

# **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**2018 Summer Huntsville Presbytery  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**



**Meeting  
July 11-13, 2018  
New Hope CPCA  
28520 Wall Street  
Madison, Alabama 35756**

**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 following SUMMARY is a brief description of the actions taken by the 2018 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, July 11-13, 2018. 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.

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The 2018 Summer Huntsville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, meeting July 11, 12 and 13, 2018 accomplished the following actions:

**Host:** New Hope CPCA

**Host Pastor:** The Reverend Ernestine Gordon, Interim

**Theme:** "Send Me" Isaiah 6:8

**Organizational Matters**

- 1. THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY WAS CONSTITUTED** on Wednesday morning, July 11, 2018 with seven (7) ministers, and four (4) elder representatives. Friday, July 13, 2018 thirty-eight (38) ministers and twenty-eight (28) elder representatives were present. Four (4) licentiates and three (3) YADs were also present.
- 2. HEARD OPENING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, presented by the Moderator, the Reverend Terence Haley, message from Isaiah 6:8, "Send Me". The Reverend Dorothy Tiller served as Liturgist. The Reverend Cedric Pollard and the Reverend Ernestine Gordon served as Holy Communion Celebrants, Thursday, July 12, 2018.
- 3. ADOPTED** the Agenda.

4. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE COM** sixteen (16) communications addressed to the Body in regards to absentees. Communication from Blackburn Chapel CPCA recommending Brother Tony Yarbrough and Sister Deniecee Pettaway to be received as Probationers. Communication from St. Elizabeth CPCA recommending Deacon Rosemarlyn Gibson to be received as a Probationer.
5. **RECEIVED** a thank you letter from Cedar Grove CPCA for the ministers sent to them from the Huntsville Presbytery.
6. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE HPEB** a letter from Elder Patricia Ward, chairperson of the Denomination Renovation/Upgrade Team regarding a donation received from the Johnny and Lavarda Tiller Estate and a letter from Elder Craig A. White, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the HP to host the 144<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2019.
7. **RECEIVED/ REFERRED TO THE BOJ** a letter from Elder Craig A. White, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding Presbytery Ratification of Amendment to the Constitution
8. **RECEIVED/REFERRED TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** from Elder Vanessa K. Midgett, Stated Clerk of the AL Synod, Presbytery Nominations for AL Synod Standing Boards and Committees Vacancies and or Expiring Terms of Office.
9. **HEARD** a verbal communication from Minister Jonathan Ford, Huntsville Bible College Representative and Associate Minister of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist M.B. Church, Huntsville, AL.

### RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

**RECOGNIZED/HEARD** from Ecumenical Guest, Dr. J. Earheart-Brown, moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and President of Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN.

### ELECTIONS

10. **ELECTED** the Reverend Terence Haley, Moderator and the Reverend Barbara Clemons, Vice Moderator of the Huntsville Presbytery. Elected Elder Army Daniel, Jr., the Reverend Fred Richardson, Elder Victor Garth, Elder Craig A. White, Elder James Reynolds and Elder Joe L. Jordan to the Board of Judiciary, Elder Dr. Joe Ward to the Board of Budget and Finance, the Reverend Versey Jones, the Reverend Marshall White, Elder Peter Dunklin and Elder Patricia Ward to the Nominating Committee, Elder Betty Batts, Elder Betty Fletcher and Elder Dr. John Humphrey to the Committee on Christian Education, the Reverend Janice Williams to the Historical Committee, and Mrs. Nina Phipps, CPYF Advisor. Elected the Reverend Endia J. Scruggs, Vice Moderator nominee, Elder

Craig A. White, Board of Judiciary nominee and the Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass, Alabama Synod Executive Board nominee of the Alabama Synod.

**ELECTED COMMISSIONERS/YADS** to the 144<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
The 144<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will meet in Huntsville, AL.

**Minister Commissioners**

The Reverend Terence Haley-Moderator

The Reverend Barbara Clemons-Vice Moderator

The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin

The Reverend Ernestine Gordon

**Minister Alternate Commissioners**

The Reverend Annie Humphrey

The Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson

**Elder Commissioners**

Elder Lawrence Jones

Elder Dr. John Humphrey

Elder Deborah Smith

Elder Minnie Jones

**Elder Alternate Commissioners**

Elder Patricia Ward

Elder Stephanie Gilkes

**YADS**

Brittany Haley

Faith Smith

A'Varius Lewis

**11. APPOINTED** Select Committees.

**12. RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host church, New Hope CPCA.

**13. AFFIRMED** the 2019 meeting of the Summer Huntsville Presbytery to convene in Huntsville, AL with the Church Street CPCA to serve as host.

