



November 18, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (November 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 November 18, 2025.
2. **POINT OF ORDER:** October 14th meeting was cancelled, President's sister passed
3. **WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, DEVOTION, AND OPENING PRAYER:**

The call to order was issued at 7:05pm and the meeting commenced. The devotional theme of "salvation and personal transformation" was taken from a devotional book that Tom M. credits to a Methodist Minister, Dennis Kinlaw. It comes from Isaiah 53:6, "We all like sheep have gone astray...." Salvation never begins with the person who is saved. The main character in John's Gospel isn't Jesus but, the Father. Jesus isn't "self-explanatory". To follow Jesus, one must follow the Father. None of us humans stand alone. The question is, "Are we willing to carry others in our hearts?" Prayer requests: John Holley requested prayer for Ernest P., to remember the loss of the Chaplin's daughter in law (Fintrest), and the Easley family. James W. requested prayer for the Alexander family and the loss of their son, Kadar.

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

ERNEST PERRY BEN GREEN HOWARD EVANS JAMES E. WASHINGTON III
SWAIN WATTERS TOM MORTON JOHN HOLLEY

5. **MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Tom M. motioned that the agenda be accepted as written and it was seconded by Swain W. The agenda was unanimously approved.

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6. REVIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER 2025, MEETING MINUTES: Next, President Ernest displayed the minutes from the September 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. John H. moved for acceptance and Ben G. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the approval of the minutes.

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

8. TREASURER'S REPORT: President Ernest called upon John Holley who then shared the financial report.

The General Fund Income and Expenses for 09/30/2025-10/31/2025 are reflected below:

Opening Balance	\$582.19
Gateway Expense	\$ <17.00>
Deposit Income	\$3,006.30
Total Checks	\$<1,898.89>
Dividend Income	\$00.05
Closing Balance	\$1,672.65

Current balances as of 014 November 2025 are reflected below:

(1) Savings Account	Current Balance: \$7,110.59
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$3,254.58
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$4,659.99

TOTAL **Current Balance: \$15,025.16**

As of November 18, 2025, there are 16 Charters which have paid Conference Dues for this year. The goal is to reach 20.

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9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. Annual Meeting Update BOL: Ernest P. has been attending the planning session as the body prepares for the Annual Meeting to take place in Athens, at the Classic Center, this June 18-20, 2026. At the meeting there will be a vote in contemplation of implementing "One Georgia." The theme for the 026 Annual Conference meeting will be "The Least of These." The next planning meeting is scheduled for January 8th. Swain was introduced and attended the last meeting. Ernest mentioned the importance of strategic relationships with other people and entities that comprise the church body as a whole.

b. Local Charter Activities: With respect to protocol, Ernest requested that all reports be sent to the Secretary, James Washington III. As President, Ernest wants the Secretary more involved in the reception and distribution of reports. Furthermore, Ernest will distribute the board roster and strongly encourages members to stay in touch with each other beyond the confines of the monthly meetings. Let's be intentional in engaging in true and sincere relationship building.

c. Conference Report – One Georgia and BOL: Ernest met with Bishop Dease and both President and Vice President of South Georgia. Ernest requested that Swain participate in the next meeting and that we will need to submit a report on December 15th proposing a practical structure/template for the integration of operations for One Georgia. There was some discussions as to the contemplated number of districts and ensuing territories. Geographically, South Georgia is larger but has a much smaller number of churches than North Georgia. Ernest's tenure may be up for an extension vote at the request of the Bishop.

d. Charter Certificates Dec. 15th, 2025: Charter certificated will be printed and mailed by the end of December.

e. SEJ Annual Fall Presidents Meeting in Atlanta at Gammon ITC: The SEJ had a robust meeting. The Vice President of South Georgia was in attendance, but the President of South Georgia had a conflict that precluded his being present. There was also a Vice President from Florida present. Additionally, Ernest invited Swain to attend. The SEJ includes Virginia, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. There were about a dozen men in attendance. Ernest recounted the officers for the SEJ.

f. Proposal for Joint UMM Conference Meetings Jan. to Jun. 2025: It is proposed that both entities hold joint meetings commencing in January. It is anticipated that the joint meetings will continue through June. Comparatively speaking, in the North we have 11 officers and 15 paid

charters thus far while the South maintains 5 officers and 0 paid charters. Therefore, there should be a significant opportunity to leverage some best practices and gain synergies making the combined organization stronger than the sum of its parts.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Nominations Activity Paused:** At this point, vacancies will be referral based.
- b. **Point of Note:** The charter organizations, per the UMC Book of Discipline, have the authority to maintain separate checking accounts from their respective home church bodies.

11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:

- a. **Director of Missions:** Not Present
- b. **Scouting Coordinator:** Not Present
- c. **Hunger Advocate:** Whereas sweet potatoes and collards were collected and distributed, the storm impeded operations last Saturday.
- d. **Director of Disaster Response:** No Report
- e. **Vice President Conference Affairs & Administration:** There was a report concerning the UWF's annual meeting held at Cascade UMC on October 4th which boasted 276+ attendees. Additionally, there was a report detailing the SEJ President's Conference which took place at Gammon. Bro. Watters detailed the Bishop's Keynote Address entitled, "How Dare She", the outstanding work which went into the new logo, and the outstanding student panel discussion. Another important issue is that of honoring women in clergy and the lack of acknowledgement of men.
- f. **Prison Ministry:** Not present
- g. **Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development:** Tom M. recently received the Prayer Calendar from our New York associate, Byron Gold. He will distribute it to the Board Members. He discussed the memorial service for Don Davis, the UMM app (with 3 level study guide), and the Rethink Hope program.
- h. **Director of Communications:** Not Present

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i. **Website & Creative Design:** Ernest reported that Ike M. updated the website to include the greetings from the General Commissioner, Rick Vance, and pictures from the SEJ meeting.

12. DISTRICT or LOCAL UMM CHARTER EVENTS: No report

13. NEW BUSINESS: Coat Drive – reach out to Ernest

14. OUR NEXT NGC UMM MEETING: Tuesday, December 9th

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

15. CLOSING REMARKS: Howard will be giving out Thanksgiving turkeys again this year in downtown Stockbridge.

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, at 8:25pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Howard E. moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom M. seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.

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

James E. Washington III

Secretary
NGC UMM