

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

**2012 Summer Huntsville Presbytery
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting
July 10-14, 2012
Blackburn Chapel CPCA
507 Plummer Road
Huntsville, Alabama 35806**

**The Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker Sr., Moderator
The Reverend William Robinson, Vice Moderator
The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk
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The following SUMMARY is a brief description of the actions taken by the 2012 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, July 10-14, 2012. 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 2012 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 10, 13, and 14 2012 accomplished the following actions:

Host: Blackburn Chapel CPCA
Host Pastor: The Reverend McKinley Jones

Theme: "It Is Harvest Time" Matthew 9:37-38

Organizational Matters

1. **THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** on Tuesday night, July 10, 2012 with thirty-nine (39) ministers, and twenty (20) elder representatives. Four (4) licentiates also answered the roll on Tuesday night, July 10, 2012.
2. **HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr. The Reverend Barbara Clemons and the Reverend Fred Richardson served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Tuesday, July 10, 2012.
3. **ADOPTED** the Agenda.

4. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE COM** twelve (12) communications addressed to the Body. Two were in regards to a call for a pastor and a candidate for the ministry. Ten (10) were in regards to absentees.
5. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE COM** two verbal communications in regards to an absence and late arrival.
6. **RECEIVED/ REFERRED TO THE HPEB** one (1) communication addressed to the Body in regards to the Thursday Evening Fellowship.
7. **RECEIVED/REFFERED TO THE BOJ** two (2) communications addressed to the Body in regards to the meeting days of the Huntsville Presbytery and a Bylaw change for approval from the Huntsville Presbytery Sunday School Convention.
8. **RECEIVED** a thank you card from Sister Anna Stovall, tornado victim, New Hope CPCA.
9. **ELECTIONS:** Elected the Reverend James Robinson, Moderator, the Reverend Terence Haley, Vice Moderator and Sister Vanessa Collier, Engrossing Clerk.

Committee on Ministry

Reverend William Robinson (12)	Nominee/Bradford	Class 2021
Elder Stephanie Gilkes (12)	Nominee/Haley	Class 2021
Reverend Ernest Bailey (12)	Nominee/Brown	Class 2021
Reverend Dr. Marcell Johnson (12)	Nominee/White	Class 2021
Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr. (12)	Nominee/Robinson	Class 2021

Board of Judiciary

Reverend Byron McGlathery (09)	Expiring Term	Class 2017
Elder Olivia Brandon (09)	Expiring Term	Class 2017

Nominating Committee

Elder Lawrence Jones (09)	Expiring Term	Class 2017
Reverend Woodrow Leonard (09)	Expiring Term	Class 2017

Board of Budget and Finance

Elder James Toney (09)	Expiring Term	Class 2017
Reverend Remisia Snodgrass (12)	Nominee/Foster	Class 2021
Elder Laverne Askew (12)	Nominee/Chew	Class 2021

Board of Mission and Evangelism

Reverend A'Yonnika Rogers (12)	Nominee/Patton	Class 2021
Reverend Janice Eason (12)	Nominee/Jones	Class 2021
Reverend Debra McGlathery (12)	Nominee/Kirby	Class 2021

Historical Committee

Elder Bibb Collier (09)	Expiring Term	Class 2017
Reverend Janice Mitchell (12)	Nominee/Ray	Class 2021

10. **RECONGINZED/RECEIVED** Dr. Andy McClung from the CPC and Adjunct Professor at Memphis Theological Seminary as an Advisory Brother for the Summer Session of the Huntsville Presbytery.

11. **PARTICIPATED** in a workshop, “Discipline and Discipleship” facilitated by Dr. Andy McClung, Adjunct Professor at Memphis Theological Seminary.
12. **APPOINTED** Select Committees.
13. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, Blackburn Chapel CPCA. The Presbytery expressed words of gratitude to the Blackburn Chapel CPCA, its Pastor, the Reverend McKinley Jones, and members of the Blackburn Chapel CPCA Hospitality Committee.
14. **AFFIRMED** the 2013 meeting of the Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Madison, Alabama with the Mt. Zion CPCA to serve as host.

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.**
18. **ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT.**

CONCURRED that the Reverend Clifford Malone-Hollins be returned to the rolls of the Huntsville Presbytery upon successful completion of: (1) Course 105, Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America History, Polity and Theology, and (2) The Practicum

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery develops and institutes guidelines for ordained ministers who perpetually provide excuses for not attending regular and called presbytery meetings.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery adopts the *Session and Its Role* as related to probationers under the sessions’ auspices.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery adopts the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) *Removal of Ordained Ministers for Unexcused Absences Procedures*.