**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 BOARD/COMMITTEES/AUXILIARY 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:** The Huntsville Presbytery affirm the following dates for the Practicum to be scheduled, subject to adjustment as necessary: September 11, 18, 2018; October 2, 16, 30, 2018; November 13, 27, 2018; December 4, 2018; final exam; January 22, 2019.

**ADOPTED Recommendation #2:** The Huntsville Presbytery affirm the following as Candidates for Ministry: Sister Cheryl Collier-Hereford and Sister Lorne Parker

**ADOPTED Recommendation #3:** The Huntsville Presbytery affirm that the following Candidates for Ministry be licensed in the Summer Presbytery, July 2018: Brother Burgess Ewing, Sister Laurie McCaulley, Sister Karen Springer and Brother Donald Watkins

**ADOPTED Recommendation #4:** The Huntsville Presbytery affirm that the following Candidate for Ministry be temporarily removed from the program of Ministerial preparation: Sister Rose Nance

#### **18. ADOPTED THE BOARD OF JUDICIARY REPORT**

**ADOPTED Recommendation #2:** We continue to recommend 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 Huntsville Presbytery grant permissions and concurrences to Union Hill CPCA and St. Elizabeth CPCA congregations regarding church building projects.

**ADOPTED** Communication, General Assembly of the CPCA, July 6, 2018, Subject: Ratification of Amendment to the Constitution. The change makes the representatives the same for all courts as it currently is for the GA.

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

**ADOPTED Recommendation #1:** That the Huntsville Presbytery will have a Called Meeting in conjunction with the Organizational Meeting in October 2018 to vote on Recommendations 2, 3, and 4 of the report.

#### **20. ADOPTED HP COMMISSION TO NEW HOPE CPCA REPORT**

**ADOPTED Recommendation #1:** In consultation with the request from the New Hope CPCA Church Session, the Huntsville Presbytery Commission to New Hope CPCA concurs and recommends that Reverend Ernestine Gordon will serve as Stated Supply for an indefinite time until a new Pastor is installed. (The Stated Supply status will immediately begin when the Interim Pastor status of Reverend Ernestine Gordon ends on August 3, 2018.)

#### **21. ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE 143<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**23. ADOPTED THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**  
**CONCURRED** that all HP Congregations support the 2018 HP Training by participating on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

**24. ADOPTED THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW REPORT**

**Moderator's Report:**

**NONCONCURRED Recommendation #1:** That the Huntsville Presbytery authorize the formation of a commission by the HPEB, with the requirement that a letter be sent to all Church Sessions and Ordained Ministers informing them of the action taken and why (within 10 days of said action). This would keep us from having to have a Called Meeting just to appoint a Commission. If approved, the bylaws of the Huntsville Presbytery would be updated to reflect this action.

**CONCURRED Recommendation #2:** That a line item be added to the Huntsville Presbytery's budget (\$400) for meetings of those serving in any Pastoral Capacity and Pastor Emeritus in the Huntsville Presbytery to hold meetings to foster comradery, support, and guidance among Pastors.

**Vice Moderator's Report:** **CONCURRED**

**Stated Clerk's Report:** **CONCURRED**

**Engrossing Clerk's Report:** **CONCURRED**

**HPEB'S Report:** **CONCURRED**

**Curator's Report:** **CONCURRED**

**HP Council:** **CONCURRED** that all HP Congregations support the 2018 HP Training by participating on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

**25. HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT** No Report

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

**ADOPTED Recommendation #1:** That the HPEB is tasked with securing the remaining reports and reviewing the reports for authenticity.

**ADOPTED Recommendation #2:** Based on the 6 reports received the Statistics Committee recommends that all reports be reviewed for accuracy by the HPEB.

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

**28. ADOPTED THE HUNTSVILLE PRESBYTERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT**

**ADOPTED** that once the survey questions are constructed that they be submitted to the Huntsville Presbytery Executive Board for review and approval ensuring compliance with church doctrine and HP By-Laws. Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship did not have a report.

**29. 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, Elder Louvella Battles, West End CPCA, Reverend Brian Winston,

Reverend Ronald Thatch and Reverend Terry Ragland in the 2018 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

**30. HEARD the Resolution of Thanks** to New Hope CPCA for hosting the 2018 Summer Huntsville Presbytery.

**31. NEXT MEETING PLACES**

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

**32. READING/ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**ADOPTED** the 2018 Summer Huntsville Presbytery Minutes.

**LICENSING**

**33.** The Huntsville Presbytery licensed Brother Burgess Ewing, Sister Laurie McCaulley, Sister Karen Springer and Brother Donald Watkins to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in this session of the Huntsville Presbytery, July 13, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**34. ADJOURNED** at 5:21 P.M. to meet next year with the Summer Huntsville Presbytery on Wednesday, July 17-19, 2019 in Huntsville, Alabama with Church Street 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