



March 31, 2021

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

### SUBJECT: UMM FIRST QUARTER 2021 REPORT (Secretary)

**1. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive Committee a summary of the activities that occurred in the Conference during the 1st Quarter 2021.

**2. The information listed below gives an overview** of actions or activities which occurred during the quarter and may be of interest to you:

- **Insightful and Thought-Provoking Devotionals:** During the quarter, Jack William continued to provide the Committee devotionals at the start of the meetings. These well- prepared mini-bible studies prepared the Committee, spiritually, as it embarked upon each session. Titles such as **“Submission to the Authority,” “What in the World is God Doing?”** and **“The Good and Beautiful God”** kept our minds and hearts engaged.
- **Chartering of units in the Conference** continues to be a focus for the Committee. We saw 39 units letting their charters lapse. As of the end of the quarter, we had 184 chartered units. All “hands are needed on deck.”
- **Jerry Stillabower, Vice President for Conference Affairs,** is leading our efforts on Vision, Values, Mission, and developing SMART Goals. The result of his work is available on our website.
- **Chris Karabinos continues to be a “standout”** as he leads our Scouting Ministry. Even with the advent of COVID-19, he continues to support churches, clergy and Scout leaders with training and advisory services,

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via phone calls and Zoom meetings. During February and March, he was busy supporting dozen of churches in the Conference with their Scout Sundays.

- **Men's Ministry Forum** is an initiative that has been developed in the Conference. There has been a partnership formed between Alpharetta First and St. James UMC to address subjects such as racial reconciliation, racism, and bridging the gap, to mention a few. One church is predominate African American and the other is predominate Caucasian.
- **Radical Mentoring continues** to be an area of interest for the Conference. During the quarter, Trey Brush spoke to the Committee on the subject. Jack Williams has the lead in the Conference.
- **Push for Transparency** for the organization is a priority for President Odell. To keep the entire Conference informed on activities happening in the Conference, all minutes of meetings, agenda, and reports are on our website.
- **The Conference continues to develop and market** its Speakers' Bureau. To date, there has been no request for our services.
- **Communications is key to a successful organization.** In this regard, our website continues to be updated. In addition, our Social Media accounts include Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, and YouTube. You don't need an account to log on.
- **The Committee continues to prepare for the Annual Conference.**

Report Prayerfully Submitted,

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Secretary, NGCUMM