

# **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**2013 Summer Huntsville Presbytery  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting  
July 16-20, 2013  
Mt. Zion CPCA  
3726 Pryor Road  
Madison, Alabama 35756**

**The Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker Sr., Moderator  
The Reverend William Robinson, 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 2013 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, July 16-20, 2013. 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.

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The 2013 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 16, 19 and 20, 2013 accomplished the following actions:

**Host:** Mt. Zion CPCA

**Host Pastor:** The Reverend James Robinson

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

**Organizational Matters**

- 1. THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** on Tuesday night, July 16, 2013 with forty (40) ministers, and twenty (20) elder representatives. Thirteen (13) licentiates also answered the roll on Tuesday night, July 16, 2013.
- 2. HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend James O. Robinson, Sr. The Reverend Versey Jones and the Reverend Terence Haley served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Tuesday, July 16, 2013.
- 3. ADOPTED** the Agenda.

4. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE COM** six (6) communications addressed to the Body in regards to absentees.
5. **RECEIVED AND CONSENTED TO EXCUSE** eighteen (18) written, two (2) verbal communications addressed to the Body in regards to absences and one (1) name removal from the HP Probationer's List.
6. **RECEIVED/ REFERRED TO THE N.C.** one (1) communication addressed to the Body in regards to the HP nominations for standing boards and committees of the AL Synod and one (1) communication addressed to the Body from the Reverend Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr., requesting the retention of Elder Craig White on the COM as a non-voting consultant for one year.
7. **RECEIVED/REFFERED TO THE BOCE** one (1) communication addressed to the Body in regards to the Forum, a joint ministry sponsored by the UBOCE to be held November 3-6, 2013 in the Nashville TN area.
8. **RECEIVED** a thank you card from the Reverend Lorene Powell, donation given during her illness.
9. **ELECTIONS:** Elected the Reverend James Robinson, Moderator, the Reverend Terence Haley, Vice Moderator and the Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk.

**Committee on Ministry**

Reverend Barbara Clemons (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Elder Dr. Army Daniel, Jr. (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015

**Board of Judiciary**

Reverend Virginia Washington (13)	Nominee/Baker	Class 2022
Reverend Terry Ragland (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Reverend Felix Parker (13)	Nominee/Garth	Class 2022

**Nominating Committee**

Elder Vanessa Midgett (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Reverend Dezi Fletcher (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Reverend Fred Richardson (13)	Nominee/Thomas	Class 2022

**Board of Mission and Evangelism**

Reverend Alvin Garrett (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Elder Margaret Jordan (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Elder John White (13)	Nominee/Eason	Class 2022

**Board of Christian Education**

Reverend Wanda Love (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Elder Martin Crawford (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015

**Historical Committee**

Reverend Beechel Grays (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015
Elder Eddie Edwards (13)	Nominee/Holden	Class 2022
Elder Bernice Richardson (13)	Nominee/Rooks	Class 2022
Elder Margaret Lolo (07)	Expiring Term	Class 2015

**ELECTED COMMISSIONERS/YADS** to the 139<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
The 139<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will meet in Chattanooga, TN and will be hosted by the Hiwassee Presbytery.

**Minister Commissioners**

The Reverend James Robinson-Moderator  
The Reverend Terence Haley-Vice Moderator  
The Reverend William Robinson-Vice Moderator General Assembly  
The Reverend Endia Scruggs  
The Reverend Robert Jefferson-Alternate

**Elder Commissioners**

Elder Pearlle Sales  
Elder Vanessa Midgett  
Elder Bibb Collier  
Elder Lawrence Jones  
Elder Deborah Smith-Alternate

**YADS**

Brother Jeremy Pitts  
Brother Trai Snodgrass

10. **TABLED** the staffing of the Theology and Social Concerns Committee to make a constitutional change in membership from 5 members to 7 members, and then send to members of the HP for review 30 days prior to approval.
11. **PARTICIPATED** in a workshop, “Confession of Faith and Elders” facilitated by the Reverend Dr. G. Lynn Herring, Administrative Director, General Assembly CPCA and Pastor of the Macedonia CPCA Decatur, AL.
12. **APPOINTED** Select Committees.
13. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, Mt. Zion CPCA. The Presbytery expressed words of gratitude and gave a standing ovation to the host church, Mt. Zion CPCA.
14. **AFFIRMED** the 2014 meeting of the Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Huntsville, Alabama with the Lewis Chapel 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 REPORTS.**

Consent of the Body to waive the 2013 assessment for Chelsea CPCA.

