



August 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (August 8, 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 August 8, 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 August 2023 meeting on August 8, 2023, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:05PM, greeted the attendees, and thanked them for joining the meeting. After the introductory remarks, President Ernest indicated that he would be leading the devotion and opening prayer for the evening. President Ernest used 1st King 19:21 as his scripture for the evening. This was a scripture that addressed the call of Elisha to replace Elijah. President Ernest referred to his presentation as "Words for your Tour" and indicated that there are 5 leadership issues that all leaders must deal with. He talked about having the right people and good people in the job. In some cases you may have individuals that you may not want, but it is what you have. You will have people who are different from you and are not attracted to you, but it is something you have to deal with as a leader. He then talked about some damaging factors we have to deal with on our journey. They are pride, insecurity, moodiness, perfectionism, and cynicism. The bottom line is that God will prepare you for your journey. At this point, President Ernest asked for prayer requests. Cary indicated that his father-in-law was declining and that his wife was back out with him. He asked for prayer. President Ernest wanted prayer for more charters, for leadership and wisdom at each level of our leadership chain. With these requests, he took us to the throne of Grace.

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	ODELL HORNE	
ALBERT LYLES	MARQUIS RATLIFF	BEN GREEN	CARY LOESING
JOHN HEATH	ODELL HORNE	HOWARD EVANS	

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

5. REVIEW OF THE JULY 2023 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. President Ernest displayed the minutes on the screen for the benefit of the Body. Marquis Ratliff moved that the minutes be approved. Albert Lyles 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. Jim Boesch was in attendance and gave some words of encouragement for the Conference. He indicated that it was good to be in attendance and that he was a part of the deployed staff. He shared that the North Georgia Conference was leading the way for United Methodist Men. Finally, he offered his support if needed.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: The presentation of the Treasurer's report was the next order of business. Cary Loesing had provided copies of the Treasurer's Report via email. He gave the report on the status of the Conference's finance, as of July 31, 2023. A summary of his reports follows: (a) The General Fund Income and Expense Report for July 2023 reflected that total revenue was \$60.41, and total expenses were \$19.72. (b) The General Fund Income and Expenses Report for the period January 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023 showed revenue of \$2,088.25 and total expenses of \$3,552.07 (c) Total Assets for the Conference, as of July 31, 2023 were \$13,278.45. The funds are located in the following vehicles:

Checking Account	\$1,438.07
Savings Account	\$2,243.66
Money Market	\$9,653.70
PayPal	\$ 143.02

There was a question by John Heath about the amount of the request we have asked each charter to provide to the Conference (\$50.00) and if the charters can send more. The answer was that you can send more and just indicate this fact.

Cary indicated that he had picked up two checks from the P.O. Box in the amount of \$24.00.

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

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8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. **President's Report:** President Ernest reported that he had been busy visiting charters around the Conference. He reported a growth in the number of charters after coming out of COVID. We went from 80 to over 200 with the number of charters. Our hope is to get information out to the churches. We must not only be hearers of the word, but be doers. He has been talking to District Superintendents about the need for District Presidents. He is pushing the Executive Committee as subject area experts to the charters.

b. **Charter Activity and Visitations:** We need to increase our visitations. The fellowships need us and are appreciative when we show up. Some of the charters have fellowship without ministry.

c. **Dues Donation Letter Drafted and Sent Out:** President Ernest indicated that he would be following up on the letter. He emphasized that we need the funds and that faith without work is dead. He shared that the donations are collected in the window of our administrative year... July 1 – June 30.

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 Shirts and Hats.** The proposal was sent to us. There is an online link. We will get a % of the sale. We don't want 1's and 2's. We need to get the information out to the charters so they can participate.

2. **UMM Branded Merchandise Items Firesign Products:** These are items such as pens, paperweights, coffee mugs, etc.

After a discussion of the suggestions, above, Cary Loesing moved that we adopt a partnership with the two vendors. John Heath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for adoption.

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 his report to President Ernest. President shared the report.

d. **VP Activities & Retreats:** Albert Lyles reported that he had had a meeting since our last with Ben Green and John Holley. During the meeting, it was suggested that we do the retreat at a church. The date and venue will be determined at a later date. The format would be similar to past retreats. Albert offered his church as one of the possibilities for the event.

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e. Scout Ministry: Chris Karabinos was absent, and there was no report.

f. Director of Evangelism: Marquis Ratliff had no report.

g. Director of Disaster Response: Ben Green reported that he had finally been contacted by Scott Parrish. Ben is looking for updated charter reports so he can provide updated information on a timely basis to the charters.

h. Hunger Advocate: Howard Evan had no report but was working to provide one next month.

i. Prison Ministry: John Heath gave an update on his Ministry and indicated that concerning Jumpstart, he had agreements and interfaces... what is and not. For Kiros, there are monthly newsletters, and he has more of their publications. There have been some major accomplishments. For Crossroads, they are moving a little slower. President Ernest requested to see the alinements. He thanked John for setting up the major areas of focus.

j. Director of Communications: Odell Horne informed the Committee about a couple of upcoming events. On Saturday, August 12th (10AM – 4PM), the James Bridges Memorial Car and Bike Show will be at the Lovejoy Community Center in Lovejoy. This is a benefit for the Ariel Bowen UMM. Odell shared that the planned meeting with John Heath and Ike Moore had not occurred and that it would have to be online. On 26 August, there will be a “Bridging the Gap” session at Mt Pisgah. He is planning a Central North District meeting on 19 August and probably one in September. He is looking for ways to spend the funds he has for the Younger Men’s Ministry.

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

11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS: NOTE: Odell Horne gave his District President’s report as a part of his Communications Report. President Ernest asked Odell about a District bank account in Central North District. Odell had no knowledge of this. President Ernest shared with the Committee that he had sent a letter to the North West District informing them that Jacque Williams is the new District President.

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, September 12th, at 7PM.

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

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14. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Cary Loesing 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, Marquis Ratliff closed the meeting c with prayer at 8:43PM.

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 07/01/2023 to 07/31/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions

Individual Contributions \$60.00

Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$0.41

Total Revenue

\$60.41

Expenses

Expenses

Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(17.00)

PayPal Fee \$(2.72)

Total Expenses

\$19.72

Net income for Period

\$40.69

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General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 01/01/2023 to 07/31/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions

Individual Contributions \$420.00

UMM Fellowship \$100.00

Reimbursed Expenses \$319.00

Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$3.75

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

\$2,088.25

Expenses

Expenses

Office

Postage and Delivery \$(388.00)

Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(119.00)

PayPal Fee \$(50.45)

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

\$3,552.07

Net Loss for Period

\$1,463.82

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference Assets 07/31/2023

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Money Market	\$9,653.70
PayPal	\$143.02

Total Assets **\$13,278.45**