

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

2016 Summer Huntsville Presbytery
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America



Meeting
July 13-15, 2016
St. James#2 CPCA
2950 Jeff Road
Harvest, Alabama 35749

The Reverend Terence Haley, Moderator
The Reverend Barbara Clemons, Vice Moderator
The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk
Sister Vanessa Collier, Engrossing Clerk

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The following SUMMARY is a brief description of the actions taken by the 2016 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, July 13-15,2016. This SUMMARY is not intended to be nor is it, the authoritative document for guiding the Presbytery's actions. The intent is to summarize the work of the Huntsville Presbytery. The Huntsville Presbytery MINUTES serve as that authority. Note: These actions are the results of the presented and adopted reports of the standing boards/committees and select committees of the Huntsville Presbytery and not the minutes. This is a SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ONLY. This SUMMARY is provided as a courtesy of the Huntsville Presbytery.

The 2016 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 13, 14 and 15,2016 accomplished the following actions:

Host: St. James#2 CPCA

Host Pastor: The Reverend William Robinson

Theme: "Go, So Let's Go Outside, Where Jesus Is, Where the Action Is" Hebrews 13:13a

Organizational Matters

1. THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED on Wednesday morning, July 13,2016 with eight (8) ministers, and three (3) elder representatives. Friday, July 15,2016 forty-six (46) ministers and twenty-four (24) elder representatives were present. Three (3) licentiates were also present.
2. HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend Terence Haley. The Vice Moderator, the Reverend Barbara Clemons served as Liturgist. The Reverend William Robinson and the Reverend Katherine Baker served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Thursday, July 14,2016.
3. ADOPTED the Agenda.

4. RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE COM eleven (11) communications addressed to 3
the Body in regard to absentees. One (1) letter of resignation from the Reverend
John W. Jude, one (1) communication from New Hope CPCA recommending Sister
Rose Nance as a candidate for the Ministry. Three (3) sets of credentials from
ministers that have left the denomination,
5. RECEIVED/CONSENTED TO EXCUSE three (3) verbal communications
addressed to the: Body in regard to leaving early.
6. RECEIVED/ REFERRED TO THE BOB&F a request for financial help from the
church session and members of the Mt. Sinai CPCA.
7. RECEIVED a thank you card from the family of the late Reverend Lorene
Powell.
8. RECEIVED request to be excused from this year's Presbytery from Elder James
Moore, Elder Representative from Bright Hope CPCA.
9. ELECTIONS: Elected the Reverend Terence Haley, Moderator and the
Reverend Barbara Clemons, Vice Moderator of the Huntsville Presbytery.

ELECTED COMMISSIONERSIYADS to the 142nd General Assembly The
142nd General Assembly will meet in the Tampa, Florida area.

Minister Commissioners

The Reverend Terence Haley-Moderator
The Reverend Barbara Clemons- Vice Moderator
The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin
The Reverend Endia Scruggs
The Reverend Carlos Suggs-Alternate

Elder Commissioners

Elder Olivia Brandon
Elder Marsha Readus
Elder Stephanie Gilkes
Elder Dr. Joe Ward
Elder Lawrence Jones-Alternate

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Sister Tianna Love
Ashley Haley
Marea Jordan-Alternate

ELECTED HP NOMINEE FOR AL SYNOD BOARD AND COMMITTEE
VACANCY

Member-at-Large on the Nominating Committee

The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin

10. ADOPTED THE DRAFT NOMINEE DATA FORM for use by the Huntsville Presbytery for persons seeking to serve in the elected offices and on boards and committees of the Huntsville Presbytery
11. APPOINTED Select Committees.
12. RECEIVED excellent hospitality from the host church, St. James#2 CPCA. The Presbytery expressed words of thanks and gave a standing ovation to the Pastor, the Reverend William Robinson and the St. James#2 CPCA.
13. AFFIRMED the 2017 meeting of the Summer Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Huntsville, AL with the Union Hill CPCA to serve as host.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

14. The Huntsville Presbytery did not have any guest present at this meeting of Presbytery.

REPORTS

15. REFERRED the Moderator's Report, Vice Moderator's Report, Stated Clerk's Report, Engrossing Clerk's Report, the Huntsville Presbytery Executive Board's Report, Curators' Report, and the Huntsville Presbytery Council's Report to the Select Committee on Executive Review.
16. REFERRED BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUXILARY REPORTS to the appropriate select committee.
17. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT CONCURRED with the recommended amount from the BOB&F of \$2500.00 to the Mt. Sinai CPCA toward the building of their Fellowship Hall.
18. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT
 CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery Stated Clerk remove the following names from the Huntsville Presbytery roll and request that the CPCA credentials (license and ordination documents) be returned to the Huntsville Presbytery:
 Reverend Eugene Anderson, Reverend Petra Bess, Reverend LaTonya Crutcher, Reverend Michael Crutcher, Reverend Marcus Gilbert, Reverend Darius Holden, Reverend Dr. Marcell Johnson, Reverend Betty Allen Jones and Reverend John Jude.
 CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery Stated Clerk removes the following names from the Huntsville Presbytery Roll: Reverend Lorene Powell deceased and Reverend Debra Matthews-requested and was granted her letter to move to the New Hopewell Presbytery.
 CON CURRED with the replacement of HPCOM member Reverend Doctor Marcell Johnson with Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson.

CONCURRED that the HPCOM will provide a Status report to the Church Sessions that have Probationers and Licentiates.

CONCURRED with the recommendation to license the Brother Jeffery Toney in the 2016 Presbytery as all requirements for licensure have been met. **CONCURRED** with Pleasant Grove CPCA Pastoral Application, posting of the application on the HP and GA Websites, distributing copies of the application package at the Call Meeting of the AL Synod on April 23, 2016 and the closing date of 31 May, 2016.

