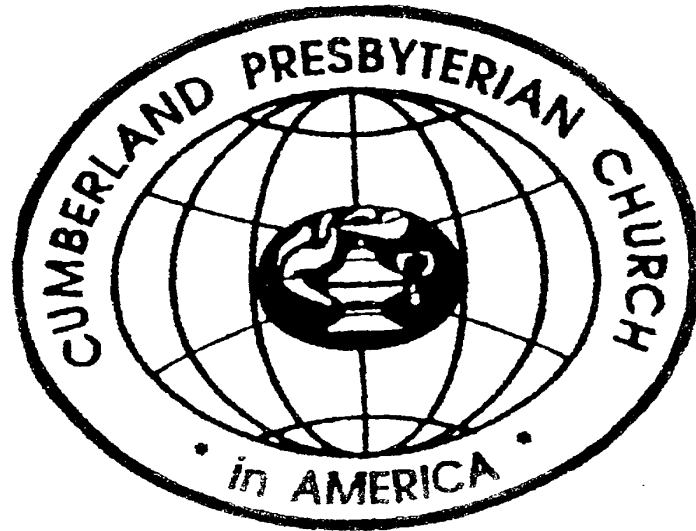


# **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**2017 Summer Huntsville Presbytery  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting  
July 12-14, 2017  
Blackburn Chapel CPCA  
507 Plummer Road  
Huntsville, Alabama 35806**

**The Reverend Terence Haley, Moderator  
The Reverend Barbara Clemons, Vice Moderator  
The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk  
Sister Vanessa Collier, Engrossing Clerk**

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The 2017 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 12, 13 and 14, 2017 accomplished the following actions:

**Host:** Blackburn Chapel CPCA

**Host Pastor:** The Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass

**Theme:** "Connecting With Our Neighbor" Luke 10:29-37

**Organizational Matters**

- 1. THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** on Wednesday morning, July 12, 2017 with nine (9) ministers, and one (1) elder representative. Friday, July 14, 2017 fifty (50) ministers and twenty-four (24) 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 Terence Haley. The Vice Moderator, the Reverend Barbara Clemons served as Liturgist. The Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass and the Reverend Dorothy Fletcher served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Thursday, July 13, 2017.
- 3. ADOPTED** the Agenda.

4. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE COM** seven (7) communications addressed to the Body in regard to absentees. Communication from New Heaven CPCA recommending Sister Cheryl Hereford to be received as a Probationer. Communication from Cedar Grove CPCA to dissolve their relationship with Pastor Robert Jefferson.
5. **RECEIVED/CONSENTED TO EXCUSE** two (2) churches (Mt. Sinai and New Heaven CPCA) that were not able to send a session representative to this meeting of Presbytery.
6. **RECEIVED/ REFERRED TO THE BOB&F** a request from Moses Temple CPCA to be exempt from paying their assessment.
7. **RECEIVED** a thank you letter from the Madison County Juvenile Court for the donation to the Neaves-Davis Center for Children.
8. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE BOM&E** a request for a donation to the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home.
9. **ELECTIONS:** Elected the Reverend Terence Haley, Moderator and the Reverend Barbara Clemons, Vice Moderator of the Huntsville Presbytery. Elected Elder Olivia Brandon to the BOB&F, Elder Lawrence Jones to the BOJ, the Reverend Dorrine McLin to the BOM&E, the Reverend Katherine Baker to the COM, Elder Bibb Collier, the Reverend Robert Jefferson, the Reverend Bertha Watts to the Nominating Committee and the Reverend Virginia Washington to the Historical Committee.

**ELECTED COMMISSIONERS/YADS** to the 143<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly  
 The 143<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly will meet in Oklahoma.

**Minister Commissioners**

The Reverend Terence Haley-Moderator  
 The Reverend Barbara Clemons-Vice Moderator  
 The Reverend Endia Scruggs  
 The Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass  
 The Reverend James Robinson-1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
 The Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson-2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate  
 The Reverend Byron McGlathery-3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate

**Elder Commissioners**

Elder Betty Batts  
 Elder Lawrence Jones  
 Elder Larry Gopher  
 Elder Winfred Wilson  
 Elder Bibb Collier-1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
 Elder Marsha Readus-2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

**YADS**

Aumarea Jordan

Ashley Haley  
Brittany Haley-Alternate

10. **APPOINTED** Select Committees.
11. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, Blackburn Chapel CPCA. The Presbytery expressed words of thanks and gave a standing ovation to the Pastor, the Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass and the Blackburn Chapel CPCA.
12. **AFFIRMED** the 2018 meeting of the Summer Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Madison, AL with the New Hope CPCA to serve as host.

### **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

13. The Huntsville Presbytery recognized and heard from Ecumenical Guest, the Reverend Byron Forester, Admissions Associate from Memphis Theological Seminary.

### **REPORTS**

14. **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.
15. **REFERRED BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUXILARY REPORTS** to the appropriate select committee.

### **16. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT**

#### **17. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

**ADOPTED** recommendation #1 that the Huntsville Presbytery act on the dissolution of the relationship between the Reverend Terry Ragland and the New Hope CPCA.

**ADOPTED** recommendation #2 that the Huntsville Presbytery affirm the HPCOM's instructions to the New Hope CPCA Church Session in accordance with the HPBOJ's recommendation as approved by the Huntsville Presbytery on May 2, 2017.

The moderator, the Reverend Terence Haley appointed the following Commission to new Hope CPCA, the Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr., the Reverend James Robinson, the Reverend William Robinson, the Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson and Elder Stephanie Gilkes.

**ADOPTED** recommendation #3 that the Huntsville Presbytery affirm the immediate dissolution of Moderator Pro Tem of the New hope CPCA Church session, in which the New Hope Church Session elected the Moderator Pro Tem in May 2011 to ensure that there was some continuity to the Church Session (after Pastor Ragland suffered a stroke in April 2011).

**ADOPTED** recommendation #4 that the Huntsville Presbytery affirm the HPCOM's selection of the Reverend Barbara Clemons to serve as Interim pastor of New Hope CPCA.

**ADOPTED** recommendation #5 that the Huntsville Presbytery affirm the HPCOM's instruction to meet with the New Hope CPCA congregation, and the New Hope Church Session will announce to the congregation the planned meeting. The date to be determined.

**ADOPTED THE ADDENDUM TO THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

**18. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF JUDICIARY/HP COMMISSION TO CHURCH STREET REPORT**

**ADOPTED** 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 and members.

**ADOPTED** that the commission to Church Street CPCA be dissolved.

**19. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE HP ADHOC BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

**ADOPTED** to change both the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Mission and Evangelism to Committee on Christian Education and Committee on Mission and Evangelism. The BOJ concurred with the HPEB recommendation to dissolve the Committee on Theology and Social Concerns.

**ADOPTED** to change the word Committee to Board regarding the BOJ in the Bylaws on page 14, Section 5.b. (2) and (3) and to insert the word "have" after the word "must" to read "must have..."

**20. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE HP COMMISSION TO PLEASANT GROVE CPCA**

**ADOPTED** that the Huntsville Presbytery Commission to Pleasant Grove be decommissioned and recognized for a mission assignment well executed.

**21. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS/YADS TO THE 142<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**22. ADOPTED THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT**

**Moderator's Report: CONCURRED**

**CONCURRED** that all nineteen churches submit their annual calendar of events/observances/programs to the Huntsville Presbytery Curators, so that it can be posted on the Huntsville Presbytery website.

**Vice Moderator's Report: CONCURRED**

**Stated Clerk's Report: CONCURRED**

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery conduct an annual revival (not to exceed 3 nights each year) hosted annually by one of the 19 HP churches with the pastor of each church serving as evangelist.

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery partner with Habitat, Inc. (Huntsville).

**Engrossing Clerk's Report: CONCURRED**

**HPEB'S Report: CONCURRED**

**CONCURRED** that the Huntsville Presbytery accepts the invitation to be the host Presbytery for the 144<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America in July 2019.

**Curator's Report: CONCURRED**

**HP Council: CONCURRED**

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

**COMMENDED** the Reverend Versey Jones and the entire board for a job well done.

**24. ADOPTED THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

**CONCURRED** that all HP Congregations support the 2017 HP Training by participating on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

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

**CONCURRED** that each church becomes an active "Champion" for the local Missionary Society. **COMMENDED** this group for a job well done.

**26. ADOPTED THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**CONCURRED** that all Huntsville Presbytery congregations provide history of their church.

**27. THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AND CPYF REPORTS were not reviewed by a select committee this year.**

**28. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS REPORT WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS**

Stated Clerk will verify Pleasant Grove's assessment amount. **CONCURRED** that the congregation report of the Huntsville Presbytery churches should be completed line by line as requested.

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

**30. 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 Clyde Foster, Triana CPCA, Elder Dr. Phillip Redrick, Church Street CPCA, Elder J.W. Robinson, Union Hill CPCA, Elder Elvin Rooks, Chelsea CPCA, Elder David Stewart, and Elder Johnny Tiller, Union Hill CPCA in the 2017 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

**31. HEARD the Resolution of Thanks** to Blackburn Chapel CPCA for hosting the 2017 Summer Huntsville Presbytery. A standing ovation was given to the Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass and Blackburn Chapel CPCA.

**32. NEXT MEETING PLACES**

2018: New Hope CPCA  
2019: Church Street CPCA  
2020: Madkins Chapel CPCA  
2021: Mt. Zion CPCA  
2022: Bright Hope CPCA

**33. READING/ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Body approved to defer minutes to the HPEB for authentication.

**LICENSING/ORDINATIONS**

**34.** The Huntsville Presbytery did not license or ordain anyone to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this Summer Session of Presbytery.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**35. ADJOURNED** at 4:15 P.M. to meet next year with the Summer Huntsville Presbytery on Wednesday, July 11-13, 2018 in Madison, Alabama with the New Hope CPCA serving as host.

Humbly Submitted,

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The Reverend Terence Haley, Moderator

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The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Stated Clerk