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

**CONCURRED** that the Reverend Larry Gordon is reinstated as a member of the HP with all rights, privileges and responsibilities as defined in the *HP Constitution and Bylaws* and **Confession of Faith**.

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery approves the excuses submitted by ministers for all Presbytery meetings held since the close of the 2012 Summer Presbytery.

**CONCURRED** that the HP diligently work to enforce attendance rules and to encourage members to live up to the covenant made when ordained.

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery ordain the following twelve (12) licentiates at its July 2013 session: Sister Latonya Crutcher, Pleasant Grove, Brother Michael Crutcher, Pleasant Grove, Sister Sarah E. Curry, Mt. Zion, Sister Earnestine Gordon, New Hope, Brother Clifford Malone-Hollins, Sister Dominique Melton, Mt. Zion, Sister Barbara Strowbridge, Union Hill, Sister Evelyn L. Wallace, Blackburn Chapel, Elder Mahalia Warner, New Hope, Elder James Williams, Pleasant Grove, Sister Sharon Wilson, Madkins Chapel, and Elder Clagon Woods, Bright Hope.

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery licenses the following six (6) probationers at its July 2013 session: Sister Jan Burton, Pleasant Grove, Brother Jeremy Gardner, Pleasant Grove, Brother Moses Hobbs, III, New Hope, Brother Julian Jude, Pleasant Grove, Sister Janet Sales, Pleasant Grove, and Sister Sharon Warner, New Hope.

**CONCURRED** that the request from the Reverend Dr. Debra Matthews to continue her dual membership status is referred to the General Assembly.

**19. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF JUDICIARY REPORT**

**REFERRED** to the HPEB referral #1, request by Elder Lawrence Jones, “that the Huntsville Presbytery considers changing the meeting of Presbytery from Tuesday thru Saturday to Wednesday thru Friday” to review for feasibility and report back to the Huntsville Presbytery.

**CONCURRED** that there is no conflict of the Huntsville Presbytery Sunday School Convention Bylaws with any superior courts direction or instructions.

**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.

**20. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE ADHOC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE** that drafted the construct of the Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (CTSC).

**21. ADOPTED THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HPEB ADDENDUM** which recommended an amount to be paid to Pastor Grays per Sunday by the Presbytery up to establishment of the session. At that time the session will determine, based on its financial ability, how much the pastor will be paid.

**22. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF MISSION AND EVANGELISM REPORT AND VOTED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS ONE BY ONE**

**Recommendation #1: NONCONCURRED** to implement a homeless ministry in each church.

**Recommendation #2: CONCURRED** to provide leadership to the local churches through conferences and workshops.

**Recommendation #3: ADOPTED** to engage our churches in activities that would encourage them to reach out to the lost and assist those in need.

**Recommendation #4: NO ACTION** was taken on before assigning someone to a board/committee find out their availability and willingness to serve.

### **SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**23. EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT**

**Moderator's Report:**

**CONCURRED** that the moderator includes a "State of the Union" overview of the general status of the Presbytery from the moderator's perspective.

**Stated Clerk's Report:**

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery purchases a "new" laptop computer and printer for the Stated Clerk. The laptop and printer will be the property of the HP.

**HPEB Report:**

**CONCURRED** that the amount of \$1000.00 be given to the Face Lift Project of the Denominational Center and that it is taken from the Weir-Malone Endowment Fund contribution.

**CONCURRED** that a minimum of 4 commissioners and no limitation on the maximum to include Elders and Ministers be the Commission for a Pastoral Installation Service.

**CONCURRED** with the following honorariums for a Pastoral Installation Service: Church-\$100.00, Preacher-\$150.00, and Commissioners do not receive an honorarium.

**CONCURRED** that the make up of the Commission for a Pastoral Installation Service and the honorariums for a Pastoral Installation Service be incorporated into the bylaws of the Huntsville Presbytery.

**CONCURRED** with tabling the appointment of a Huntsville Presbytery Unification Task Force until the General Assembly give guidance pending decision forth coming at the 2014 session of General Assembly.