CONCURRED that the HPCOM will continue to work with Pleasant Grove CPCA to determine Pleasant Grove's status with the Huntsville Presbytery.

CONCURRED that the Pastoral Search Documents be added to the HP Constitution and Bylaws Appendices.

CONCURRED that the Reverend Dr. Debra Matthews request to return to the Huntsville Presbytery be approved.

19. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF JUDICIARY HP COMMISSION TO CHURCH STREET REPORT

CONCURRED that Sessions be encouraged to have their deeds looked at for correctness and recognize/accept the need and process for church incorporation. This is necessary to properly protect all CPCA churches property. **CONCURRED** that the commission be allowed to do further work with the Church Street Congregation.

CONCURRED with the finding and action of the BOJ in regard to a letter from a member of Blackburn Chapel CPCA in regard to the concern over the pastor selection process within the congregation. **Finding:** Letter did not meet the requirements of an appeal. **Action:** It was determined that the identification of the imperfect process did not outweigh/overrule the outcome of the pastor selection.

20. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE HP COMMISSION TO PLEASANT GROVE CPCA

CONCURRED that the HP Commission to Pleasant Grove retains its commission status through the pastoral search, and the installation of a pastor at Pleasant Grove CPCA.

CONCURRED that the HP Commission to Pleasant Grove retains its commission status until such time as the Commission determines that Pleasant Grove CPCA is in good operating order.

21. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE 141st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

22. ADOPTED THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT

Moderator's Report: CONCURRED

CONCURRED with the Select Committee on Executive Review recommendation that Field Agents be established in this 2016 setting of the Huntsville Presbytery consisting of one Elder and one Ordained Minister.

Vice Moderator's Report: CONCURRED

Stated Clerk's Report: CONCURRED

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery ascertain the will of the 19 Huntsville Presbytery Congregations concerning unification; and that the Huntsville Presbytery decision whether or not to merge be decided on the input from the 19 local congregations.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery revisit decision of making annual contributions to the Malone-Weir Foundation; and if budget allows, that the Huntsville Presbytery resume its annual contribution of \$3000 effective immediately.

Engrossing Clerk's Report: CONCURRED

HPEB'S Report: CONCURRED

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery dissolve the Committee on Theology and Social Concerns based on the duplication of the General Assembly's prior establishment of these duties and are readily available on the General Assembly's website.

Curator's Report: CONCURRED

HP Council: CONCURRED

CONCURRED with the Select Committee on Executive Review recommendation that the Huntsville Presbytery Council based on their Focus and Objectives provide a forum for Ministers, Elders, Deacons and Members of the Huntsville Presbytery to discuss matters and issues related to the Huntsville Presbytery and to provide recommendations to it within the 2016-2017 calendar year.

23. ADOPTED THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS REPORT DENIED the recommendation a \$300 honorarium for Reverend Versey Jones and \$150 honorarium for Reverends Cedric Pollard and Remisia Snodgrass.
24. ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT CONCURRED that all HP Congregations support the 2016 HP Training by participating on Saturday, September 10,2016.
25. ADOPTED THE MISSION AND EVANGELISM, MISSIONARY SOCIETY, JR. MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT
CONCURRED that the BOM&E continue review of Evangelism Strategy to reach communities
CONCURRED that the Missionary Society establish working By-Laws
26. ADOPTED THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT
CONCURRED to replace non-participating members

CONCURRED with the Select Committee on History that the Historical Committee conduct more than one meeting per year
CONCURRED with the Select Committee on History that the Historical Committee make recommendations as to how the committee should proceed because if we are to fulfill committee responsibilities we must involve and coordinate with all churches
CONCURRED to establish and maintain a library for historical documents and noted that this is an important task due to our aging membership
CONCURRED that the Historical Committee will work to implement the prior committee recommendations: a letter will be sent to each church informing them of the committee's objective/mission, suggest that each church begins to document (produce a written historical document), prepare a standard format, (for example: include prior Pastors, Elders, Membership, and special noteworthy activities).
CONCURRED that it will be the responsibility of the Elder Representative to coordinate with the Committee Chairperson.

27. ADOPTED THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AND CPYF REPORT

CONCURRED that the Body (Sunday School Convention) be reminded that all delegates who accept an office or membership on a standing committee are willing to serve, attend and participate in all scheduled or called meetings set forth by the Huntsville Presbytery Sunday School Convention Executive Committee.

28. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS REPORT CONCURRED that congregation reports of the Huntsville Presbytery Churches should be completed line by line as requested.

29. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS REPORT

30. MEMORIALIZED and THANKED God for the life of our deceased members since the last Presbytery. A Memorial Service was held to memorialize the life of the following Minister, the Reverend Viola Smith and Elders, Elder Milton Rice, Union Hill CPCA, Elder Thomas Toney, St. Elizabeth CPCA in the 2016 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

31. HEARD the Resolution of Thanks to St. James CPCA for hosting the 2016 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

32. NEXT MEETING PLACE
2017: Union Hill CPCA
2018: Blackburn Chapel CPCA
2019: New Hope CPCA
2020: Church Street CPCA

33. READING/ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Body approved to defer minutes to the HPEB for authentication.


LICENSING/ORDINATIONS

34. The Huntsville Presbytery licensed Elder Jeffery Toney to Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this Summer Session of Presbytery.


ADJOURNMENT

35. **ADJOURNED** at 5:10 P.M. to meet next year with the Summer Huntsville Presbytery on Wednesday, July 12-14,2017 in Huntsville, Alabama with the Union Hill CPCA serving as host.

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