



March 18, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (March 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 March 18, 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 Mar. 2025 meeting on March 18, 2025, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:08PM. 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 "Holy Spirit." He said that many times the Holy Spirit is taken for granted even though it's one of the most precious gifts to His believers. Its power can be hindered or ignored (grieved). We walk by the spirit. God's path leads to fullness of life and it also enables and produces nine (9) righteous fruits. Hearing and heeding the Spirit's call and following it take practice and discipline. Brother Perry called for prayer requests. James requested prayer for his cousin Larry Green. Warren requested prayer for our country in chaos. Ernest lifted up both John H. and Linda, who moved into assisted living, as they have sold their house. Tom called for prayer for Ron & Carol Lemke as Ron broke his hip and Carol has a virus – both are currently in a nursing home. Ernest thanked Tom for providing prayer.

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

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

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4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA: At this time, President Perry asked for consideration for the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. Warren moved that the agenda be approved. James 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. James moved that the minutes be approved. Warren 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 checking account information reported is from 10 February 2025 to 07 March 2025. There were several expenses: \$210.00, \$17.00, and \$316.61 and two deposits of: \$50. The beginning balance was \$1,747.66 and the ending balance was 41,204.88.

Current balances as of 10 January 2025 are reflected below:

(1) Savings Account	Current Balance: \$2,885.03
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$1,204.08
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$4,658.42
(4) 6 Month CD	Current Balance: \$5,008.22
TOTAL	Current Balance: \$13,755.75

There was discussion of the paid-up charters in that the list has grown from nine to eleven, with the two additional being Ariel Bowen and Central UMC. Ernest stated that he has more to add to the list of paid-up charters.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. Charter Member Update & Activities: Add Allen Memorial to the list of paid-up charters. Now we have 12 paid charters. There was one orphan check which came in for Central at \$650 to equal total dues revenue. The total number of charters is 86 registered with the General Commission but we have 400 churches. Ernest met with Bethlehem UMC. Frederick Spencer states that the group intends to pay its dues. Ernest also met with Poplar Springs.

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b. Annual Conference Updates: Board of Laity activities are moving forward. The meetings are bi-monthly and the Executive Board maintains three seats on this organization. John H. and Ernest P. are currently serving. Ernest is trying to recruit from this position, especially for District President positions.

c. Conference Roles and Responsibilities: Ernest will start forwarding James all communications for distribution. There's a town hall meeting tomorrow via Zoom. There's also a push to promote and to use the new app. The app is an excellent source for information and resources. There may be other roles that people on this board may wish to transition to. There is a UMM and Scouting event taking place. Please reference the flyer with the OR code (July 31-August 3 at St. Simons Island). On May 1st there is a Scouting and sacred text event. There are several training courses on the horizon during the month of April. There is a push to identify partners for support.

f. SEJ Annual Fall Presidents meeting in Atlanta at Gammon ITC: Ernest will contact local people for assistance. There will be speaker opportunities. He will need Board member assistance as ushers/greeters.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Any New Nominations for Vacancies: Ernest stated that open board slots exist along with five vacant district president slots.

b. Fundraiser Ideas: Warren Head: Warren asked the group how we want to represent our brand as WMM. He says we should go where the men are. When they have programs they're prime opportunities for co-sponsorship or at least we should donate to the cause. Furthermore, booth presence is an opportunity to exert more of a presence along with other opportunities to gain "mind share." Finally, he suggested a letter-writing campaign detailing our benefit to various activities.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:

a. Director of Missions: The only thing is through Trinity. Warren stated that he was looking for an opportunity to speak again with Bonnie. He will reach out to the other organizations.

b. Scouting Coordinator: Chris mentioned the John Dorman Duty to God Breakfast. The breakfast was organized by Hohn's Creek UMC. Nine Eagle Scouts received awards. Churches all across North Georgia were represented. The event took place March 8th. The Bishop Scout Lunch is set for September 20, 2025. It will include both North and South Georgia and is instrumental in getting ministers to start new packs and troops in their respective churches. Chris invited the board to attend.

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c. **Hunger Advocate**: Howard received some cabbages and was able to distribute to 5-6 different locations. The loading was an efficient operation and well attended. There was an event in Nashville which distributed sweet potatoes. Ernest spoke about the Society of St. Andrews and Wade Mays food program's efficacy. People encircled Mays and prayed for his daughter (suffering with stage 4 cancer).

d. **Director of Disaster Response**: No written report, but going Thursday, Friday and Saturday to Augusta. Ben also said that he hasn't heard back from Scott yet. He wants to discuss with Scott the flow of money.

e. **Vice President Conference Affairs**: Vacant

f. **Prison Ministry**: Not present

g. **Director of Activities & Retreats**: Albert is not comfortable in this position. He's contemplating resigning and requested that the board pray for him. Ernest said he'd attempt to find an alternative position for him.

h. **Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development**: Tom stated that this month was busy and that he'd had the opportunity to visit Covington First. He addressed them regarding the importance of prayer. There were 13 in attendance plus the individual who accompanied Tom.

i. **Director of Communications**: Odell did attend Men's Day at Poplar Springs. He posted pictures to FaceBook and Twitter. He also wants Peachtree Road event pictures. He sent out the link to the Annual Conference amendments which will come up for vote. He's reached out to Ike but has not received a response. He will take a trip down to Andrews Chapel. Neither Ernest nor John have heard from Ike.

j. **Website & Creative Design**: Not present

11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS: Bethel's upcoming Men's Day was mentioned.

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. OUR NEXT NGC UMM MEETING: April 8th

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

15. CLOSING REMARKS: None

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16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, at 8:44pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Howard moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ben seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.

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

James E. Washington III

Secretary

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