CONCURRED that three (3) Probationers have successfully completed the requirements for licensure by the Huntsville Presbytery. The COM hereby recommends the following for licensure by the Huntsville Presbytery: (1) Sister Ernestine Gordon of New Hope CPCA, (2) Sister Evelyn Wallace of Blackburn Chapel CPCA and (3) Elder Mahalia Warner of New Hope CPCA.

19. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF JUDICIARY REPORT.

CONCURRED that Sessions be encouraged to have their deeds looked at for corrections and accept the need and process for church incorporation. This is necessary to properly protect all CPCA churches property.

20. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE 2012 COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2014 General Assembly will meet in Chattanooga, TN, and will be hosted by the Hiwassee Presbytery.

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

21. EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT

CONCURRED that the HP continue to provide financial support for the continuance of our informational presbytery website:

www.huntsvillepresbytery.org

CONCURRED that effective the adjournment of the July 10-14, 2012 presbytery meeting, HP authorizes HPEB and HPCOM in consultation with the HPBOJ to begin the GA defined and authorized process of ascertaining and notifying any probationers, licentiates and ordained ministers who are no longer with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America to return any CPCA credentials and that they furthermore be removed from our HP rolls and appropriate notification be made as defined in the CPCA GA designated process.

NON-CONCURRED that HP allocate funds for HP sponsored LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT events particularly designated for clergy, ordained officers (elders and deacons), and auxiliary ministry lay leadership (i.e., Sunday School leaders and teachers, CPYF leaders, Bible Study teachers, Music Ministry leaders, Usher & Greeter ministry, Marriage Enrichment leaders, Singles Ministry leaders, Young Adult Ministry leaders, Health & Wellness Ministry leaders, Recreational Ministry leaders, etc.). This relates to a recommendation to formulate a CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE. **Rationale:** There are already boards in place to accomplish this task, and there is no need for a new committee.

CONCURRED that HP name a “Huntsville Presbytery VISION OF UNIFICATION TASK FORCE” in this July 10-14, 2012 meeting, whose role and

responsibilities will be to design more communication and cooperation between Huntsville Presbytery and the Robert Donnell Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (which overlaps some of our same geographical area).

CONCURRED that HP name a “RECREATION MINISTRY TASK FORCE” (in this setting of the presbytery) that will be responsible for exploring the possibility of coordinating (at least) ONE recreational fellowship activity (possibly a presbytery wide picnic or something else that is casual, fun and includes food) among our HP congregations that will get us together as a presbytery for one time during the year. They are then to report a plan back to the HPEB for approval of plans. **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT** this group also explore the possibility of having a presbytery wide sports recreation league(s) of some sort, as feasible, *i.e.*, bowling, basketball, softball, dartball, volleyball, or another choice as interest and practicality affords.

TABLED AND REFERRED TO THE HPEB that HPEB continue to research ways to become more “GREEN-CONSCIOUS” or “ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY,” as we consider ways to streamline the use of paper for reports and the Committee’s Recommendation: that there be a plan in place to accomplish Recommendation 5 listed in the Moderator’s Report regarding being more “Green-Conscious” before Spring Presbytery and that we use email instead of print, unless someone specifically requests a printed copy.

CONCURRED that HP and HPEB continue to seek ways to get more and more of our clergypersons involved at the presbytery level throughout the year and the Committee’s Recommendation: that Recommendation 7 in the Moderator’s Report be sent to the Committee on Ministry to carry out this responsibility as opposed to the executive board.

CONCURRED that HP encourage our HP Young Adult Ministry and consider including this organization as a constitutional member of the HPEB. HP Young Adult Ministry was once approved by the HP; and at present, we now have two (2) representatives from our CPCA congregations serving on the CPC/CPCA Young Adult Ministry Council (Brother Darius Holden and Sister Angela Wilson). In addition, **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT** the HP Young Adult Ministry be included in our HP budget.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery support commissions when we send them out to local congregations to investigate errors and to accept their reports when they are presented to the Body.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery give a standing ovation to the Daniel’s and Clemons’ commissions for their faithful and dedicated work.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery contributes funds for the refurbishing of the Denomination Center and that the Presbytery will decide on an amount to contribute after Elder Patricia Ward and Elder Craig White submits a projected cost.

NON-CONCURRED with the formation of a Continuing Education Committee. **Rationale:** This falls under the Board of Christian Education and there is no need to create a new committee.

CONCURRED with the formation of a Theology and Social Concerns Committee.

NON-CONCURRED with the approval of Elder Patricia Ward and Elder Craig White to co-chair the future venture of performing a face-lift to the Denominational Center. **Rationale:** This was handled by the General Assembly.

CONCURRED to reimburse the Commissioners, Auxiliary Delegates and YADs to the 2012 General Assembly for lodging that stayed at the Embassy Suites Hotel and that the request is accompanied with a receipt.

CONCURRED to subtract two days of mileage from the Commissioners, Auxiliary Delegates and YADs to the 2012 General Assembly that stayed at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

CONCURRED with the Curator's Report.

