

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

**2015 Summer Huntsville Presbytery
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting
July 15-17, 2015
Triana CPCA
263 Stone Street
Triana, Alabama 35756**

**The Reverend James Robinson Sr., Moderator
The Reverend Terence Haley, Vice Moderator
The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk
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The 2015 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 15, 16 and 17, 2015 accomplished the following actions:

Host: Triana CPCA

Host Pastor: The Reverend James Childress, Jr.

Theme: "Seeking God's Vision for a New Beginning" Ezekiel 37:3-5 and Habakkuk 2:1-3

Organizational Matters

1. **THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** on Wednesday morning, July 15, 2015 with three (3) ministers, and two (2) elder representatives. Two (2) licentiates were also present. Friday, July 17, 2015 Fifty-One (51) ministers and twenty-five (25) elder representatives were present. Three (3) licentiates were also present.
2. **HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend James O. Robinson, Sr. The Vice Moderator, the Reverend Terence Haley was the Liturgist. The Reverend Wanda Love and the Reverend Robert Jefferson served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Thursday, July 16, 2015.

3. **ADOPTED** the Agenda.
4. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE COM** fifteen (15) communications addressed to the Body in regards to absentees. One (1) communication from the Reverend Carlos Suggs requesting transfer of membership from the Birmingham Presbytery to the Huntsville Presbytery.
5. **RECEIVED/CONSENTED TO EXCUSE** two (2) verbal communications addressed to the Body in regards to leaving early.
6. **RECEIVED/ GRANTED** request for a transfer of membership to the New Hopewell Presbytery from the Huntsville Presbytery for the Reverend Dr. Debra A. Matthews.
7. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE BOJ** request from three of the four Trustees of Church Street CPCA for intervention by our “Parent” Body; the Huntsville Presbytery and two (2) support letters from members of Church Street CPCA and the Reverend Al Garrett, Associate Minister of Church Street CPCA in behalf of the Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Mitchell M. Walker.
8. **RECEIVED/GRANTED** verbal request from Elder Winfred Wilson, Elder Representative from Church Street CPCA for a copy of the letter from the three of the four Trustees of Church Street CPCA for the session of Church Street CPCA.
9. **RECEIVED** request from the Alabama Synod for the Huntsville Presbytery’s nominations for Presbytery Representatives to staff the AL Synod Standing Boards and Committees.
10. **ELECTIONS:** Elected the Reverend Terence Haley, Moderator, the Reverend Barbara Clemons, Vice Moderator and Sister Vanessa Collier, Engrossing Clerk.

<u>Board of Budget and Finance</u>	
The Reverend Alvin Garrett (15)	Class 2023
The Reverend Venus Fletcher (10)	Class 2018
The Reverend Versey Jones (10)	Class 2018
<u>Board of Christian Education</u>	
Elder Patricia Ward (10)	Class 2018
The Reverend Marshal White (15)	Class 2023
Sister Cleo Miller (10)	Class 2018
Sister Ernestine King (10)	Class 2018
<u>Board of Mission and Evangelism</u>	
The Reverend Barbara Strowbridge (15)	Class 2023
Elder Roosevelt Fletcher (15)	Class 2023
<u>Committee on History</u>	
The Reverend Mildred Tutt (15)	Class 2023
<u>Board of Judiciary</u>	
Elder Dr. Joe Ward (10)	Class 2018

Elder Margaret Jordan (15)	Class 2023
The Reverend James Childress (15)	Class 2023
Elder John Miller (10)	Class 2018
Elder Dr. John Humphrey (10)	Class 2018
Elder Charles Bradley (10)	Class 2018
<u>Committee on Ministry</u>	
The Reverend James Robinson (15)	Class 2023
Elder Vanessa K. Midgett (15)	Class 2023
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	
The Reverend Katherine Baker (15)	Class 2023
Elder James Reynolds (10)	Class 2018
<u>CPYF Advisors</u>	
Sister Nina Phipps (99)	Class 2018
The Reverend Wanda Love (15)	Class 2023

ELECTED COMMISSIONERS/YADS to the 141st General Assembly
The 141st General Assembly will meet in Nashville, TN.

Minister Commissioners

The Reverend Terence Haley-Moderator
The Reverend Barbara Clemons-Vice Moderator
The Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson
The Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass
The Reverend Columbus Waddle-Alternate

Elder Commissioners

Elder Charles Bradley
Elder Laverne Askew
Elder John Turner
Elder Franklin Fletcher
An Alternate was not elected

YADS

Brother Joshua Wilson
Sister Brittany Haley
Sister Kayla Parham
Sister Tianna Love

ELECTED HP NOMINEES FOR AL SYNOD BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Board of Judiciary

The Reverend Byron McGlathery

Board of Stewardship and Finance

Elder Ralph Redrick

Sub Committee on Banking

Elder Dr. Army Daniel

11. APPOINTED Select Committees.

12. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, Triana CPCA. The Presbytery expressed words of thanks to the Pastor, the Reverend James Childress and Triana CPCA.
13. **AFFIRMED** the 2016 meeting of the Summer Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Harvest, AL with the St. James #2 CPCA to serve as host.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

14. The Huntsville Presbytery did not have any guest present at this meeting of Presbytery.

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 AND FILED FOR AUDIT THE BOARD OF BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT**
18. **ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

CONCURRED that the Huntsville Presbytery works assiduously to enforce attendance rules and to encourage members to live up to the covenant made when ordained.

19. **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 with the verbal report from the BOJ to Commission the Board of Judiciary to go to the Church Street CPCA.

20. **TABLED INDEFINITELY** the joint report of the **Board of Judiciary** and the **Committee on Ministry** in regards to the request from the Reverend Dr. Debra A. Matthews for Dual Membership with the CPCA and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

21. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS/YADS TO THE 140TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

22. ADOPTED THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT

Moderator's Report: CONCURRED

Vice Moderator's Report: CONCURRED

Stated Clerk's Report: CONCURRED

Engrossing Clerk's Report: CONCURRED

HPEB'S Report: CONCURRED

Curator's Report: CONCURRED that all pertinent information for the website be provided in an appropriate format (electronically) and in a timely manner (prior to event).

HP Council: CONCURRED

23. ADOPTED THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS REPORT

24. ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

CONCURRED that all HP Congregations support the 2015 HP Training by participating during the September/October 2015 timeframe.

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

CONCURRED that the BOM&E meet with Sessions from Mt. Sinai and Moses Temple to discuss interest in Infection Strategies for evangelizing newly built subdivisions near their churches

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

27. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS REPORT

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

Findings:

Cedar Grove-in compliance

Chelsea-in compliance

Church Street-in compliance

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

Findings:

Lewis Chapel-in compliance

Madkins Chapel- in compliance

Mt. Sinai-met most of the requirements except two: inconsistencies with the reading of prior minutes and closing with a prayer

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

Findings:

New Heaven-in order except the meetings were not stated regular or called and could not find an address or phone number

New Hope-in order except the type of meeting was not stated whether they were regular or called and they didn't state any quorums were present

Mt. Zion-in complete order

31. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #5 &1 REPORT

Findings:

Pleasant Grove-no meeting minutes for May and June 2015, no roll of members present or absent July 2015

St. Elizabeth-did not identify time of sessions

St. James #2-location and time of meetings not noted

Blackburn Chapel-minutes were not in denominational binder

32. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SESSION RECORD BOOKS #6 &1 REPORT

Findings:

Triana-commend for a job well done on the up keep of their Record Book

Union Hill- commend for a job well done on the up keep of their Record Book

West End-did not submit a record book

Briar Fork-commend for a job well done on the up keep of their Record Book

Bright Hope- commend for a job well done on the up keep of their Record Book

33. 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 Minister, the Reverend McKinley Jones and Elders, Elder Lankford Cain, Church Street CPCA and Elder David Lane, Pleasant Grove CPCA in the 2015 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

34. HEARD the Resolution of Thanks to Triana CPCA for hosting the 2015 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

35. NEXT MEETING PLACES

2016: St James #2 CPCA

2017: Union Hill CPCA

36. READING/ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Body consented to defer minutes to the HPEB for approval.

LICENSING/ORDINATIONS

37. The Huntsville Presbytery did not license or ordain anyone in this session of Presbytery.

ADJOURNMENT

38. **ADJOURNED** to meet next year with the Summer Huntsville Presbytery on Wednesday, July 13-15, 2016 in Harvest, Alabama with the St. James #2 CPCA serving as host.

Humbly Submitted,

The Reverend James O. Robinson, Sr., Moderator

The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk