



July 18, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (July 18, 2023)

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 July 18, 2023.
2. **WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, DEVOTION, AND OPENING PRAYER:** The meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men met for its July 2023 meeting on July 18, 2023, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:00PM, greeted the attendees, and thanked them for joining the meeting. After the introductory remarks, President Ernest took the lead and conducted the devotional for the evening. At the outset, he used James 3:17 as his initial scripture and talked about "Forgiving Different People" and about the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. He suggested that it is peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, and that it is impartial and sincere. The writer advocates that we should not be unkind and unfair but should forgive and forget. He then goes to Luke 6:37, which tells us not to judge others so we will not be judged. Finally, we should not condemn, and we will not be condemned. Forgive, and we will be forgiven. There should be an attitude of surrender and trust. Following the devotional, President Ernest gave the evening prayer.
3. **ROLL CALL:** The next order of business was the Roll Call by the Secretary. The following individuals were in attendance:

JOHN HOLLEY	ERNEST PERRY	
CHRIS KARABINOS	ALBERT LYLES	JACQUE WILLIAMS
JOHN HEATH	ODELL HORNE	HOWARD EVANS
4. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** At this time, **President Ernest** asked for consideration for the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. **Howard Evans** moved that the agenda be approved for the meeting, and **Chris Karabinos** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.
5. **REVIEW OF THE JUNE 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Next, **President Ernest** called upon **John Holley**,

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reference the minutes from the previous meeting. John had provided the minutes to the Committee Members via email. For the benefit of the Body, President Ernest displayed the minutes on the screen. Chris Karabinos moved that the minutes be approved. John Heath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUEST/S OR VISITORS: President Ernest asked for the acknowledgement of special guests/visitors. There was none.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT: The presentation of the Treasurer’s report was the next order of business. Cary Loesing was absent from the meeting but had provided copies of the Treasurer’s Report via email. A summary of his reports follows: (a) The General Fund Income and Expense Report for June 2023 reflected that total revenue was \$90.87, and total expenses were \$2,207.55. (b) The General Fund Income and Expenses Report for the period January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 showed revenue of \$2,027.84 and total expenses of \$3,332.35. (c) Total Assets for the Conference, as of June 30, 2023 were \$13,437.76. The funds are located in the following vehicles:

Checking Account	\$1,455.07
Savings Account	\$2,243.66
Money Market	\$9,653.29
PayPal	\$ 85.74

NOTE: A copy of the Treasurer’s Report is an attachment to these minutes.

8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

a. President’s Annual Meeting Report: President Ernest talked about the Annual Business Meeting and again thanked Columbia Drive United Methodist Church and its Men’s Fellowship for hosting the meeting. The meeting was a hybrid meeting where we had men at the church and some attended via Zoom. The church provided a delicious breakfast with the Hospitality Committee of the Church hosting, and the Senior Pastor was there to greet us. President Ernest reported on some action items that were approved at the Annual Business Meeting:

--That our Administrative Year be from July 1 to June 30 each year.

--That the Positions of Director of Prayer Advocacy and Director of Spiritual Development be combined as one Director.

--That we add a Hispanic individual to our Executive Board.

--That our District Organizations should mirror our Conference organization in the key leadership position as much as possible... (i.e. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary)

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--That all churches will be asked to provide \$50.00 each year to support the operations of the Conference. To date, 8 charters had made contributions.

Also, President Ernest pointed out that we only have 2 Districts with active Presidents: Central North...Odell Horne and North West...Jacque Williams. He pointed out that in order for men to be active with our organization they must be a member of a United Methodist Church.

b. Charter Reports July Gen. Commission Office: It was reported that the July Report reflected that 161 Fellowships had chartered. The goal is to have over 200. He is pushing to have the Charter letter out requesting the \$50.00 support by July 30.

c. Outreach Request Trinity Table: President Ernest indicated that he had received a request from Trinity for \$400.00 to support the Trinity Feeding. He sent the request to the Hunger Advocate. He pointed out that everybody is working hard to get energized to provide the expertise needed at the Fellowships. We are the subject matter experts and will assist and help where necessary.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Fundraising Suggestions: President pointed that he had mentioned previously that we needed to come up with ideas for raising funds for the organization. He has coordinated with two organizations that have agreed to partner with us:

1. **Dozier Apparel UMM.** Hank Dozier is well known in the UMM community and has agreed to provide us 6% of sales that we initiate. This would be group orders of T-Shirt, golf shirts, and caps. He would be linked to our website.

2. **UMM Branded Merchandise Items:** These are items such as pens, paperweights, coffee mugs, etc. We are looking to kick this off in September.

The proposal will be going to the Executive Committee for its approval.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:

(If you have No new information – Please reply, “No Report”)

a. Vice President Membership, Organization, Chartering: No report. The position is vacant.

b. Leadership Development: No report. Position is vacant.

c. VP Conference Affairs & Administration: Jeff Fuller was not in attendance but had sent a flyer concerning a Navigational Assistance Partnership project which was occurring on July 22, 2023. The event was being held at College Park First UMC. It is a partnership with Community of Peace to assist with Re-Entry, Homelessness, and Needs of Men. John Heath had a question concerning connectivity with the Prison Ministry and local churches. Are there opportunities for outreach and support? It was suggested that he text Jeff to get his answers.

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d. VP Activities & Retreats: Albert Lyles reported that he had made contact with Hard Labor Creek Park, but it was not useful at this juncture since we will not be doing the retreat until next year. He has not met with his Committee yet but will have a report for the next meeting.

e. Scout Ministry: Chris Karabinos gave an update on how things are going reference re-chartering after all the legal problems over the past years. Things seem to be going well in the conference. There may be some problems, but he does not anticipate any major problems. If there are problems, direct them to Chris. Churches sponsor about 30% of the scouting units in Georgia. Also, he reminded us that the Bishop's Breakfast will be on March 9, 2024. He is pushing to have Fellowships to purchase tables. The cost is \$250.00. He will start pushing for support in September and is inviting the Committee to attend and bring others. Letters are going out. The Conference will provide some funding. Chris shared that there was a National Article with a picture of Bishop Dease, Chris, and Tracy Techau, the Scout Executive/CEO, Atlanta Area Council, at the National Annual Meeting of the BSA from all over the United States here in Atlanta, on May 30. Bishop Dease was the keynote speaker for the Duty to God Breakfast. There were approximately 1,500 attendees.

f. Director of Evangelism: No Report.

g. Director of Disaster Response: Ben Green had provided a written report for the Annual Business Meeting.

h. Hunger Advocate: Howard Evan had provided a report to the President prior to the meeting but gave the Body and update of his contacts with the Society of St Andrews and their food drops. They come in with about 12 pallets, and we would have to pay for the cost to bring it in. Also, he wanted to get some guidance for the support request from Trinity UMC in Atlanta for \$400.00. They need support in September and November.

i. Prison Ministry: John Heath gave an update on his Ministry and indicated his activities with Crossroad are moving forward. He had received a request from Flowery Branch UMC for some of his cards. He gave an update on the newsletter and gave kudos to Ike Moore for his outstanding support for his ministry. He talked about a "Ministry Moment" on video with a church. He is very hopeful for good things in his ministry.

j. Director of Communications: Odell informed us about a couple of upcoming events. The first is on Tuesday, August 1, National Night Out at Mt Zion UMC in Ellenwood. Rev Jacque Smith is asking for United Methodist Men support in Henry County and South DeKalb County to assist with your presence, traffic control, help with placement of vendors, set up and tear down. The second event is on Saturday, August 12th (10AM – 4PM) James Bridges Memorial Car and Bike Show at Lovejoy Community Center in Lovejoy. This is a benefit for the Ariel Bowen UMM. Odell is going to meet with John Heath and Ike Moore. John Heath requested the meeting.

k. Director of Missions: This position is vacant. No report.

l. Director of Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development: Position vacant. No report.

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11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS:

(a) Odell Horne, District President, Central North: Odell reported that he had had several meetings, but they were not well attended. His goal is to have quarterly meetings. He indicated that he had a Silo Meeting, and three people came.

(b) Jacque Williams, District President North West: Jacque is in the process of notifying the churches that he is the District President. He has made an analysis of the 128 churches in the District, and 63 are in some stage of the disaffiliation process. Four of five largest churches are on the list.

12. NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

13. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS. There was none presented

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: For the good of the order. Our next NGC UMM Executive Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th, at 7PM.

13. CLOSING REMARKS: President Ernest stressed that we should continue working to fill our vacancies, both at the Conference and District levels.

14. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Howard Evans moved that the meeting be adjourned. John Heath seconded the motion. The vote was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.

15. CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH: With all minds and hearts clear, the meeting closed with prayer at 8:34PM.

The minutes are prayerfully submitted by,

John C. Holley

Secretary

NGCUMM

1 Attachment: Treasurer's Report

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 06/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions	
Individual Contributions	\$60.00
Bank /CU	
Dividend / Interest Income	\$0.87
Meeting Income	
Annual Conference Meeting	\$30.00

Total Revenue **\$90.87**

Expenses

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Bank / Merchant Fees	
Merchant Fees	\$(17.00)
PayPal Fee	\$(4.26)
Meeting Expenses	
Annual Conference Meeting	\$(1,720.48)
President	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$(103.55)
Lodging	\$(316.70)
Discretionary	\$(45.56)

Total Expenses **\$2,207.55**

Net loss for Period **\$2,116.68**

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United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 01/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions

Individual Contributions \$360.00

UMM Fellowship \$100.00

Reimbursed Expenses \$319.00

Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$3.34

Campaign Income

OneManOneDollar \$48.00

FellowshipLetter \$300.00

Ministry Area Income

Disaster Response \$100.00

Meeting Income

Annual Conference Meeting \$780.00

Other Income

EMS Income \$17.50

Total Revenue

\$2,027.84

Expenses

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Office

Postage and Delivery \$(388.00)

Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(102.00)

PayPal Fee \$(47.73)

Dues and Subscriptions

Jurisdiction Dues \$(300.00)

NACP \$(200.00)

Ministry Area Expense

Disaster Response \$100.00

Meeting Expenses

Annual Conference Meeting \$(1,720.48)

President

Mileage Reimbursement \$(103.55)

Lodging \$(316.70)

Discretionary \$(45.56)

Miscellaneous

\$(208.33)

Total Expenses

\$3,332.35

Net Loss for Period

\$1,304.51

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