

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

**2011 Summer Huntsville Presbytery
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting
July 12-16, 2011
New Hope CPCA
28520 Wall Street SW
Madison, Alabama 35756**

**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 2011 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, July 12-16, 2011. 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 2011 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 12, 15, & 16, 2011 accomplished the following actions:

Host: New Hope CPCA

Host Pastor: The Reverend Terry L. Ragland

Theme: "What Type of Soil Are You?" Luke 8:4-15

Organizational Matters

1. **THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** on Tuesday night, July 12, 2011 with thirty-eight (38) ministers, and twenty-four (24) elder representatives. Two (2) youth advisory delegates and one (1) licentiate also answered the roll on Tuesday night, July 12, 2011.
2. **THEME:** "What Type of Soil Are You?" Luke 8:4-15
3. **HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr. The Reverend Versey Jones and the Reverend James Robinson served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Tuesday, July 12, 2011.
4. **ACKNOWLEDGED** the presence of a visitor, Sister Carol Toney, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Tuesday, July 12, 2011.
5. **RECEIVED/REFERRED/GRANTED CONSENT** to a total of twenty-seven (27) communications addressed to the Body.
6. **ELECTIONS:** Elected the Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr., Moderator, and the Reverend William Robinson, Vice Moderator.

Committee on Ministry

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| Elder Thomas Erskine (11) | Vacancy | Class 2019 |
| Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass (11) | Vacancy | Class 2019 |
| Reverend Columbus Waddle (06) | Expiring Term | Class 2014 |
| Elder Willie B. Turner (11) | Vacancy | Class 2019 |
| <u>Board of Judiciary</u> | | |
| Reverend Endia Scruggs (11) | Vacancy | Class 2019 |
| Elder Burl Peters (11) | Vacancy | Class 2019 |
| <u>Nominating Committee</u> | | |
| Elder Edward Mayberry (06) | Expiring Term | Class 2014 |
| <u>Board of Budget and Finance</u> | | |
| Reverend Cedric Pollard (11) | Vacancy | Class 2019 |
| Elder Larry Gopher (06) | Expiring Term | Class 2014 |
| <u>Board of Christian Education</u> | | |
| Reverend Robert Jefferson (06) | Expiring Term | Class 2014 |
| Reverend Dorothy Fletcher (11) | Vacancy | Class 2019 |
| <u>Board of Mission and Evangelism</u> | | |
| Elder Narvell Patton (11) | Vacancy | Class 2020 |
| Elder Jean Wallace (11) | Vacancy | Class 2020 |
| <u>Historical Committee</u> | | |
| Reverend Bertha Watts (11) | Vacancy | Class 2020 |
| Reverend Dorothy Ray | Vacancy | Class 2019 |

7. **PARTICIPATED** in a workshop, “What the Church Expects from the Pastor”, presented by Elder Dr. Joe Ward and “What the Pastor Expects from the Church”, presented by the Reverend Endia Scruggs.
8. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, New Hope CPCA. Expressed words of gratitude to the New Hope CPCA, its Pastor, the Reverend Terry L. Ragland, and other members of the New Hope CPCA Hospitality Committee.
9. **AFFIRMED** the 2012 meeting of the Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Huntsville, Alabama with the Blackburn Chapel CPCA to serve as host.

REPORTS

10. **APPROVED THE REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO UNION HILL CPCA.**
11. **THE PRESBYTERY DID NOT APPROVE THE REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO MT. SINAI CPCA.**
12. **REFERRED** the Moderator’s Report, Vice Moderator’s Report, Stated Clerk’s Report, Engrossing Clerk’s Report, the Huntsville Presbytery Executive Board’s Report, and the Huntsville Presbytery Council’s Report to the Select Committee on Executive Review.

13. **REFERRED BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUXILARY REPORTS** to the appropriate select committee.

14. **ADOPTED THE BOARD OF BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT.**

15. **ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT and COMMENDED** the Reverend Endia Scruggs for her outstanding leadership as chair of the Committee on Ministry.

The Committee on Ministry **URGED** the Huntsville Presbytery to continue working on enforcing and encourage all members of the Huntsville Presbytery to be more accountable, in order to reduce absenteeism at the Annual Presbytery.

Four (4) Probationers have completed the requirements for licensure by the Huntsville Presbytery. They are:

1. **Sister Latonya Crutcher (Pleasant Grove)**
2. **Brother Michael Ray Crutcher (Pleasant Grove)**
3. **Sister Barbara Jean Strowbridge (Union Hill)**
4. **Sister Sharon Wilson (Madkins Chapel)**

The COM **RECOMMENDED** the above-named persons for licensure by the Huntsville Presbytery.

Six (6) names were made known to the COM to be received as Probationers. They are:

5. **Sister Ernestine Gordon (New Hope)**
6. **Sister Kawandia Mayberry (Pleasant Grove)**
7. **Sister Evelyn Lenora Wallace (Blackburn Chapel)**
8. **Sister Janice Warner (New Hope)**
9. **Elder Mahalia Warner (New Hope)**
10. **Sister Dominique Melton (Mt. Zion)**

The COM **RECOMMENDED** the above-named persons to the Huntsville Presbytery for acceptance and approval of their status as Probationers, this July 2011.

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

REFERRED the General Assembly's definition of active and inactive members and the role of the church session back to the Board of Judiciary.

17. **ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE 2011 COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

18. **ADOPTED THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT**

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery appoint a HP Disaster Relief and Recovery Team that is constituted by the designated positions of (a) Chairperson of HP Board of Missions and Evangelism, (b) President of the HP Missionary Society, and (c) Advisor of the HP CPYF.