**CONCURRED** that Moses Temple CPCA be exempt from paying their assessment for 2013.

**CONCURRED** that the Presbytery give the facilitator for the training session an honorarium of \$150.00

**CONCURRED** that recommendations requiring Select Committee review are submitted in time to allow the committee and Presbytery to act.

**24. ADOPTED THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS REPORT**

**25. ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

**CONCURRED** that all HP Congregations support the 2013 HP Training by participating on **Saturday, September 14, 2013.**

**CONCURRED** that the HP and its congregations continue to support the worthwhile project face-lift program by making contributions to continue the update of the headquarters; and request approval of request herein.

**26. ADOPTED THE MISSION AND EVANGELISM, MISSIONARY SOCIETY, JR. MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT**

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

**28. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY REPORT**

**CONCURRED** that the Historical Committee submits a report to the Huntsville Presbytery as soon as possible.

**29. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS REPORT**

**CONCURRED** that all churches submit completed congregational reports to include the financial data requested.

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

**Findings:**

**Blackburn Chapel**-in compliance, **recommended** that Blackburn Chapel invest in a new binder due to too many loose pages which makes it difficult to review records.

**Briar Fork**-in compliance

**Bright Hope**-in compliance

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

**Findings:**

**Cedar Grove**-in compliance, exception: there was no adoption of the agenda

**Chelsea**- in compliance, exception: location of the meeting was not indicated

**Church Street**-in compliance

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

**Findings:**

**Lewis Chapel**-in order except minutes not signed by pastor, agenda mentioned, but not listed, no mention of absent members, and prior meeting minutes missing from records

**Madkins Chapel**-neat and in order except for no quorum mentioned in minutes

**Moses Temple**-did not submit a record book

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

**Findings:**

**New Heaven**-found to be partially satisfied, not all minutes were signed by the clerk, some agendas were presented and adopted, didn't say type of meeting, regular or called, and didn't say all meetings ended with prayer.

**New Hope**-found to be fully satisfied with the review checklist

**Mt. Zion**-found to be fully satisfied of the review list

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

**Findings:**

**Pleasant Grove**-found to be in proper order, members absent not listed, no prior minutes last year

**St. Elizabeth**-found to be in proper order, no roll of members absent

**St. James #2**-found to be in proper order



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

**Findings:**

**Triana**-all minutes were typed on stationary paper and attached to the record book pages.

**Union Hill**-not all minutes were signed by the pastor and clerk, need to be specify whether regular or called meeting, no agendas were included with the minutes

**West End**-not all minutes were signed by the pastor and clerk, no agenda was included with the minutes, no indication as to whether meetings were called or regular.

**MEMORIALS**

- 36. MEMORIALIZED and THANKED** God for the life of our deceased member since the last Presbytery. A Memorial Service was held to memorialize the life of the following individual, Elder Tommy Cole in the 2013 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

**LICENSING**

**37. LICENSED IN THIS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY**

Sister Jan Burton, Pleasant Grove, Brother Jeremy Gardner, Pleasant Grove, Brother Moses Hobbs III, New Hope, Deacon Walter Jones, St. James #2, Brother Julian Jude, Pleasant Grove, Sister Janet Sales, Pleasant Grove, Sister Sharon Warner, New Hope

**ORDANATIONS**

**38. ORDAINED IN THIS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY**

Sister Latonya Crutcher, Pleasant Grove, Brother Michael Crutcher, Pleasant Grove, Sister Sarah E. Curry, Mt Zion, Sister Earnestine Gordon, New Hope, Brother Clifford Malone-Hollins, Sister Dominique Melton, Mt. Zion, Sister Barbara Strowbridge, Union Hill, Sister Evelyn L. Wallace, Blackburn Chapel, Elder Mahalia Warner, New Hope, Elder James Williams, Pleasant Grove, Sister Sharon Wilson, Madkins Chapel, Elder Clagon Woods, Bright Hope.

- 39. HEARD** the Resolution of Thanks to the Mt. Zion CPCA for hosting the 2013 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

**40. NEXT MEETING PLACES**

2014: Lewis Chapel CPCA

2015: Triana CPCA

2016: St James #2 CPCA

**41. ADJOURNED** to meet next year with the Huntsville Presbytery on Tuesday, July 15-19, 2014 in Huntsville, Alabama with the Lewis Chapel CPCA serving as host.

Humbly Submitted,

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The Reverend James O. Robinson, Sr., Moderator

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The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk