	REV. ERIC POWELL
ODELL HORNE	MARQUIS RATLIFF	CHRIS KARABINOS
ERNEST PERRY	JEFF FULLER	JOHN HEATH

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Also, the following visitors were in attendance:

CHRISTIN NEVINS (L-3 Leadership Model presenter)      JOE RENTA (Alpharetta First UMC)

CHRIS BEAL (Central UMC)      STEADMAN SOUTHHALL (Central UMC)

GERMAN BETANCOURT

WARREN HEAD

**4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** At this juncture, President Ernest asked for consideration for the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. Jeff Fuller moved that the agenda be approved. John Heath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

**5. REVIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES:** Next, President Ernest called upon John Holley reference the minutes from the previous meeting. John had provided the minutes to the Committee Members via email, but President Ernest also displayed the minutes on the screen for the benefit of the Body. It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting be approved. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUEST/S OR VISITORS:** President Ernest acknowledged the visitors in attended (listed above in paragraph 3) and welcomed and thanked them for their participation.

**7. L-3 INVITATION INFO MEETING PRESENTATION:** After acknowledging the guests, President Ernest asked Jeff Fuller to introduce Christin Nevins, who was going to make the presentation on the L-3 Leadership Model. Jeff made the introduction, and then turned the floor over to Christin. She indicated that she had been with her organization, Spirit Leadership, Inc., for about 22 years, that she was a Lay person with a passion for church. At the outset, she asked the question, "How do we get better?" Further, she informed us that her organization was about giving us principles on how to solve problems. Her outline for the presentation had 5 points:

> Why we invited you here

> What we're inviting you into

> Value to you

> Your commitment

> Next Steps & Timeline

a. On the point, "Why we invited you here," she talked about urgency and intentionality and about 2 types of change. These types of change are New Paradigm Driven Radical Change and RAD (Rapid Application Development) Driven Continuous Improvement. In this space, she then talked about Change Dysfunction 1 and said this was continuous improvement driven change followed by change of leadership reinstating the old. On Change Dysfunction 2, she said this was new leader or program driven radical change followed by slow reversion to business as usual.

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b. On the subject, "What We're Inviting You Into," she said it was about a sustainable and resilient way of being and doing ministry.

c. On "Value to You," she had five points:

- ✓ Focused support for your critical challenges
- ✓ Equipped to grow as spiritual leaders and help others grow
- ✓ Repeatable process
- ✓ Increase team health, develop systems
- ✓ Receive support and accountability through implementation process

d. On the topic, "Your Commitment," she gave the following points:

- ✓ 12 months.
- ✓ 2 + 1 hours/month for months 1-12 (meeting + action items). These meetings will become your new normal
- ✓ Be open to growth, shift in leadership approaches, and ministry approach.
- ✓ Expect reading, intentional communication, spiritual and leadership accountability
- ✓ Cost of \$212.00 per month for 12 months. Total cost of \$2,544.00

e. Next Steps & Timeline

- ✓ Motion to move forward
- ✓ Schedule and prepare – The Anatomy of Peace
- ✓ Start monthly meetings

The slides used by Christin were sent to the members of the Committee via email.

**8. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Cary Loesing, the Conference Treasurer, was the next presenter and provided an overview of the Conference's finances. His report included income & expenses for September 2022, income & expenses Year to Date for 2022, and assets on hand as of 30 September 2022. Income for September 2022 was \$60.84. The expenses for September 2022 were \$19.72. Income and expenses year to date are as follows: Income...\$1,154.00; Expenses...\$1,098.78 Assets in the Conference as of 09/30/2022 were \$14,165.79. Additionally, Cary reported that we continue to receive donations from local UMM Fellowships. Cary apologized to the Committee for his absence from the last meeting. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

### **9. OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **President Ernest commented that he was pleased that donations were being received from local Charters.** He encouraged the leadership team to continue to push this initiative.

b. **As a reminder, he shared that The SEJ Leadership Fall Meeting is scheduled during the period**

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**November 11-12, 2022.** The meeting will be at Epworth By The Sea, St Simons Island, GA. The individuals scheduled to attend are the **Conference President**, the **Prayer Advocate**, and **Cary Loesing**.

