



February 11, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (February 2025)

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 February 11, 2025.

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 Feb. 2025 meeting on February 11, 2025, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:05PM. 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 the "Importance of Prayer." Talking to the LORD is our means of interacting: worship and honoring the Creator. Prayer is crucial to maintaining a God focused attitude throughout the day; we ask God to govern us. God longs for an intimate relationship with us, His children. Brother Perry called for prayer requests. Ben G. requested prayer for his sister-in-law, Cathy in North Carolina, who is in a coma. Ernest P. offered up prayer for Odell H. and his ongoing cancer treatment. James W. requested prayer for his hospitalized cousin, Larry Green. Ernest P. also called for prayer for this executive body.

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

ERNEST PERRY	BEN GREEN	WARREN HEAD	TOM MORTON
ODELL HORNE	JOHN HOLLEY	HOWARD EVANS	JAMES E. WASHINGTON III

4. **MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** At this time, **President Perry** asked for consideration for the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. There were two corrections, change item #5 date

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from November to January 2025 and Tom's wife to John's wife. Tom M. moved that the agenda be approved. Ben G. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

5. REVIEW OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025, MEETING MINUTES: Next, President Ernest displayed the minutes from the 11 February 2025 meeting for the benefit of the Body. James W. III provided the minutes to Ernest P. who in turn distributed the minutes to the Committee Members via email. J. Holley moved that the minutes be approved. T. Morton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the approval of the minutes.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUESTS OR VISITORS: President Ernest asked for special guest or visitors. None present

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: President Ernest called upon John Holley who then shared the financial report. The information reported is from 13 January 2025 to 10 February 2025.

Current balances as of 10 January 2025 are reflected below:

(1) Savings Account	Current Balance: \$7,515.38
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$1,747.66
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$4,658.24

TOTAL

Current Balance: \$13,921.28

- Eight (8) charters have been paid: Bethel, Hoosier, Covington First, Watkinville, Crossroads, Poplar Springs, Northbrook, and Red Oak. Watkinville and Hoosier paid twice.
- Warren H. stated that there's confusion about the use or purpose of the dues with respect to the conference level and district level. Ernest P. mentioned that both issues are covered in the letters he's sent out to each charter. He additionally stated that all officers received a copy of aforementioned letter and that he sent out 30-40 per batch from a list originating from the general conference office. Ernest intends to continue with charter visits which also allows him to educate and bring them up to speed.
- John H. recommended that the CD be renewed from one of two choices: 1. 12 months @ 4.00% and 2. 6 months @ 3.75%. Tom M. seconded the motion for the 6-month CD. The vote was unanimous.

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8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. **Charter Member Update & Activities:** We are up to nine (9) charters so far and we will continue to send those letters out. Ernest P. implored the board members to encourage their local churches to be compliant and remit their dues.

b. **Charter Visitations and Calls:** There is a vacancy on the conference. The conference is pushing for one Georgia, the proposal to combine the North and South Georgia conferences. There is a request that Ernest P. invite one of the Executive Committee to serve on the steering committee in light of Odell H. removing himself from the committee. A member of Wesley Chapel has agreed to join the steering committee. Ernest P. talked with Central UMM and they recently paid their dues. They are due certificates for both 2024 and 2025. He visited on Men's Day and will visit again in March or April. Ernest P. also mentioned the car show. Bethel gave 100+ coats to Trinity Feed the Hungry. Last June, Bethel had CPR training as a result of which two members saved the life of a South Fulton sanitation worker. On February 23rd they will be recognized (Bob and Connie Smith). James W. will accompany Brother Perry on this next charter visit to East Point First Mallalieu. Chris K. visited First UMC.

c. **SEJ Annual Dues:** Billed 6 months of service for PO Box. Ernest P. remitted the payment.

d. **SEJ Presidents Training & Business Meeting in Atlanta at Gammon ITC:** The dates are March 11-14th in Myrtle Beach, SC. Tom M. is to receive a scholarship to attend and will accompany Ernest P. Tom M. said that he's already registered. For the event taking place at Gammon, Ernest P. has been tasked to coordinate. Prayer Advocacy and Scouting will participate and the dates are November 6-8th. He may call on Executive Board members to assist. It was commented that Warren UMC used to be a bastion of support.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Any new nominations for vacancies:** Desmond Johnson agreed to serve on committee tasked with the issue of One Georgia. Presidents at district level represent a "missing link" between conference and local level.

b. **Fundraiser ideas:** None

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:

a. **Director of Missions:** Warren H. stated there is a need for more churches to make donations. He spoke with Bonnie and Melissa at Trinity. He received a call in November for

January donations. Later adjusted for December. Warren H.'s daughter's company, Veronex, stepped up to fill the gap of \$400. The financial total was not yet available.

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The per person cost per meal has increased from \$3 to \$4 and they generally serve between 200-300 people. The clothing ministry is very well organized. It's like a true retail store and it's open every Sunday. Ernest P. suggested that we add a link to the handbook Warren shared on our website.

b. Scouting Coordinator: Not present

c. Hunger Advocate: Howard E. said they were able to obtain product to give to various churches: Red Oak, Shiloh, Ariel Bowen, and Feeding God's People. The product includes apples, oranges, sweet potatoes, and watermelons. He offered special thanks to Columbia Drive UMC team – Charles Weems and Jamaal.

d. Director of Disaster Response: Ben G. sent in his report via email. But some highlights are: he tried to join the ERT team but as a result of the inclement weather, the trip was canceled. He's reviewing the 2025 NGC Quarterly Charter Report and it shows 2025 plus, past 2024 and lapsed the report still has old district eight organizations. It still contains disaffiliated churches. Ben will update and arrange into five districts. UMM website and potential donations to California wildfires was discussed. He mentioned there are other ways to serve other than the ERT team i.e.- relief kits and working with long-term recovery. There was discussions of various links. Scott sent out ERT update.

e. Vice President Conference Affairs: Vacant

f. Prison Ministry: Not present

g. Director of Activities & Retreats: Not present

h. Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development: No report

i. Director of Communications: Not present

j. Website & Creative Design: Not present

11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS: No report

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. OUR NEXT NGC UMM MEETING: Tuesday, March 18th

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14. ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS or CONCERNS for the GOOD of the ORDER: Odell mentioned that jpeg or word files are best for posting to the website, not pdf files.

15. CLOSING REMARKS: None

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, at 8:30pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Howard E. 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, Tom M. closed the meeting with prayer.

James E. Washington III

Secretary

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