CONCURRED that the HPEB will delineate the role of the Huntsville Presbytery Council.

REFERRED to the HPEB that future preliminary minutes of the Huntsville Presbytery include page numbers and a table of contents section with the corresponding page numbers listed next to the reports.

NON-CONCURRED that greater results and outcomes in the accomplishment section of each report be listed in the future.

22. ADOPTED THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS REPORT

23. ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery supports the future venture of performing a face-lift to the denominational headquarters.

24. ADOPTED THE MISSION AND EVANGELISM, MISSIONARY SOCIETY, JR. MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT

CONCURRED to implement annual homeless ministry plan: Each HP church session identify two members to serve on or create a church Homeless Ministry Team. Three churches shall partner together to provide one meal to a homeless community or agency over a six month period. Example: Pleasant Grove, St. Elizabeth & New Hope. Partner with existing ministries (Epic Church – Decatur) to worship with homeless on the 5th Sunday at 10am.

CONCURRED to develop a comprehensive plan for training and engagement in mission work locally, nationally and internationally. Partner with Committee on Ministry, Missionary Society and Christian Education to schedule training for licentiate and ordained ministers and for members interested in missionary trips; train youth to join the CP youth mission team (2 yrs). CP Mission Ministry can facilitate.

CONCURRED to schedule 3 training sections in Evangelism: 1) Huntsville Bible College or Memphis Theological Seminary; 2) Asbury United Methodist Church Mission & Evangelism Teams; and 3) CPC Mission Ministry Team & Evangelism & New Church Development; Tentative Dates: Nov, Feb & April.

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

26. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY REPORT

CONCURRED that the Nominating Committee moves forward with appropriate nominations to allow the Historical Committee to properly work.

27. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS REPORT

CONCURRED that all churches submit complete statistical data sheets. Also, that churches which operate under a unified budget, must specify on the statistical financial sheet.

28. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #1 REPORT

Findings:

Blackburn Chapel-met all requirements except no mention of a quorum present and no records of absentee members recorded in the session minutes, the chair, the Reverend Fred Richardson re-examined the record book of Blackburn Chapel and requested that the minutes reflect that Blackburn Chapel's record book did contain the absentees of each session meeting.

Briar Fork-met all requirements except absentee session members in session minutes

Bright Hope-met all requirements except absentee members of session and no agenda recorded

29. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #2 REPORT

Findings:

Cedar Grove-in compliance

Chelsea-in compliance

Church Street-no reference to meeting opened with devotion and or prayer on 6-11-12.

30. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #3 REPORT

Findings:

Lewis Chapel-did not submit a record book

Madkins Chapel-in compliance

Moses Temple-did not submit a record book

31. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #4 REPORT

Findings:

Mt. Zion-in compliance

New Hope-in compliance

New Heaven-did not submit a record book

32. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #5 REPORT

Findings:

Pleasant Grove-location of meeting not indicated, roll of members absent not listed

St. Elizabeth-location of meeting not present and roll of members absent

St. James #2-minutes not signed by the pastor for the first 3 months, no agenda found, location of meeting not found, no list of absent members, approval of prior minutes omitted and no motion visible

33. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #6 REPORT

Findings:

Triana-type of meeting not stated, presence or absence of members not recorded, and pages contained attachments

Union Hill-no membership roll

West End-dates but no times and show no absences

MEMORIALS

34. MEMORIALIZED and THANKED God for the life of our deceased members since the last Presbytery. A Memorial Service was held to memorialize the lives of the following individuals in the 2012 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

Elder Dr. Theodore Clay (Church Street)

Elder Richard Tucker (Church Street)

Elder Winston Ashford (Madkins Chapel)
The Reverend James Toney (Huntsville Presbytery)
The Reverend Henry Ewing, Jr. (Florence Presbytery)
Elder James Love, Jr. (New Hope)

LICENSING

35. LICENSED IN THIS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY

Sister Ernestine Gordon	(New Hope CPCA)
Elder Mahalia Warner	(New Hope CPCA)
Sister Evelyn Wallace	(Blackburn Chapel CPCA)

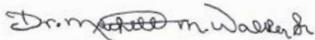
36. HEARD the Resolution of Thanks to the Blackburn Chapel CPCA for hosting the 2012 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

37. NEXT MEETING PLACES

2013: Mt. Zion CPCA
2014: Lewis Chapel CPCA
2015: Triana CPCA
2016: St James #2 CPCA

38. ADJOURNED to meet next year with the Huntsville Presbytery on Tuesday, July 16-20, 2013 in Madison, Alabama with the Mt. Zion CPCA serving as host.

Humbly Submitted,



The Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr., Moderator

The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk

Sister Vanessa Collier, Engrossing Clerk