



January 9, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (January 2024)

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 January 9, 2024.

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 January, 2024 meeting on January 9, 2024, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:20PM. The meeting was delayed in commencing because of the lack of access. President Ernest indicated that he would use his Zoom going forward to preclude this from happening in the future. After establishing the communication with all parties, President Ernest led the devotion and prayed for the success of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men and gave recognition to the fact that God's Word keeps us and builds our faith. Further, his prayer talked to His Word strengthening us, directing us, and bringing us closer to Him. Finally, he acknowledged that the anointing destroys every yoke. His scripture was James 5:16, which follows: **"The prayers of a righteous men have great power and wonderful results."**

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

<b>JOHN HOLLEY</b>	<b>ERNEST PERRY</b>	<b>ODELL HORNE</b>	<b>CARY LOESING</b>
<b>ALBERT LYLES</b>	<b>BEN GREEN</b>	<b>JEFF FULLER</b>	<b>CHRIS KARABINOS</b>
<b>JOHN HEATH</b>	<b>HOWARD EVANS</b>	<b>TOM MORTON</b>	

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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 adopted. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

**5. REVIEW OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES:** Next, President Ernest called upon John Holley, reference the minutes from the 12 December 2023 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. After reviewing the minutes, it was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. 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, District President, was in attendance as a guest.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT:** The call for the Treasurer's report was the next order of business. At the outset, Cary informed the Committee that his report was a draft report because there were District Funds for distribution, which were not itemized in the report. He was to check the mail box, close out with a final report, and then hand-off his duties. With this introductory information, he provided the December report to the Committee. He had provided the reports, via email to the Committee prior to the meeting. The revenue for December 2023 was \$72.00. The expenses for December were \$194.72. The revenue and expenses for the period 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 were as follows: Revenue was \$2,646.75, and expenses were \$4,554.90. For the Fiscal Year (July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023), he gave the following report: Total revenue reported was \$618.89. The total expenses were \$1,022.55. Total assets for the Conference as of December 31, 2023 were \$12,411.92 The following reflect the breakout for the assets: (a) Checking account...\$455.38; (b) Savings account... \$2,243.94; (c) Money Market...\$4,655.32; Certificate of Deposit....\$5,000.00, and in the PayPal account..., \$577.20. After Cary completed his report, it was moved that his report be received as information. Cary indicated that he normally transferred the fund from the PayPal account to the checking account quarterly. Again, President Ernest thanked Cary for his dedicated service to the NGCUMM and for his great work as our Treasurer.

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**a. Nationwide Conference Presidents' Zoo Meeting:** President Ernest reported on this subject to keep us informed on actions in which he is involved.

**b. Charter Service Opportunities:** President Ernest informed the Committee of opportunities that the Committee and Charters can get involved. He suggested the Trinity Table, the clothing closet, and the hot meals program. They always need volunteers. They need help on January 28. You can sponsor a food truck for \$400.00. Also, they are having a coat drive from January 6-to January 28.

**c. SEJ Presidents Meeting & Election, Feb 2024 in Nashville, TN:** The meeting will start on February



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27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. He needs to go ahead and make the necessary arrangements. He talked about Bishop Swanson being the new Acting General Secretary and that he had pledged his support to our organization. Chris wanted to know about the fact that Bishop Swanson is in an acting status. He wanted to know about the search and if one can make a nomination. President Ernest said you can. Chris wanted to know if there is a job description. With these changes at the Commission, there are already new resources...new branding. The current brochures will no longer be used. At this point, he talked about the loss of 262 churches in the North Georgia Conference, to disaffiliation, during the recent call Annual Conference. We have 440 churches left in the Conference. He pointed out that Marquis Ratliff is no longer in the Conference. His church has disaffiliated.

d. All Officers And Vacancies Will Be Posted On NGCUMM Website: We will change our landing page. Ike is working this action. Our vacancies will be posted on the website. The treasurer and prayer advocacy positions will be there. We want to be as transparent as we can be. We have some candidates who have been recommended. Tom Morton voiced his interest in becoming the Prayer Advocate. The President will be vetting the candidates.

e. Dues Letter Going Out By January 15<sup>th</sup>: All charters will be receiving their letters via email. Also, members of our Committee will get the letter. Committee membership should make sure their Fellowships are covered. Again, John Heath wanted to make sure all Committee members have the letter.

9. OLD BUSINESS: There was none

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS: President Ernest shared that the meeting today would be different from what we normally do. He asked the presenters for (5) things:

1. **What was your major accomplishment in 2023?**

2. **What is your goal for 2024?**

3. **How do you plan to accomplish that goal?**

4. **Visit a UMM Charter before the February meeting, not your own church.**

5. **Say a brief pray or request for your committee or this organization.**

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 had a written report and gave an update on the status of Christin Nevins, who had given us a presentation on the L3 program. She has a bout with cancer but is receiving treatment. He plans to work to secure a grant for L3. He

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asked that we be in prayer for our Conference. He invited us to join in a Zoom Prayer every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7:00AM. Finally, he is working with Albert Lyles to plan an Annual UMM Event...a retreat. He also talked about an initiative he is working with Mission, Inc. around the Lord's Prayer. Also, he talked about Abundant Care, which deals with a men's health initiative. **On January 20, there will be a "Healthy Relationship" session at Cliftondale UMC, from 4-7 PM.**

**d. VP Activities & Retreats:** Albert Lyles reported that he is working to have a retreat, maybe in August. The possible venue would be at a church. He gave kudos to Jeff Fuller for his help in getting started with the retreat planning. He needs to get with Odell reference some communications issues. He wants to have the retreat as an annual event. Finally, he asked that we pray for Evelyn Clayton, a lady at his church, who is in hospice.

**e. Scout Ministry:** Chris Karabinos reported that he is continuing to push the Bishop's Luncheon, which is on March 9, 2024. The venue will be at Peachtree Roads UMC. The event is scheduled for 11:30AM to 1:30PM. He would like to have all the UMM Board in attendance. He is putting out another newsletter, and he is writing the script. Scott Pickering and Steven Scheid are expected to be in attendance.

**f. Director of Evangelism:** There is no report. Marquis Ratliff is no longer with the UMC. Position is now vacant.

**g. Director of Disaster Response:** Ben Green said he didn't accomplish very much during 2023 but is looking to have more communication in 2024. He wants to compile a list of charters and to develop more disaster resources. He said that it was brought to his attention that Winder 1<sup>st</sup> is the oldest continuous chartered church in the Conference. Tom Morton confirmed this and said it had been chartered since 1949.

**h. Hunger Advocate:** Howard Evans reported that during 2023 he had fed the homeless every week. He needs to know where to send his re-chartering check. President Ernest said he would contact him off-line. He said he would be collecting coats and was available to go to Trinity. He said with the advent of homeless men being everywhere, we need to determine where our resources should go. He is also collecting blankets. President Ernest wants to connect Howard with Trinity.

**i. Prison Ministry:** John Heath gave an update on his Ministry and said the key to insuring success is to get people excited. He is ready to go back inside the prisons, but there are still some restrictions. He will be talking with Odell about resources as they relate to communication. He wants to allocate 2 week-ends each month to get out with a "dog and pony show." He will get with Ike about sending out information. He said our mission is to make disciples for the transformation of the world. This means we need to stay in prayer.



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**j. Director of Communications:** Odell Horne reported as the Director of Communications and said he was putting together the review of activities for 2023. The report has lots of pictures. The report is mostly finished, maybe, by Friday. He will be talking with Ike about the landing page. Ike will be sending the information out.

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

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

**11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS:**

- ✓ **Tom Morton** shared that he was excited about the revitalization that is taking place. He talked about the 2018 Bishops' Conference and the fact that he has expertise for supporting scouting. His focus is to reach out to younger men. He said that Nashville is reaching out for mentors. They have some great training available. He said "The Man in the Mirror" is one of the great resources available. Some time ago he purchased 6 books and gave them to young men, placing name/place/numbers in the book. Out of many men trained, 8 young men have returned. You have to answer the question, "How do I Reach out to the younger men?" He pointed out the importance of scouting as we carry out our mission; we have to know that we are servants of Christ as we reach out. Finally, our daily lives must be examples, and we must tell God to "Use me."

**12. NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business

**13. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS:** None.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** For the good of the order, our next NGC UMM Executive Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 13, 2024 at 7PM.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** There were no closing remarks.

**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.

**CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH:** With all minds and hearts clear, President Ernest closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30PM.

John C. Holley  
Secretary  
NGCUMM

**ATTACHMENT:**

**1. Treasurer's Report December 2023**

# United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

## DRAFT General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 12/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

### Revenues

#### Income

##### Contributions

Individual Contributions \$60.00

##### Campaign Income

OneManOneDollar \$12.00

**Total Revenue** **\$72.00**

### Expenses

#### Expenses

##### Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(17.00)

PayPal Fee \$(2.72)

##### President

Meetings \$(175.00)

**Total Expenses** **\$194.72**

Net loss for Period \$122.72

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## DRAFT General Fund Income and Expense

For Period Covering 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

### Revenues

#### Income

##### Contributions

Individual Contributions \$720.00

UMM Fellowship \$100.00

Reimbursed Expenses \$319.00

##### Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$5.75

##### Campaign Income

OneManOneDollar \$132.00

FellowshipLetter \$450.00

##### Ministry Area Income

Disaster Response \$100.00

##### Meeting Income

Annual Conference Meeting \$792.00

##### Other Income

EMS Income \$28.00

### Total Revenue

**\$2,646.75**

### Expenses

#### Expenses

##### Office

Postage and Delivery \$(388.00)

##### Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(204.00)

PayPal Fee \$(65.99)

##### 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 \$(679.21)

Meals \$(58.74)

Meetings \$(175.00)

AirTravel \$(281.09)

Taxi - Uber - Lvft \$(24.95)

Discretionary	\$(45.56)	
Miscellaneous		\$(208.33)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$4,554.90</b>
Net loss for Period		\$1,908.15



# United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference

## DRAFT General Fund Income and Expense - Fiscal Year (July 1)

For Period Covering 07/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

### Revenues

#### Income

##### Contributions

Individual Contributions \$360.00

##### Bank /CU

Dividend / Interest Income \$2.39

##### Campaign Income

OneManOneDollar \$84.00

FellowshipLetter \$150.00

##### Meeting Income

Annual Conference Meeting \$12.00

##### Other Income

EMS Income \$10.50

### Total Revenue

**\$618.89**

### Expenses

#### Expenses

##### Bank / Merchant Fees

Merchant Fees \$(102.00)

PayPal Fee \$(18.26)

##### President

Lodging \$(362.51)

Meals \$(58.74)

Meetings \$(175.00)

AirTravel \$(281.09)

Taxi - Uber - Lyft \$(24.95)

### Total Expenses

**\$1,022.55**

Net loss for Period

\$403.66

# DRAFT United Methodist Men North Georgia Conference Assets 12/31/2023

## Assets

### Assets

Checking Account	\$455.38
Savings Account	\$2,243.94
Money Market	\$4,655.32
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,000.00
PayPal	\$57.28

### Total Assets

**\$12,411.92**