



October 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (October 10, 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 October 10, 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 October 2023 meeting on October 10, 2023, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:10PM and thanked the attendees for joining the meeting and for their dedication and commitment. After the introductory remarks, President Ernest indicated that he would be leading the devotion and opening prayer for the evening. He used the Upper Room as the source for his devotional. The title for the devotional was "He Chose You," with a sub-topic of "Do You Know Why You Are Here." The supporting scripture was 1st Peter 1:8. In his presentation, he pointed out that God decides and we discover. Know that what God has ordained, we cannot change. The beauty is that God gives you the opportunity to make your choice. In the devotional, the author wanted us to say a prayer which clearly showed God as the creator of everything and that the creation is for his pleasure. We are called to service and to bring glory and joy to the Creator. As believers, we want to be with God and want to please him with our service. After the devotional, President Ernest gave the opening prayer and prayed for Cary Loesing and his family with the death of his father-in-law. In addition, he prayed for the welfare and leadership of North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men.

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	CARY LOESING	ALBERT LYLES
BEN GREEN	JEFF FULLER	JACQUE WILLIAMS		
JOHN HEATH	HOWARD EVANS	TOM MORTON	JEFF KEATING	

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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. It was moved and properly seconded that the proposed agenda be approved. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

5. REVIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Next, President Ernest called upon John Holley, reference the minutes from the September 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. Cary Loesing moved that the minutes be approved, and John Heath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval of the minutes.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUEST/S OR VISITORS: President Ernest asked for the acknowledgement of special guests/visitors. Tom Morton and Jeff Keating were acknowledged as special guests. Jeff Keating is the President of the Grovetown UMM Fellowship. He indicated that he has been the President for about five years and that his Fellowship meets on the Second Sunday of each month at 8AM. He indicated that he had attended about 3 other Executive Committee meetings. President Ernest asked him to let us know of celebrations or activities by his Fellowship. Tom Morton indicated that he was honored to have been invited to attend. He shared that he was interested in being a District President. President Ernest said he was excited that he had voiced his desire to be a District President and asked for some information on his UMM background. He shared that he had been with Methodist Churches in Western New York before coming to North Georgia. He was President of a Fellowship in North Georgia, which closed. He then went to Cumming First 11 years ago and was President. He has served as Lay Leader, as Scout Leader and has revitalized the Boy Scouts in his area. They made 37 Eagle Scouts. He has a building background as one of his expertises. They took a vacant building and revitalized the building with the scouts. President Ernest welcomed him and let him know that Jacque Williams and Odell Horne were District Presidents who are available to assist him.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: The call for the Treasurer's report was the next order of business. Cary Loesing apologized for being absent from the last meeting but indicated that he was enroute to Missouri to visit his father-in-law, who has since passed away. He indicated that he had the Treasurer's Reports for both August and September but would only provide the September report to the Committee. He had provided all the reports, via email to the Committee prior to the meeting. The revenue for September 2023 was \$211.50. The expenses were \$19.72. The revenue and expenses for the period 01/01/2023 to 09/30/2023 were as follows: Revenue was \$2,360.16, and expenses were \$3,591.51. Total assets for the Conference as of September 30, 2023 were \$13,514.42. The following reflect the breakout for the assets: (a) Checking account...\$1,616.65; (b) Savings account... \$2,243.66; (c) Money Market...\$9,654.11. Cary also gave a report to reflect the financial situation for the fiscal year (1 July-30 June), compared to the calendar year. Following Cary's report, there was a question from John Heath about whether the letter from the Conference President, requesting support from the

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Fellowships had gone out. If so, his church indicated it had not received its copy. President Ernest explained that the letter went out via email only. In order to cut down on expenses, we didn't use "snail mail" at all. We will send it out again. Odell commented that his latest list was from the January report. President Ernest said the latest list should be July. He will send it to Odell. NOTE: Copies of the complete Treasurer report are attached to these minutes.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. President's Report: President Ernest reported that he attended the Conference Presidents' Meeting on Thursday, October 12th. Rev Sterling Eaton, the new Director of the Center for Men's Ministries, spoke to the Body. He will direct and shape the men's ministry division of GCUMM for the UMC. Some of the issues discussed during the meeting were vacancies, victories, learning from one another, coming up with the best case scenario. The problems discussed are the same all over. The bottom line is about moving forward.

b. Charter Activity and Visitations: We continue to move forward to increase our activities with the local church Fellowships. We have participated in activities at Ariel Bowen and Central UMC Men's Day.

d. SEJ Meeting Report: He talked about going to Duke University during the period 9-11 November for the SEJ Meeting. He will get there on Thursday night, and the session will end on Saturday noon. He is now the Prayer Advocate for SEJ for 2023-2024. Indeed, we need prayer in our conference.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

✓ **Fundraising Suggestions:**

>>**Dozier Apparel UMM Shirts and Hats** - Tabled: President Ernest reported that he and Ike Moore had done some additional research on this suggestion and had found lots of negatives. The website is down and feedback was not good. There is too much work required for this to be beneficial for the conference. We are not in the marketing and security business. Although it sounded like a good idea at the outset, our research showed that we probably don't want to engage the Conference in this venture at this time. The decision is not to move forward.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS: The reports from the leadership heads follow:

(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 indicated that he had nothing to report but wanted to thank all for their hard work. He asked for prayer. President Ernest reminded us that October is Pastor Appreciation month and that we should show love and appreciation for what they are doing.

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d. VP Activities & Retreats: Albert Lyles reported that he was still waiting for the list of charter Fellowships. President Ernest stated that he had sent it but would send again. Albert had no report.

e. Scout Ministry: Chris Karabinos was absent. There was no report presented.

f. Director of Evangelism: Marquis Ratliff was absent. There is no report.

g. Director of Disaster Response: Ben Green said he was in contact with Scott Parrish and was looking for a list of needs. He had nothing to report.

h. Hunger Advocate: Howard Evans reported that Andrew Chapel UMC has a box refrigerated truck and has offered its use to support this ministry. We would have to pay for the use of the truck. This gives us the ability to go out and do some gleaning and do some quick turnaround. With the refrigerated unit, we can do perishables. The key to this is to make sure churches know about this; so communication is key. President Ernest wanted to make sure Howard and Odell get together for the communication piece. Howard wanted to know if anyone has a list of churches with large refrigerated storage at their church. No one had that information.

i. Prison Ministry: John Heath gave an update on his Ministry and shared that he is still trying to find ways to advertise his ministry in the churches. He is looking to take some videos or information on YouTube on site. Getting information out is key. It is not just the person who is incarcerated that is affected. The whole family feels it. There are so many opportunities to get the word out. During the holiday season, it is more painful. President Ernest thanked John for his great work and encouraged him to keep it up.

j. Director of Communications: Odell Horne said he was reporting as a District President and as the Director of Communications. He continues to put information on our social media platforms and posts it on our Conference calendar. Keep sending your events and activities. As a District President, he reported that he had a Central North District UMM meeting scheduled for 14 October 2023 at Cascade UMC, Midtown, at 9:00AM. Also, on the same day, at 12:00Noon, he has scheduled a meeting for Young Men's Ministry. When asked how this had been supported in the past, he indicated that the attendance had been 3-5 individuals. He said he needs to get with Cary to program the use of the money earmarked for this ministry.

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

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

11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS:

- ✓ **Odell Horne gave his District President's report in conjunction with his** Director of Communication (above).
- ✓ **Jacque Williams shared** that he was trying to sort out the number of churches he will have in his District after the disaffiliation decisions. Of the 129 churches that were in his District before the disaffiliation, it looks like 50 will remain. Of this number, 20 Fellowships are chartered. There

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will be 6 Zones. He will be sending out letters of introduction to the churches after all decisions are made. We have one church yet to vote. Finally, he reported of a possible mission opportunity at Cave Spring UMC. The church has contact him of a metal building that has a leaking roof, and the A/C unit doesn't work. The District Superintendent is aware of the situation. There is a question about availability of funds at the District level. This may be a case for the need of manpower and materials. Jacque will follow-up and keep the Committee informed.

12. NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business

13. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS

>>Cary Loesing shared that he knew that there were some concerns about a video that some of the Committee had seen where he appears to be planning a new church. He indicated that the plan is now a reality. The new church is not affiliated with the United Methodist Church; so, effective 1 October 2023, he is no longer a member of the United Methodist Church. Given this, he can no longer be an officer with the UMM and must step down as the Treasurer. He has offered his service to the end of the year. until we find a replacement. President Ernest thanked Cary for his outstanding service to the UMC and the UMM for so many years. He wished him and his family the best in his new endeavor and assured him that we would be praying for him. President Ernest will be reaching out to District Superintendents for their help

>>John Heath had a question about Mobility Worldwide and Cary's affiliation in the future. Cary indicated that he will continue to be an active member of the Mobility Worldwide Team. The organization is not a United Methodist Church entity. He will continue to provide the support where needed. We are still brothers in Christ.

>>Odell Horne asked if he needed to send a letter of resignation to Grayson for the Charge Conference to take him off the rolls. Cary explained that his departure was done voluntarily; so this action is not required.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: For the good of the order. Our next NGC UMM Executive Meeting

Is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7PM.

13. CLOSING REMARKS: President Ernest stressed that we should continue working to fill our vacancies. He thanked the Committee for it does. President Ernest informed us that he would be back from the Presidents' Meeting in Duke in time to be the speaker at Cedar Grove UMC on 12 November. Odell will no longer be needed to fill-in for him.

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

15. CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH: With all minds and hearts clear, Cary Loesing closed the meeting with prayer at 8:43PM.

John C. Holley
Secretary
NGCUMM

3 ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Treasurer's Report for August 2023**
- 2. Treasurer's Report for September 2023**
- 3. Treasurer's Fiscal Year Report**

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 08/01/2023 to 08/31/2023

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

ATTACHMENT 1

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 01/01/2023 to 08/31/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions

Individual Contributions \$480.00

UMM Fellowship \$100.00

Reimbursed Expenses \$319.00

Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$4.18

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

\$2,148.68

Expenses

Expenses

Office

Postage and Delivery \$(388.00)

Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(136.00)

PayPal Fee \$(53.17)

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

\$3,571.79

Not less for Period

\$1,423.11

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ATTACHMENT 1

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference Assets 08/31/2023

Assets	
Assets	
Checking Account	\$1,221.07
Savings Account	\$2,243.66
Money Market	\$9,654.11
PayPal	\$200.30
Total Assets	\$13,319.14

ATTACHMENT 1

United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 09/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions	
Individual Contributions	\$60.00
Campaign Income	
OneManOneDollar	\$36.00
FellowshipLetter	\$100.00
Meeting Income	
Annual Conference Meeting	\$12.00
Other Income	
EMS Income	\$3.50

Total Revenue			\$211.50
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Expenses

Expenses

Bank / Merchant Fees	
Merchant Fees	\$(17.00)
PayPal Fee	\$(2.72)

Total Expenses		\$19.72
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Net income for Period		\$191.78
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ATTACHMENT 2

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United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 01/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

Revenues

Income

Contributions

Individual Contributions \$540.00

UMM Fellowship \$100.00

Reimbursed Expenses \$319.00

Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$4.18

Campaign Income

OneManOneDollar \$84.00

FellowshipLetter \$400.00

Ministry Area Income

Disaster Response \$100.00

Meeting Income

Annual Conference Meeting \$792.00

Other Income

EMS Income \$21.00

Total Revenue \$2,360.18

Expenses

Expenses

Office

Postage and Delivery \$(388.00)

Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(153.00)

PayPal Fee \$(55.89)

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 \$3,591.51

Net loss for Period

\$1,231.33

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United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference Assets 09/30/2023

Assets	
Assets	
Checking Account	\$1,616.65
Savings Account	\$2,243.66
Money Market	\$9,654.11
Total Assets	\$13,514.42

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United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference
General Fund Income and Expense - Fiscal Year (July 1)
For Period Covering 07/01/2023 to 08/31/2023

Revenues			
Income			
Contributions			
Individual Contributions	\$120.00		
Bank /CU			
Dividend / Interest Income	\$0.82		
Total Revenue			\$120.82

Expenses			
Expenses			
Bank / Merchant Fees			
Merchant Fees	\$(34.00)		
PayPal Fee	\$(5.44)		
Total Expenses			\$39.44
Net income for Period			\$81.38

ATTACHMENT 3

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United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference
General Fund Income and Expense - Fiscal Year (July 1)
For Period Covering 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

Revenues			
Income			
Contributions			
Individual Contributions	\$180.00		
Bank /CU			
Dividend / Interest Income	\$0.82		
Campaign Income			
OneManOneDollar	\$36.00		
FellowshipLetter	\$100.00		
Meeting Income			
Annual Conference Meeting	\$12.00		
Other Income			
EMS Income	\$3.50		
Total Revenue			\$332.32

Expenses			
Expenses			
Bank / Merchant Fees			
Merchant Fees	\$(51.00)		
PayPal Fee	\$(8.16)		
Total Expenses			\$59.16
Net income for Period			\$273.16