

# **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**2010 Huntsville Presbytery  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting  
July 15-17, 2010  
Madkins Chapel CPCA  
2403 Oakwood Road NW  
Huntsville, Alabama 35810**

**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 2010 Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 15-17, 2010 accomplished the following actions:

**Host:** Madkins Chapel CPCA

**Host Pastor:** The Reverend Endia J. Scruggs

**Theme:** "If It's Not Broken, Break It" Hosea 10:12 and Galatians 6:7-8

**Organizational Matters**

1. **THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** with forty-two (42) ministers, and twenty-eight (28) elder representatives. Seven (7) youth advisory delegates and thirteen (13) licentiates also answered the roll.
2. **THEME:** "If It's Not Broken, Break It" Hosea 10:12 and Galatians 6:7-8
3. **HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr. The Reverend Endia J. Scruggs and the Reverend Terry Ragland served as Holy Communion Officiants, Thursday, July 15, 2010.
4. **ACKNOWLEDGED** the presence of past and present moderators of the General Assembly, Alabama Synod, and Huntsville Presbytery, Thursday, July 15, 2010.

5. **RECEIVED/REFERRED/GRANTED CONSENT** to a total of twenty-one (21) communications addressed to the Body.

### **ELECTIONS**

6. Elected the Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr., Moderator, the Reverend William Robinson, Vice Moderator, and the Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk.

#### **Board of Judiciary**

Reverend Katherine Baker (05)	Expiring Term	Class 2013
Elder Franklin Fletcher (11)	Nominee Vacancy	Class 2019

#### **Nominating Committee**

Elder Leonard Thomas (05)	Expiring Term	Class 2013
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#### **Historical Committee**

Sister Paula Rooks (11)	Nominee Vacancy	Class 2019
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7. **PARTICIPATED** in a training session, The Roles of Pastors and Elders, presented by the Reverend Dr. G. Lynn Herring.
8. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, Madkins Chapel CPCA. Expressed words of gratitude to the Madkins Chapel CPCA, "*The Loving Place*", its Pastor, the Reverend Endia J. Scruggs, and other members of the Madkins Chapel CPCA Hospitality Committee.
9. **AFFIRMED** the 2011 meeting of the Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Madison, Alabama (Limestone County) with the New Hope CPCA to serve as host.

### **REPORTS**

10. **REFERRED** the Moderator's Report, Vice Moderator's Report, Stated Clerk's Report, and the Huntsville Presbytery Executive Board's Report to the Select Committee on Executive Review.
11. **REFERRED BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUXILARY REPORTS** to the appropriate select committee.
12. **RECEIVED THE BOARD OF BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORTS PART1 AND PART 2** as information.
13. **ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT PART 1**

The Committee on Ministry **URGED** the Huntsville Presbytery to enforce the rules to make all members of the Huntsville Presbytery more accountable, in order to reduce absenteeism at the Annual Presbytery.

The COM **RECOMMENDED** that the Huntsville Presbytery begin the process to remove the following ordained ministers and licentiates from its roll:

Rev. Dora Jackson  
Rev. Elaine King  
Rev. Carl Lane  
Rev. Maurice Pope  
Rev. Valerie Stewart  
Rev. Dorothy Ward  
Rev. Jonathan Pickett  
Brother Marvin Griffith, licentiate

Nineteen (19) licentiates have completed the requirements for ordination by the Huntsville Presbytery. They are:

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| 1. Sister Petra Bess                | (Pleasant Grove)   |
| 2. Brother Felix Chew               | (Briar Fork)       |
| 3. Sister Dorothy Fletcher          | (Madkins Chapel)   |
| 4. Sister Annie Humphrey            | (Madkins Chapel)   |
| 5. Sister Betty Allen Jones         | (Pleasant Grove)   |
| 6. Sister Juliette Jones            | (Triana)           |
| 7. Sister Stella Kirby              | (Pleasant Grove)   |
| 8. Sister Deborah McGlathery-Holden | (Madkins Chapel)   |
| 9. Elder Byron McGlathery           | (Madkins Chapel)   |
| 10. Sister Delonda Moore-Henderson  | (Mt. Zion)         |
| 11. Brother Cedric Pollard          | (Church Street)    |
| 12. Sister Dorothy Tiller Ray       | (Madkins Chapel)   |
| 13. Brother John Rice               | (Lewis Chapel)     |
| 14. Sister A'Yonnika Rogers         | (New Hope)         |
| 15. Sister Paula Rooks              | (Church Street)    |
| 16. Sister Remisha Snodgrass        | (Blackburn Chapel) |
| 17. Brother Tramaine D. Snodgrass   | (Blackburn Chapel) |
| 18. Sister Virginia Washington      | (Blackburn Chapel) |
| 19. Brother Marshall White          | (Mt. Zion)         |

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

One (1) candidate Sister Kywandia Townsend (Briar Fork) completed the requirements for licensure by the Huntsville Presbytery.

#### 14. **ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT PART 2**

The COM **RECOMMENDED** to the Presbytery to endorse Reverend Debra Matthews, as pastor of Highland Drive Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

located in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and requests the General Assembly to grant permission for her to pastor a non-CPCA.

The COM **RECOMMENDED** to the Presbytery, Sister Ella Mae Green and Sister Barbara Strawbridge as probationers in the ministry.

The COM **ENDORSED** the idea and concept of the Pneuma Ministries Community CPCA and **REFERRED** the issue back to the Presbytery. The Moderator directed the Committee on Ministry to work out the parameters involving the implementation of the Pneuma Ministries Community CPCA.

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

**16. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE 2010 COMMISSIONERS/YADS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**17. ADOPTED THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT**

The committee **CONCURS** that we operate a “balanced” budget, with our expenses NOT to exceed our income.

The committee **CONCURS** that the Committee on Ministry be authorized to take the necessary steps to communicate with and hold our Clergy accountable for their faithful presence and regular participation at the meetings of the Spring Presbytery and Summer Presbytery, as well as their participation on HP Committees and Boards, as prescribed within the limits of our Constitution and By-Laws, seeking and encouraging broader participation, as everyone is a needed and desired essential contributing member.

The committee **CONCURS** that we continue to allocate a minimum amount of funds, as the budget can afford to allocate, to keep the website updated and advanced as needed for optimal utilization.

The committee **CONCURS** that Huntsville Presbytery through its Board of Mission and Evangelism, its Board of Christian Education, its Missionary Society, its Sunday School Convention, and its CPYF collaborate with each Church Session in order to prioritize the strengthening of our congregations through the establishment and support of its congregational counterpart in each church during the upcoming 2010-2011 presbytery calendar year, so that by the July 2011 Summer Presbytery...each congregation will have an active Mission and Evangelism Committee, Christian Education Committee, Sunday School, Missionary Society and CPYF, including helping each Church Session, as requested and desired, to establish and to reach their projected goals regarding numerical growth, increased inreach ministry and increased outreach mission/ministry by July 2011 Summer

Presbytery and that all efforts, goals and progress be reported at the July 2011 Summer Presbytery and that the HPEB receive updates at its bi-monthly meetings.

The committee **CONCURS** that Huntsville Presbytery set an overall presbytery goal of 10% increase in total membership by the 2011 Summer Presbytery, with each congregation praying and working toward a 10% increase in membership; and that Huntsville Presbytery pray and work through its individual Church Sessions and congregations to accomplish this goal, always depending upon the Holy Spirit's guidance and God's gracious provision.

The committee **CONCURS** that Huntsville Presbytery provide an annual workshop in its Summer Presbytery setting, with the emphasis to be determined by the HPEB and reported at the Spring Presbytery, with one consideration being "The Role of Pastors and Elders in the Church" for 2011 and 2012.

The committee **CONCURS** that the Huntsville Presbytery through the joint planning of the Board of Mission and Evangelism and of the Board of Christian Education sponsor an annual conference in 2011 and 2012 that focuses upon "*equipping the saints to do the work of ministry,*" just as was done this year and as they best determine the need for the emphasis in their continuing conversations with Church Sessions in the Huntsville Presbytery, regarding their sessional and congregational needs.

The committee **CONCURS** that at each Summer setting of the Huntsville Presbytery, that the Board of Christian Education, in consultation with its HP auxiliaries, will provide resources that can be purchased that will be useful for our HP congregations in its ministry efforts.

**CONCURRED** that (New Heaven CPCA and Moses Temple CPCA) be requested to pay their Tithes/Offerings at the 2010 Summer Presbytery, or within 30 days after the close of the 2010 Summer Presbytery.

**CONCURRED** that Chelsea CPCA be requested to submit its Congregational Report at the 2010 Summer Presbytery, or within 30 days after the close of the 2010 Summer Presbytery.

**CONCURRED** with the exploration/implementation of a mentoring/shadowing program to grow future leaders not just for spiritual ministries of the church but for the administrative and operational roles that exist in the church. Specifically positions such as HP Engrossing Clerk and experienced Budget Committee members being they are some of our noted hard to fill critical positions.

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery send a request to the General Assembly Executive Board in regards to the reallocation of the proportional

formula of 70% to the GA, 10% to the Synod, and 20% to the Presbytery to become 60% to the GA, 5% to the Synod, and 35% to the Presbytery.

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery sends a letter of nomination to the Alabama Synod Nominating Committee endorsing the nomination of Elder Vanessa Midgett as Stated Clerk of the Alabama Synod.

**CONCURRED** with providing ways to improve communication between the Huntsville Presbytery and the local church congregations using the resources and tools we have in place.

**CONCURRED** with updating the Huntsville Presbytery Roster to include names, points of contact, phone numbers, addresses, pastors' name, pastors' home phone number, and pastors' home addresses.

**CONCURRED** with providing teaching and training relevant to the needs of the people (congregations).

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

The committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Board of Mission and Evangelism study more carefully their function and responsibilities described in the Constitution and become more involved in the appropriate work.

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

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

The committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Historical Committee provide specific information on the number of churches contacted, specific number of churches with established historical committees and the names of those churches.

The committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Historical Committee establish standard guidelines as to how churches should establish their committees, collect/display/preserve archives in order to ensure uniformity throughout the Huntsville Presbytery.

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

**RECOMMENDED** that each church receive and comply with the Huntsville Presbytery Record Book Review Check List.

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDED** that church sessions do a better job in turning in session books.

25. **ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDED** that those who are accountable for being at all of the necessary meetings make every effort to attend each session.

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

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

**RECOMMENDED** that the statistical data roll-up be expanded to include all of the categories provided on the reports.

**RECOMMENDED** that all congregations be instructed to complete all blanks in Part II, Membership statistics.

**RECOMMENDED** that a Blank Grid be provided for future select committees to use in collecting and tabulating data required for this committee's report.

28. **ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

**CONCURRED** that the by-laws committee review by-laws to ensure no overlay of training requirements between Committee on Ministry and the Board of Christian Education.

**CONCURRED** that based upon the significant benefits received when the BOCE and the BOME combined conferences, the BOCE recommended that the Presbytery require all auxiliaries to coordinate training requirements with BOCE and whenever possible, group auxiliary training. This process can save the Presbytery dollars and maximize training outcome/accomplishments.

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

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

**DESIGNATED** a commission (Elder Dr. Army Daniel, Jr., Reverend Versey Jones, Reverend James Robinson, Elder Ernest Collier, and Reverend Fred Richardson) to the Union Hill CPCA in regards to members concerns.

**DESIGNATED** a commission (Reverend Barbara Clemons, Reverend Terence Haley, and Elder Stephanie Gilkes) to the Mt. Sinai CPCA in regards to members concerns.

**MEMORIALS**

**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 2010 Huntsville Presbytery.

Reverend Dora Sharp  
Reverend Walter Pride, Jr.  
Elder George Pickett, Sr.  
Elder Preston Harris

**ORDAINED IN THIS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY**

Sister Petra Bess	(Pleasant Grove)
Brother Felix Chew	(Briar Fork)
Sister Dorothy Fletcher	(Madkins Chapel)
Sister Annie Humphrey	(Madkins Chapel)
Sister Betty Allen Jones	(Pleasant Grove)
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Brother Tramaine D. Snodgrass	(Blackburn Chapel)

Sister Virginia Washington (Blackburn Chapel)  
Brother Marshall White (Mt. Zion)

**LICENSED IN THIS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY**

Sister Kywandia Townsend (Briar Fork CPCA)

**HEARD** the Resolution of Thanks to the Madkins Chapel CPCA for hosting the 2010 Huntsville Presbytery.

**NEXT MEETING PLACES**

2011: New Hope CPCA  
2012: Blackburn Chapel CPCA  
2013: Mt. Zion CPCA  
2014: Lewis Chapel CPCA

**ADJOURNED** to meet next year with the Huntsville Presbytery on Thursday, July 14-16, 2010 in Madison, Alabama (Limestone County) with the New Hope CPCA serving as host.

Humbly Submitted,

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Sister Vanessa Collier, Engrossing Clerk

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The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk