

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

**2014 Summer Huntsville Presbytery
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting
July 15-19, 2014
Madkins Chapel CPCA
2403 Oakwood Road
Huntsville, Alabama 35806**

**The Reverend James Robinson Sr., Moderator
The Reverend Terence Haley, 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 2014 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, July 15-19, 2014. 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 2014 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 15, 18 and 19, 2014 accomplished the following actions:

Host: Madkins Chapel CPCA

Host Pastor: The Reverend Endia J. Scruggs

Theme: "The Life of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in American: It's No Over, It's Just Beginning" Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 1:1-4

Organizational Matters

1. **THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** on Tuesday night, July 15, 2014 with fifty-seven (57) ministers, and nineteen (19) elder representatives. One (1) licentiate also answered the roll on Tuesday night, July 15, 2014.
2. **HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend James O. Robinson, Sr. Liturgist, the Reverend Terence Haley. The Reverend Endia J. Scruggs and the Reverend Fred Richardson served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Tuesday, July 15, 2014.
3. **ADOPTED** the Agenda.

Elder Craig White (14)	Class 2023
Elder Leonard Thomas (14)	Class 2023
<u>Board of Budget and Finance</u>	
Elder James Toney (09)	Class 2017
Elder Laverne Askew (12)	Class 2022
Elder Winford Wilson (14)	Class 2022
<u>Board of Christian Education</u>	
Elder Essie Hammond (14)	Class 2022
Elder Molly Caudle (14)	Class 2022
<u>Board of Mission and Evangelism</u>	
Elder John Turner (09)	Class 2017
Reverend A'Yonnika Rogers (12)	Class 2020
Reverend Debra McGlathery (12)	Class 2020
Reverend Ricky Harris (14)	Class 2023
<u>Committee on History</u>	
Reverend Robert Jefferson (14)	Class 2022
Reverend Annie Humphrey (14)	Class 2022
<u>Member-At-Large HPEB</u>	
Reverend Columbus Waddle (14)	Class 2022

ELECTED COMMISSIONERS/YADS to the 140th General Assembly
The 140th General Assembly will meet in Huntsville, AL and will be hosted by the Huntsville Presbytery.

Minister Commissioners

The Reverend James Robinson, Sr.-Moderator
The Reverend Terence Haley-Vice Moderator
The Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr.
The Reverend Endia Scruggs
The Reverend Tramine Snodgrass-Alternate

Elder Commissioners

Elder Dr. Joe Ward
Elder Craig White
Elder Franklin Fletcher
Elder Vanessa Midgett
Elder Winford Wilson-Alternate

YADS

Brother Eddie Franklin
Sister Brittany Haley
Sister Ashley Haley
Sister Tianna Love

- 13. TABLED** the staffing of the Theology and Social Concerns Committee until the adoption of the report from the Adhoc Constitution and Bylaws Committee at the Fall Called Presbytery.

14. **PARTICIPATED** in a workshop, “Update on Unification” facilitated by members of the Unification Taskforce, the Reverend William Robinson, the Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr., and Elder Craig White.
15. **APPOINTED** Select Committees.
16. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, Madkins Chapel CPCA. The Presbytery expressed words of gratitude to the Pastor, the Reverend Endia J. Scruggs and Madkins Chapel CPCA.
17. **AFFIRMED** the 2015 meeting of the Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Triana, Alabama with the Triana CPCA to serve as host.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

18. **SEATED** Dr. Lawrence Greenslit, Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel as a visiting member.
19. **HEARD** greetings from the Reverend Lance Faylor, Dean of Huntsville Bible College.

REPORTS

20. **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.
21. **REFERRED BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUXILARY REPORTS** to the appropriate select committee.
22. **ADOPTED THE BOARD OF BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORTS.**
23. **ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT AND ADDENDUM.**
24. **ADOPTED THE BOARD OF JUDICIARY REPORTS**

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 Huntsville Presbytery approve the Church Street CPCA application for a Construction Loan with the CPC, and that the moderator and Stated Clerk authenticate the resolution of Presbyterial Approval for the church loan.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery adopt and recommend to the CPCA General Assembly the request from the Reverend Debra Matthews to extend her dual membership for another year as Senior Pastor of the Highland Drive Christian Church, Jonesboro, AR.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery adopt and recommend to the CPCA General Assembly the request from the Reverend Darius Holden for dual membership for one year as Pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Town Creek, AL.

25. TABLED THE REPORT OF THE ADHOC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE until the Fall Called Huntsville Presbytery.

26. ADOPTED THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HPEB ADDENDUM that recommended the Mt. Sinai CPCA issue be considered “Closed” and that the Huntsville Presbytery continues to keep this congregation in prayer.

27. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS/YADS TO THE 139TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

28. ADOPTED THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT

Moderator’s Report:

NON-CONCURRED that a committee be formed to strategize and possibly implement ministries to strengthen and broaden our visibility to the world without reducing the biblical standards of the HP. That this committee would serve under the auspice of the Committee on Ministry (COM). That it would be comprised of Ordained Non Pastors. However, the select committee referred the work recommended by the Moderator in this recommendation be collaborated with the Committee on Ministry.

Stated Clerk’s Report:

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery becomes proactive by devising a plan to host the 140th General Assembly.

CONSENT of the BODY that the HPEB will formulate a committee to host the 140th General Assembly.

HPEB Report:

CONCURRED with the approval of the formation of a Continuing Education Committee.

NON-CONCURRED with the formation of a Huntsville Presbytery Watch Night Service.

CONCURRED with the purchase of another record book for the Huntsville Presbytery.

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery sponsors Elder Vanessa Midgett to attend the Certificate in Advanced Cumberland Presbyterian Studies Program to become a “trained consultant” for the Huntsville Presbytery.

Curator’s Report:

- 29. CONCURRED** that all pertinent information for the website be provided in an appropriate format (electronically) and in a timely manner (prior to event). However, the select committee suggests for clarity purposes that the curators specify the appropriate (electronic) format e.g. a word document, PDF or both.

30. ADOPTED THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS REPORT

31. ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

CONCURRED that all HP Congregations support the 2014 HP Training by participating on Saturday, September 14, 2014.

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.

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

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

34. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS REPORT

35. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #1&2 REPORT

Findings:

Blackburn Chapel-did not submit a Church Session Record Book

Briar Fork-had too many page attachments

Bright Hope-in compliance

Cedar Grove-had no agendas

Chelsea-in compliance

Church Street-agenda’s were not adopted

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

Findings:

Lewis Chapel-neat and explicit, complied with the majority of the required items on the review checklist with one discrepancy being it was inconsistent with the normal session meeting frequency, did not comply completely with monthly, bi-monthly and or quarterly sessions.

Madkins Chapel- neat and explicit, complied with the majority of the required items on the review checklist with one discrepancy being it was inconsistent with the normal session meeting frequency, did not comply completely with monthly, bi-monthly and or quarterly sessions.

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

Findings:

New Heaven-recommend that the HPEB appoint someone to go to New Heaven to show them how to properly keep their record book

New Hope-satisfied with a few signatures missing

Mt. Zion-completely satisfied

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

Findings:

Pleasant Grove-in compliance

St. Elizabeth-in compliance

St. James #2-in compliance

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

Findings:

Triana-congratulations on a job well done, a recording of a meeting without the time in which the meeting was held

Union Hill-congratulations on a job well done, neat and efficient and in line with the HP Record Book Review Checklist

West End-did not submit a record book, recommend West End CPCA turn in their record book before every Presbytery meeting as it is required of by the Huntsville Presbytery

MEMORIALS

- 40. 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 Elders, Elder Martin Crawford, Lewis Chapel CPCA and Elder Charles Fletcher, New Hope CPCA in the 2014 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

LICENSING

41. LICENSED IN THIS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY

Sister Felicia Ewing, Church Street CPCA and Deacon Walter Jones, St. James #2 CPCA

42. HEARD the Resolution of Thanks to Madkins Chapel CPCA for hosting the 2014 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

43. NEXT MEETING PLACES

2015: Triana CPCA

2016: St James #2 CPCA

44. ADJOURNED to meet next year with the Huntsville Presbytery on Tuesday, July 14-18, 2015 in Triana, Alabama with the Triana CPCA serving as host.

Humbly Submitted,

The Reverend James O. Robinson, Sr., Moderator

The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk