



November 12, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (November 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 November 12, 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 Nov. 2024 meeting on November 12, 2024, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:15PM. He then turned the floor over to Tom Morton for him to lead the devotion and prayer. Tom brought us to the LORD and His "Good Book" to discuss a "Prayer of Thanks" in Isaiah 40:28-31. Brother Perry called for prayer requests. John Holley requested we been in prayer for the church as the Body of Christ. James Washington asked for prayer for his upcoming throat operation. Odell Horne requested prayer for his cancer treatment scheduled for tomorrow. Brother Perry led us in prayer.

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

<b>ERNEST PERRY</b>	<b>BEN GREEN</b>	<b>HOWARD EVANS</b>	<b>ODELL HORNE</b>
<b>TOM MORTON</b>	<b>JOHN HOLLEY</b>	<b>JOHN HEATH</b>	<b>JAMES E. WASHINGTON III</b>

4. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** At this time, **President Perry** asked for consideration for the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. J. Heath moved that the agenda be approved. Tom M. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

5. **REVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 08, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Next, **President Ernest** displayed the minutes from the 08 October 2024 meeting for the benefit of the Body. James W. III provided the

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minutes to Ernest P. who in turn distributed the minutes to the Committee Members via email. J.Heath moved that the minutes be approved. Howard E. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the approval of the minutes.

**6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VETERANS, SPECIAL GUEST/S OR VISITORS:** President Ernest asked for special guest or visitors. J. Heath – Army ‘63-‘68 and J. Holley – Army ‘61-‘91

**7. TREASURER’S REPORT:** President Ernest called upon John Holley who then shared the financial report. The information reported is as of 31 October 2024. Current balances are reflected below:

(1) Regular Share	Current Balance: \$2,245.16
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$2,290.77
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$4,657.65
(4) Certificate of Deposit	<u>Current Balance: \$5,226.00</u>

**TOTAL**

**Current Balance: \$14,419.58**

J. Holley added that the total monthly expenditure was \$17. This is a relatively low number, and he expects an increase next month. J. Heath asked the question, “Whose money are we holding?” It was more rhetorical to us, but his point is that many congregations’ members wonder what we do with the money and for whose benefit do we spend it. Ernest noted that the money belongs to the North Georgia Conference of the UMM. It does not belong to the individual charter organizations. Furthermore, with respect to the money held by the individual charter organizations, that money belongs to them and not to the particular church where the local UMM is housed.

**8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

**a. Charter Member Update & Activities:** Ernest discussed the importance of not criticizing the member organizations that at least are trying to make an impact even though they may not exactly follow the letter of the law. We can take what they do and help them to grow. He noted and drew everyone’s attention to the new website – [www.ummen.org](http://www.ummen.org) , app and new support button. Ernest mentioned that he met with Ben Hill, Hoosier, Wesley Chapel. These charters will pay their dues and additionally, so will Covington Church.

**b. Invitation from Wesley Chapel UMM:**

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**c. Report on SEJ Presidents Meeting at Duke:** Ernest had just returned from the meeting. At the meeting all attendees were asked to submit two snapshots on the state of ministries within each jurisdiction. He displayed his report of principles as well as personnel and prose to include new initiatives: 1. Certificates of Appreciation for financially supporting Charters, 2. SWOT Audit. Perry mentioned that the bishops joined via teleconference. The 2025 SEJ meeting will take place in Atlanta in November at Gammon Theological Seminary.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**a. Vice President Conference Affairs:** Not present

**b. Vice President Activities & Retreats:** Not present

**c. Scouting Coordinator:** Not present

**d. Director of Disaster Response:** No report

**e. Hunger Advocate:** No report – but Howard E. mentioned there was a contribution given to help “Feeding God’s People” organization located in Stockbridge. Brother Perry admonished men to take pictures of events and write up a simple narrative to submit to Odell. There was discussion of delivering 250 turkeys for Thanksgiving.

**f. Prison Ministry:** John H. stated that the impact of Covid was a detriment to resources. GA DOC is undergoing restructuring. His contact is through Kairos.

**g. Director of Communications:** Odell H. mentioned the Men’s Empowerment Conference at Wesley Chapel and that the pictures are posted on Facebook and X and that he’s not received anything other than that. He’s waiting to receive information regarding the Bishop’s Conference at St. Simons Island.

**h. Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development:** No report

**i. Director of Missions:** Not present

**j. Vice President Membership, Organization, Chartering:** **Vacant**

**k. Leadership Development Chairman:** **Vacant**

**l. Treasurer:** **John Holley**

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**m. Secretary:**

**James E. Washington III**

**n. Director of Evangelism: Not present**

**o. Hispanic Liaison**

**Vacant**

**11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS: No report**

**12. NEW BUSINESS: None**

**13. OUR NEXT NGC UMM MEETING December 10th**

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS or CONCERNS for the GOOD of the ORDER: None**

**15. CLOSING REMARKS: None**

**16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, at 8:13pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. John H. moved that the meeting be adjourned. James W. seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.**

**17. CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH: With all minds and hearts clear, John H. closed the meeting with prayer.**

James E. Washington III

Secretary

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