CONCURRED that the HP DRRT designs a plan of training and response that will be presented to the HPEB for approval and for implementation (subject to final approval by the HP).

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery continue to keep first things first, as we help to equip clergy, officers and laity of the HP congregations to focus upon faithfully fulfilling the biblical mandates of The Great Commission of reaching the unchurched and teaching those who will avail themselves of the opportunities.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery continues to financially support the www.huntsvillepresbytery.org website communication ministry.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery continues to seek ways to increase the effective communication and cooperation between Pastors and Elders who comprise the Church Session as well as between the Church Session and congregation.

CONCURRED that Moderator Mitchell Walker be given words of appreciation for encouraging the Huntsville Presbytery to provide disaster relief to those affected by the storm.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery hosts the General Assembly in 2014.

CONCURRED that Chelsea CPCA, New Heaven CPCA and Triana CPCA be requested to pay their Tithes/Offerings at the 2011 Summer Presbytery, or within 30 days after the close of the 2011 Summer Presbytery. Chelsea CPCA request in regards to being unable to send its financial share in this session of the Huntsville Presbytery was granted. New Heaven CPCA paid their Tithes/Offerings on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.

CONCURRED that Chelsea CPCA and Mt. Sinai CPCA be requested to submit their Congregational Report at the 2011 Summer Presbytery, or within 30 days after the close of the 2011 Summer Presbytery.

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

APPROVED the contribution of \$1000.00 to Annie Beasley and Rick & Ollie Carter of the Harvest Community from the Disaster Relief Fund.

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

21. **THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HISTORY REPORT** observed from the report of the Committee on History that the Committee is non-functional and **RECOMMENDS** that the HPEB take immediate over site of the committee to give them guidance so they can accomplish their tasks as set forth by our Constitution.

22. ADOPTED THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS REPORT

CONCURRED with the BOB&F's recommendation to request of the Alabama Synod that all Presbyteries not be required to pay the 10% taxation to the Alabama Synod this year-2011.

23. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

24. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS REPORT

The Body **CONSENTED** that 30 September will be the deadline date for the requested information on the Report of Congregation from Church Street CPCA, Madkins Chapel CPCA, and Union Hill CPCA that was not reported.

25. ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

CONCURRED that the By-Laws Committee reviews the By-Laws to ensure no overlay of training requirements between Committee on Ministry and the BOCE.

CONCURRED that the Presbytery requires all auxiliaries to coordinate training requirements with the BOCE and whenever possible, support group auxiliary training.

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

Findings:

Blackburn Chapel-clerk did not sign the minutes, minutes not bound, and no agendas present

Briar Fork-no agendas present

Bright Hope-no agendas present and no minutes from January 1, 2011-July 1, 2011

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

Findings:

Cedar Grove-minutes were not up to date, minutes that were available were signed by the Pastor and Clerk, no agendas, and normal meeting frequency partially satisfied

Chelsea-minutes were not up to date, minutes that were available were signed by the Pastor and Clerk, and normal meeting frequency partially satisfied
Church Street-some minutes did not have time of meeting, no indication of absent members, and can't determine quorum w/o knowing non-present members

**28. 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

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

Findings:

Mt. Sinai-no time of meeting listed
Mt. Zion-in compliance
New Heaven-in compliance

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

Findings:

New Hope-not all minutes were signed by the Pastor and Clerk
Pleasant Grove-no agenda found on some meetings, and some sessions did not indicate closing prayer
St. Elizabeth-meeting book is not up to date, date and time of meetings partially satisfied, session approval of prior minutes on the ones that were available, and normal meeting frequency partially satisfied

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

Findings:

St. James #2-no agendas present, and location of meeting not indicated
Triana-no attachments to the record book pages, no agenda present, location of meeting not indicated, type of meeting not indicated, no determination of a quorum present, no brief summary of each item of business and method of disposition, and all observations from prior years record review complied with not satisfied
Union Hill-did not submit a record book
West End-did not submit a record book

MEMORIALS

32. 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 2011 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

Elder Larry Chisom (Mt. Zion)

Elder Clarence Smith (Triana)

LICENSING

33. LICENSED IN THIS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY

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| Sister Latonya Crutcher | (Pleasant Grove CPCA) |
| Brother Michael Ray Crutcher | (Pleasant Grove CPCA) |
| Sister Barbara Jean Strowbridge | (Union Hill CPCA) |
| Sister Sharon Wilson | (Madkins Chapel CPCA) |

CANDIDATES

34. RECEIVED AS PROBATIONERS

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sister Ernestine Gordon | (New Hope CPCA) |
| Sister Kawandia Mayberry | (Pleasant Grove CPCA) |
| Sister Dominique Melton | (Mt. Zion CPCA) |
| Sister Evelyn Lenora Wallace | (Blackburn Chapel CPCA) |
| Sister Janice Warner | (New Hope CPCA) |
| Elder Mahalia Warner | (New Hope CPCA) |

35. **HEARD** the Resolution of Thanks to the New Hope CPCA for hosting the 2011 Sumner Huntsville Presbytery.

36. NEXT MEETING PLACES

2012: Blackburn Chapel CPCA
2013: Mt. Zion CPCA
2014: Lewis Chapel CPCA

37. **ADJOURNED** to meet next year with the Huntsville Presbytery on Tuesday, July 10-14, 2011 in Huntsville, Alabama with the Blackburn Chapel 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