### **10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**a. Visitation to Local Charters:** President Ernest shared that he had visited Bethel View UMM Fellowship, in Cumming, GA. He was pleased with the visit and plans to continue visitations throughout the Conference.

**b. Resignation Notices - To** insure that the Committee is kept informed, he reported that Louis Johnson had submitted his resignation from the Executive Committee and is no longer affiliated with the United Methodist Church. **Also, Tim Poe** has resigned as our Vice President for Membership, Organization and Chartering. Finally, Billy Harrington has resigned as District President.

**c. He logged in for the NACP September meeting.** There is a NACP Conference scheduled for March 9-11, in Ridgecrest, NC.

**d.** At this time he asked us to pray that the Lord will send us men to fill our (3) existing vacancies. We are looking for men with hearts for service and with great faith.

### **11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS: (It is requested that at the meetings, highlights are provided and written reports may be submitted with details)**

**a. Leadership Development:** No report. Louis Johnson has resigned. The position is now vacant.

**b. VP Membership, Organization, and Chartering:** No report. Position is vacant.

**c. VP Conference Affairs & Administration:** Jeff Fuller indicated that General Conference is shaping up. Also, he informed the Committee of meetings that the Bishop is conducting and that there is a published schedule.

**d. VP Activities & Retreats:** Albert Lyles reported that he had no update from his previous report. Know that no decision has been made concerning a retreat. Hard Labor Creek State Park is a venue he is looking at.

**e. Scout Ministry:** Chris Karabinos gave an update on the status of the ongoing lawsuit and indicated that the bankruptcy court has approved the restructuring plan. He indicated that the plan will be appealed and will take time for it to work through the district court. Most of the North Georgia Conference is using 2 options, and 75% of the agreements have been signed. There is a solid way forward in ministry. General Conference UMM is actively seeking to support the negotiated agreements with BSA. Roles and responsibilities will shift.

**f. Director of Evangelism:** Marquis Ratliff shared that he continues to build a team for Evangelism and Discipleship. He is looking for contagious leaders. He is visiting local churches and is trying to strengthening the bond with conference, district, and local churches. Hopefully he will have a strategy before the next meeting. He plans to have a meeting with President Ernest.

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g. **Director of Disaster Response:** Ben Green reported that he had sent out his detail report to the Committee prior to the meeting. He is continuing to revise the job description and has changed the schedule and budget with a fiscal year defined as July 1-June 30, vice the calendar year. He is hoping to develop his plan before next month's meeting. A copy of his written report is attached

h. **Director of Prayer Advocacy:** There was no report provided.

i. **Director of Spiritual Development:** Jacque Williams shared with the Committee that his main areas of focus will be on the Walk to Emmaus and Radical Mentoring. There are Walks on the calendar for October, and November, and are reflected on our website. On Radical Mentoring, he continues to push this and is available to assist. **He plans to work with Marquis.**

j. **Hunger Advocate:** No report. Howard Evans was absent.

k. **Prison Ministry:** John Heath is asking for prayer as he faces the challenges in his ministry. He shared that they are not getting the quality of leadership when it comes to the wardens and deputy wardens in the system. **In reporting on KIROs**, he shared that in 2 months, they have only had two candidates. He talked about second chance and the fact that the situation has not allowed his ministry to go inside. By spring, he is hoping to be back inside operating the ministry. He will be collecting items for Christmas.

l. **Director of Communications:** Odell Horne reported on the subject of Communications and shared that he continues to manage all our social media platforms. For our website, Ike Moore does the updates; so if you need assistance in this area, just contact him. He gave a "good report" on his medical situation. Also, he reported that information was communicated that the North Georgia Conference of UMM is available to provide assistance to all sides as it relates to the split in the United Methodist Church. He is still a Delegate to both the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Finally, he is willing to serve as the District President for the Central North District.

