



September 9, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (September 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 September 9, 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 September 9, 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 Heart of Our Testimony* -for those of us to shy to engage, think of it as telling the story of what Christ has done for you. It's important to crave opportunities to share the good news of the significance of Jesus' sacrifices for us. Ben G. called for prayer of praise. Brother Perry requested that we lift up John Heath. James W. called for prayer for the Essien family.

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

ERNEST PERRY      BEN GREEN      IKE MOORE      WARREN HEAD      JAMES E. WASHINGTON III  
SWAIN WATTERS      TOM MORTON      ODELL HORNE      JOHN HOLLEY

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

5. **REVIEW OF THE JULY 2025, MEETING MINUTES:** Next, President Ernest displayed the minutes from the July 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. As a correction, John Holley (not John Heath) requested prayer for Kennedy and we corrected the spelling of the name Easley. Tom M.

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moved for acceptance and Warren H. 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 08/01/2025-08/31/2025 are reflected below:

Opening Balance	\$900.81
Gateway Expense	\$ <17.00>
Individual Gift Deposit	\$ 12.00
Lunch for Annual Business Meeting	\$<94.67>
Dividend Income	\$00.02
Closing Balance	\$801.16

Current balances as of 09 September 2025 are reflected below:

(1) Savings Account	Current Balance: \$7,110.00
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$ 784.16
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$4,659.40

**TOTAL** **Current Balance: \$12,553.76**

As of September 8, 2025, there are 14 Charters which have paid Conference Dues for this year. The latest addition is Cascade UMM.

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**a. Annual Meeting Update:** Thanks to Central UMC for hosting our Annual Meeting. Thanks for the brothers who attended in person EP, TM, WH and JWIII: Guest – Ron Johns from Bethany UMM and those brothers who attended virtually CK. We received a nomination for VP of

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Charters, Conference Affairs & Administration – Swain Watters. The following action items were accomplished: 1.) Accepted Swain's nomination; Transfer Swain onto Board of Laity; 2.) Extended our Dues to Dec. 31, 2025; 3.) Will recommend to General Commission, Dr. Rick Vance, that dues of \$145 be collected and then distributed accordingly – to enhance efficiency and financial accountability. 86 charters out of 400+ actually pay to UMM on a National level; 4.) Approve Nominations Committee (5 individuals) – each one gets a district and will collaborate with district lay leaders. Additionally, Ben G. talked about establishing a UMM charter for his new church, Grace UMC Elberton. He also stated that his pastor is on board.

**b. Local Charter Activities:** Ernest has been talking with charters about reengagement. Headland Heights will be paying. Warren memorial will pay and have Men's Day October 21<sup>st</sup>. Ron Johns said his church (Bethany) will pay. Mallalieu & Hapeville UMC have merged. Pastor Hulon Kemp indicated they will pay. After this activity by October we should be at 20 active charters. Billy Herrington's posthumous award for service & dedication to be presented September 21<sup>st</sup> at Warren UMC.

**c. Conference Report – One Georgia and BOL:** September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the first Board of Laity (BOL) meeting. Tara Jones is BOL President. EP outlined the composition of the board. It is anticipated that during June 2026 the vote for the merger will proceed.

**d. New Board Member:** No discussion

**e. Charter Dues Extension Dec. 31, 2025:** The motion carried and the extension to the end of December is in effect.

**f. SEJ Annual Fall Presidents Meeting in Atlanta at Gammon ITC:** Will meet in Atlanta on November 6-8<sup>th</sup>. It will be a private meeting of all Presidents. The last few meetings were located at Duke University. There may be opportunities for volunteers. We anticipate needing an electronic method of collection for registration funds. EP elected to use NGC UMM Pay Pal account.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Any new nominations for vacancies or health updates:** At October meeting we will discuss it further.

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

- a. **Director of Missions:** WH stated that there are several events upon the horizon i.e. – Central UMC Car Show. Trinity UMC conducted a wine tasting & silent auction. EP will put WH in touch with Pastor Hulon Kemp regarding their food pantry ministry.
- b. **Scouting Coordinator:** Not present but, EP mentioned the Bishop Scout Lunch to take place on September 20<sup>th</sup> for which J. Holley, T. Moore, and Ernest P are registered.
- c. **Hunger Advocate:** Not present
- d. **Director of Disaster Response:** Ben submitted a report.
- e. **Vice President Conference Affairs:** Swain W. indicated that he intended to attend United Women in Faith's event.
- f. **Prison Ministry:** Not present
- g. **Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development:** TM mentioned UMM out of Central region are spearheading "Rethink Hope" ministry to recognize people in distress to intervene prior to them going into crisis. It's headed by Wallace Needle. TM also mentioned Jerry's bout with colon cancer and that he's now doing well (he conducts 2 Bible studies for prayer advocates).
- h. **Director of Communications:** OH stated that St. Timothy is having a program. OH is actively posting known events to FB and Twitter.
- i. **Website & Creative Design:** IM is focusing on President's meeting of SEJ, putting information regarding dues online, action with payment gateways (Pay Pal & Stripe), and the existence of UMM forward-looking calendar.

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

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Suggestions for New Ideas – Stripe may facilitate capturing of new fundraising revenue.

**13. OUR NEXT NGC UMM MEETING:** Tuesday, October 14th

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

**15. CLOSING REMARKS:** WH announced the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade to take place on December 13<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December, for which he's soliciting church participation. Carver HS Band will be present and he expects to have a flyer available for the October meeting.

**16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** At this point, at 8:28pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Tom M. moved that the meeting be adjourned. Warren H. 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  
NGC UMM