



February 10, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (February 2026)

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 10, 2026.

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. 2026 meeting on February 10, 2026, via ZOOM. President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order at 7:XX PM. He then turned the floor over to Tom Morton for him to lead the devotion, prayer, and to solicit prayer requests. Isaiah 40:29 "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." - the topic: a man from Illinois and the oak trees he planted failed to withstand winter. He braced them with wooden posts. During a winter storm each tree stood strong with the posts as support. We are like those trees and our posts are God and the things He provides. Trust God and He will carry us through hard times. Tom requested prayer for Steve Spurr – on ventilator. Ernest requested prayer for Odell Horne – housing situation and all of our board members and their prospective families.

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 JAMES E. WASHINGTON III
SWAIN WATTERS CHRIS KARABINOS JOHN HOLLEY HOWARD EVANS**

4. **MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** James W. III motioned that the agenda be accepted as written and it was seconded by John Holley. The agenda was unanimously approved.

5. **REVIEW OF THE JANUARY 2026, MEETING MINUTES:** Next, President Ernest displayed the minutes from the January 2026 meeting for the benefit of the Body. James W. III distributed the minutes to the Committee Members via email. After correction of pages 3 & 4's Header, John Holley moved for acceptance and Chris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the approval of the minutes.

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUESTS OR VISITORS:** None

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7. TREASURER'S REPORT: President Ernest called upon John Holley who then shared the financial report. The General Fund Income and Expenses Summary for 01/01/2026-01/31/2026 is reflected below (for an itemized tally please see the Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance	\$1,039.11
Authnet /Gateway-Billing	\$ <17.00>
Deposit Income Total	\$ 74.00
East Point Printing	\$ <67.00>
Dividend Income	\$ 00.02
Closing Balance	\$1,028.63

Current balances as of 12 January 2026 are reflected below:

(1) Savings Account	Current Balance: \$ 7,111.48
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$ 1,059.58
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$ 4,660.58

TOTAL

Current Balance: \$12,831.64

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a. One Georgia's Next Steps – Report: Ernest met with his counterparts in South Georgia. They will meet again on February 19th. In March the National Association of Conference Presidents will meet and Ernest intends to attend. Eighteen (18) certificates were mailed out to financial charters. Ernest and James W. III visited Headland Heights to hear Swain bring the message. Eighteen (18) names and the requisite certificates will be added to the website. The six months of rent to the post office box was paid. And, the spring registration was taken care of.

b. Annual Conference Planning Meeting: There was discussion of the BEAT, grant program for the conference, and the six vacancies. Rev. Kevin Hankins was nominated by Ernest. There will be a vote on March 27th.

c. Conference Board of Laity & Nominations Meeting: Ernest, Chris, and Swain attended this meeting. Chris reported on scouting and Ernest gave a report on One Georgia.

d. Charter Certificates Mailed for 2025:

e. NACP Spring Meeting – Registration Completed, Hotel Booked, Flight Made:

f. General Commission UMM North Georgia Conference Summit 2026 TBS...: The General Commission wants to hear from the North Georgia Conference in regard to the idea of a summit or think tank. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to speak with Dr. Vance, our new general secretary. There will be a meeting between now and June.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Nominations Activity Paused: per recommendation only

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10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:

a. **Director of Missions:** Not present

b. **Scouting Coordinator:** Chris had the opportunity to visit at Salem UMC in Covington. He went to pitch them about starting a pack. On the 12th of March he's going to Chamblee to present a "Cross & Flame." He spoke about the 18th annual John Dorman- Duty to God Award and the nine nominated Eagle Scouts last year.

c. **Hunger Advocate:** No report – just handed out a few food items. Operations will commence in earnest with new farmer season. Howard did invite all men out to the breakfast taking place at Red Oak UMC on Saturday Feb. 14th at 9am.

d. **Director of Disaster Response:** Ernest shared the 02/10/26 report. Ben discussed the Disaster Academy which took place on Feb. 7th. It was an hour and a half via Zoom. They also discussed the General Board of Global Ministries – We are UMCOR on the ground. Furthermore, he discussed the various breakout sessions , for example, the Disaster Response Leaders' Best Practices. There was also discussion of UMCOR Kits and Supplies Warehousing.

e. **Vice President Conference Affairs:** No report

f. **Prison Ministry:** Not present

g. **Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development:** No report – But, Tom did connect with Brian Gould, National Prayer Advocate. He will reach out to John Heath.

h. **Director of Communications:** Not present

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

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Dues letter needs to go out at the end of the month
- b. Poll conference UMM local charters for date and location of summit

12. OUR NEXT NGC UMM MEETING: March 10th – North Georgia & South Georgia UMM

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS or CONCERNS for the GOOD of the ORDER:

- 1.) Birthdays, Anniversary, etc...

14. CLOSING REMARKS: Tom mentioned the advent of a new ministry, "Rethink Hope." It's being beta tested in the Central Conference (MO) with Warren Neal.

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16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, at 8:10pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. James W. III moved that the meeting be adjourned. Swain seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.

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

James E. Washington III

Secretary

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