m. **Director of Missions:** This position is vacant. There was no report.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Vote on Leadership Training Proposal:** This action had to do with the presentation made by Christin Nevins, earlier in the meeting. It was decided that we needed to have a small group study the situation before having a vote on the matter. The following individuals were selected to look at the matter: Chris Karabinos, Marquis Ratliff, Jeff Fuller, and Ernest Perry.

b. **The next scheduled meeting is for November 15th.**

c. **Outreach or Advocacy Needs Around the Conference:** It was agreed that, indeed, this was what our Committee should be providing. At the same time, it was felt that we needed an operational budget in order to fulfill our mission. The following individuals were designated to serve as our Budget Sub-Committee: Ernest Perry, Cary Loesing, Albert Lyles, Marquis Ratliff, and Ben Green.

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**d. Questions, comments, or concerns.** There were no questions, comments or concerns voiced.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A call was made for announcements. There were no additional announcements.

**14. CLOSING REMARKS**

President Ernest gave some general closing remarks and thanked all who had participated in the meeting.

**15. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** At this point, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.

**15. CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH:** With all minds and hearts clear, Marquis Ratliff asked for prayer concerns and requests and prayed us out at 9:18PM.

The minutes are prayerfully submitted by,

John C. Holley  
Secretary  
NGCUMM

**2 Attachments:**

**(1) Treasurer's Report for September 2022**

**(2) Disaster Response Ministries Report (October 2022)**

# United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

## General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 09/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

<b>Revenues</b>				
Income				
Contributions				
Individual Contributions		\$60.00		
Bank /CU				
Dividend / Interest Income		\$0.84		
<b>Total Revenue</b>				<b>\$60.84</b>

<b>Expenses</b>				
Expenses				
Bank / Merchant Fees				
Merchant Fees		\$(17.00)		
PayPal Fee		\$(2.72)		
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$19.72</b>
Net income for Period				\$41.12

# United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

## General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 01/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

### Revenues

#### Income

##### Contributions

Individual Contributions \$690.00

UMM Fellowship \$335.00

##### Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$5.00

##### Campaign Income

OneManOneDollar \$96.00

##### Other Income

EMS Income \$28.00

### Total Revenue

**\$1,154.00**

### Expenses

#### Expenses

##### Office

Postage and Delivery \$(364.00)

##### Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(153.00)

PayPal Fee \$(31.78)

##### Dues and Subscriptions

Jurisdiction Dues \$(300.00)

NACP \$(200.00)

##### Miscellaneous

\$(50.00)

### Total Expenses

**\$1,098.78**

Net income for Period

\$55.22



**United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference  
Assets 09/30/2022**

<b>Assets</b>	
Assets	
Checking Account	\$1,881.06
Savings Account	\$2,242.82
Money Market	\$9,649.67
PayPal	\$392.24
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,165.79</b>

## Re: Disaster Response Ministries Report - Oct 2022 Exec Meeting

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Ben

In a message dated 10/11/2022 5:41:22 PM Eastern Standard Time, [ernest.perry@ngcumm.org](mailto:ernest.perry@ngcumm.org) writes:

Received, thank you.

On Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 3:03 PM <[ben.green@ngcumm.org](mailto:ben.green@ngcumm.org)> wrote:

Earnest, John

The body of this email is the report. The document attached is the revised job description I sent to Cary Loesing to review. This document is for the record but it is free to distribute to Exec Committee upon request.

----- UMMen Disaster Response Ministry Area Director Report – Oct, 2022  
Exec Meeting -----

I revised the DR Ministry Director job description to account for the changes to the NGC DR organization following my phone conversation with Cary Loesing several months ago. I changed the schedule and budget with a fiscal year defined (July 1 – June 30) not by calendar year.

Once it is final, I can release it to NGC DR Scott Parrish and Thom Shores and start to develop a plan.

I hope it can be final by or before next month's meeting.

Ben Green

UMMen Disaster Response Ministry Area Director

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