



November 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (November 16, 2021)

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 November 16, 2021.

2. **WELCOME & DEVOTION:** The meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men met for its November meeting on November 16, 2021, via ZOOM. There was a short gathering of the membership prior to 6:30PM to see if there were concerns from the men and to get updates on individuals whom we had prayed for at our previous meeting. Our prayer list includes praying for Odell for his twisted colon, for James Wesley's wife who is undergoing chemo for breast cancer, for Chris' sister, and for Wayne Stradley's wife who is suffering from dementia. Following this time, Jacque Williams led the devotion for the evening. He used "**The Thanksgiving Factor**" as the title for his evening study. The scripture that kicked-off his presentation was 1 Thessalonians 5:18, which asked us to, "**Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.**" Additionally, he told the story of **Corrie Ten Boom** and her family who helped many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during the Holocaust in World War II. They were caught, and she was arrested and sent to the concentration camp. After the War, she travelled the World giving important messages of forgiveness, hope, love, and salvation through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Jacque gave two other scriptures for our consideration: 1 Samuel 2:30 and Psalm 50:23. Finally, Jacque suggested that our purpose should be about living a life of thanksgiving. He closed his devotion with pray.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** The next order of business was the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. John Holley presented the proposed agenda to the Body for its

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consideration. It was moved and seconded that the proposed agenda be approved. There was no discussion. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

4. **ATTENDANCE:** The following individuals were in attendance on the call:

JOHN HEATH	JAMES WESLEY	JOHN HOLLEY	ODELL HORNE
JACQUE WILLIAMS	JEFF FULLER	JERRY STILLABOWER	CHRIS KARABINOS
WAYNE STRADLEY	MARQUIS RATLIFF	ERIC POWELL	

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Next, President Odell called upon John Holley, concerning the minutes from the October 19, 2021, meeting. John indicated that he had sent out the minutes to the Committee prior to the meeting, via email, and asked the Committee for its pleasure concerning the Minutes. It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous for approval.

6. **PROCEDURE FOR SUGGESTIONS:** John Holley asked if anyone had any input concerning this subject, and pointed out that this is where we put items for prayer and discernment.

President Odell gave some brief comments on this topic, but there were no items presented.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Cary Loesing was scheduled to make this presentation, but he was not in attendance. There was no Treasurer's Report submitted.

8. **SPECIAL GUESTS:** For this item, Jeff Fuller was introduced as the District Lay Leader for the Central East District. He gave short comments and indicated that he was delighted to be present.

9. **CONFERENCE AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION:** Vice President Jerry reported that the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction was held on 5-6 November and that there were approximately 20 participants. He thought the sessions went well. Each Conference gave its updates. He indicated that all Conferences are struggling. In his opinion, the North Georgia Conference is doing good and probably better than other Conferences. He reported that two Conferences were not in attendance. Odell and Louis gave presentations. At this juncture, Odell informed the Committee of a meeting Bishop Sue was having on 3 December 2021 at 9:00AM, at Dunwoody UMC. It is a Lay meeting. Jerry is invited, and Chris should probably be there also. The meeting is for the entire Conference. The General Conference will no doubt be on the agenda. We need to continue to walk by faith as we anticipate the future.

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10. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: There was no report given for Leadership Development, since Louis Johnson was not present at the meeting.

11. PRISON MINISTRY: John Heath gave the update on Prison Ministry and gave great praise to Ike Moore for the outstanding job he is doing with the website. He also gave information about KIROs in the prison system and indicated that there is a 3-tier system. On the Jump Start Prison Ministry, he informed the Committee that information is now available and will be going on our website. He talked about pre and post release systems. He talked about in-prison bible studies and about generational incarcerations. He gave information about what some of the key considerations are as we move forward. Of course, this includes jobs, a place to stay, and support from the community. There is a need for more men to **become involved**. **Chris had a comment about a man at Peachtree Road UMC (Ed Hamlin) who could be a great resource to assist in the Ministry.** John Heath indicated that he had already made contact with him. **The Ministry will be working closely with the Department of Corrections.**

12. SCOUTING MINISTRY: At this point, President Odell asked Chris to give the committee an update on the BSA bankruptcy and lawsuit situation. Chris pointed out that for the last six months much has gone on that relates to this matter. There has been a settlement plan with a total payout of \$2.1Billion. He indicated that the plaintiffs want more. All churches who have ever chartered a Boy Scout unit have already received a packet from BSA. Vote in UMC is scheduled for 22 November. Ballots are due on 14 December. On January 22, 2022, the Judge will make the decision on the matter. The UMC is a part of the lawsuit. Chris is available to answer questions on the matter, and information in on his website. President Odell commended Chris on his outstanding work on this matter.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The following items were highlighted for the Committee:

- a. Trinity Series/**Holy Spirit**- Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 11:00AM
- b. **Misreading Scriptures with Western Eyes** – Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00PM
Register [here](#)
- c. **Game Changer** movie.

13. 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 14th 6:30-8:00PM

14. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

a. Chris shared that the Radical Mentoring is now scheduled at Peachtree Roads UMC for the 4th quarter, with 4 men.

b. President Odell said he spoke with the General Commission about our chartering information. They are still behind.

c. Rev. Eric Powell informed the Committee of his full schedule as he continues his studies at Gammon and at the same time perform his pastoral duties. He is scheduled to graduate next May.

15. CLOSING PRAYER: President Odell asked that we continue to pray for those on our requested prayer list. With all minds and hearts clear, Rev. Eric Powell offered the closing prayer. We adjourned at 7:42PM.

The minutes are prayerfully submitted by,

John C. Holley,
Secretary NGCUMM