



July 15, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (July 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 July 15, 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 Jul. 2025 meeting on July 15, 2025, 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, prayer, and to solicit prayer requests. The devotional scripture comes from Acts 24 and is entitled, "The Power to Act." We seek to live by faith rather than feelings and in so doing, we must rely upon God's word, seek to avoid procrastination, and adopt a mindset conducive to following Christ. The call for prayer requests was issued. Ernest lifted up the Heath family, particularly John, who laid to rest his wife of 60 years. He also called for prayer for his sister Laura Hunter, who's been recommended for home hospice after battling a stroke. John Heath requested prayer for Howard Kennedy, whose wife, Jackie, recently passed. Paul Easley, long-time pastor at Ben Hill UMC, also passed as well. Tom Morton requested prayer for the Lemke family as well as Kay Mayo.

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

ERNEST PERRY

BEN GREEN

TOM MORTON

JOHN HOLLEY

HOWARD EVANS

WARREN HEAD

4. **MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Warren Head motioned that the agenda be accepted as written and it was seconded by Tom Morton. The agenda was unanimously approved.

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5. REVIEW OF THE JUNE 10, 2025, MEETING MINUTES: Next, President Ernest displayed the minutes from the 10 June 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. On page 3 it was suggested to change Alberton to Elberton, filed to filled, and add 2 s to Rossville. J. Holley moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Tom M. 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 General Fund Income and Expenses for 06/01/2025-06/30/2025 are reflected below:

Opening Balance	\$830.12
Gateway Expense	\$ <17.00>
N.A.C.P	\$ <200.00>
Shared Branch Deposit	\$70.60
Transfer from Regular Share	\$500.00
Dividend Income	\$00.02
Closing Balance	\$1,183.74

Current balances as of 15 July 2025 are reflected below:

(1) Savings Account	Current Balance: \$2,015.98
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$ 568.24
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$4,659.20
(4) 6 Month Certificate of Deposit	Current Balance: \$5,071.29

TOTAL

Current Balance: \$12,314.71

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8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. Charter Member Update & Activities: Thirteen (13) charters have been paid: Bethel, Hoosier Memorial, Covington First, Watkinsville, Crossroads, Poplar Springs, Northbrook, Red Oak, Shiloh Lovejoy, Central, Allen Memorial, Ariel Bowen Memorial, and Andrews Chapel. Watkinsville and Hoosier paid twice. There was discussion of the general conference collecting the funds and distributing them to the conference UMM Board. There was discussion of the problem presented when a significant number of charters fail to pay their dues. Additionally, there was discussion about what types of fundraisers were appropriate on a local level and how different types were more appropriate on a conference level.

b. Annual Conference Report: John gave a report and stated that although several hundred people came by and Bibles were distributed, only a few people actually signed up (Pine Mountain, Elberton, Fayetteville First, and Cummings First). Tom, Ben, Howard, and John manned the table. Chris manned the Scout table which was right next to our table. At least the candy distribution was a success. Additionally, it was noted that collection of any type of money, regardless of purpose i.e.- dues collection, was strictly prohibited.

c. UMM National Gathering: They did not get the numbers that were anticipated for the National Conference. Scouting was less than 50 and individual registrations for conference presidents were right under 100. The men's ministry on the conference level is at a crossroads. There is a general sentiment that too many pastors at local churches are not encouraging the UMM to participate outside of a local level. Individual board members discussed the state of the men's group at each of their particular home churches. We also discussed the negative impact on finances that came with the demise of the Rock Eagle event.

d. General Secretary UMM position: No discussion

e. SEJ Annual Fall Presidents Meeting in Atlanta at Gammon ITC: No discussion

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Any new nominations for vacancies or health updates: None, except for the general comment regarding the national body collecting the dues and then distributing them accordingly.

b. Fundraiser ideas: None

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10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:

a. Director of Missions:

b. Scouting Coordinator: Not present but, Chris submitted a report. The Annual Conference in Athens was a success and a very strong impression was made, including establishing new relationships with ministers, lay leaders and other ministries. Seven different churches requested a follow-up of one type or another.

c. Hunger Advocate: Howard submitted a report. The team made 2 trips to The Rock, owned by Steve Harvey, to secure several items including: kale, watermelon, onions, beets, lettuce, and blue berries. Gleaning takes manual labor. A trip was also made to Tifton, GA. Food distributions were made to Columbia Drive, Red Oak, Rainbow Park, Kingdom Building, Five Star, and Coto Bethel AME.

d. Director of Disaster Response: Ben submitted a report. Ben accompanied the response team to Augusta June 19-20. The team split into separate groups and worked on 4 sites. The DARE equipment trailer made its maiden voyage in June and is a wonderful addition to the team. The website and its requisite links were also covered. Note – Ben placed 10 of these handouts on UMM table. 10 were gone by end of conference. At the Annual Conference Ben spoke with one man, see More Info contact sheet: Josh May Pine Mt UMC. He has ERT and some interest in starting ERT at Pine Mt. I think I heard Scott Parrish say they would like to see at least 1 man or person in each church have ERT. Nevertheless, I think it would be a good goal to have 1 man in each local UMM charter ERT trained. It was recommended to Howard submit for reimbursement of travel expenses.

e. Vice President Conference Affairs: Vacant

f. Prison Ministry: Not present

g. Director of Activities & Retreats: Resigned

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

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12. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Annual Business Meeting August – We are looking for a location and district presidents.

b. National Gathering

13. OUR NEXT NGC UMM MEETING: Tuesday, September 9th

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS or CONCERNS for the GOOD of the ORDER: Discussion regarding fund raising and conducting events which appeal to the body of men.

15. CLOSING REMARKS: None

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, at 8:54pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Howard moved that the meeting be adjourned. Warren 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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