



SUMMARY OF ACTONS

(August 5, 2022, Issuance)

145TH General Assembly
 Cumberland Presbyterian Church in
 America
 Elder Vanessa Midgett, Stated Clerk

The following summary is NOT the authoritative document for guiding the Church's actions. Only the General Assembly Meeting Minutes can serve that purpose.

ORGANIZATION

1. **ELECTED** the Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin of Huntsville Presbytery, as the Moderator to serve one additional year.
2. **ELECTED** the Reverend Perry Jackson, Hiwassee Presbytery, as the Vice Moderator .
3. **ELECTED** Elder Vanessa K. Midgett, Huntsville Presbytery, as the Stated Clerk.
4. **ABOLISHED** the Administrative Director (AD) Position, realigning the duties of the AD to the Stated Clerk Position.
5. **ELECTED** the required persons to serve on denomination's standing boards and committee vacancies.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITES

6. The Opening Worship & Communion service was held on Monday Morning, July 11, 2022. Moderator Acklin of Huntsville Presbytery delivered the message, centered on Jeremiah 29:11. The Reverend Perry Jackson and Reverend Dr. Ann Jones Pierre of Hiwassee Presbytery served as co-celebrants of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
7. An Assembly-Wide Prayer Service for Commissioners and Auxiliary Delegates was held on Monday evening, July 11, 2022. Minister of Music, Michael Knotts and Elder Victor Garth of Huntsville Presbytery led the service.
8. Reverend Clint Scales of Tennessee Valley Presbytery and Pastor of Elkmont CPCA brought the message for Tuesday Morning Joint Devotion.
9. A Reception was held on Tuesday evening honoring past and present Moderator(s). The Assembly enjoyed an evening of Fellowship with Musical Presentations provided by Musical guests, recording Artist, Dr. Reginald Jackson, and Dr. Janette Kotey. The "Spoken Word" was provided by Ms. Jasmine Byrd of Pleasant Grove CPCA, Huntsville Presbytery.
10. The Wednesday Morning Devotion was led by the National Youth Works (NYW) under the direction of Advisor, Sister Vanessa King. Sister Vanessa Edmonds of Alabama Fork, Tennessee Valley Presbytery delivered the message.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE REVIEW

11. **AFFIRMED** the 146th GA of the CPCA will be held in Chicago, Illinois in June 2023, and hosted by the Cleveland Ohio Presbytery.

12. **AFFIRMED** the re-establishment of a CPCA Website with a mission to facilitate the distribution of information among the CPCA membership.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

13. **CONFIRMED** that each CPCA Synod is to appoint a CPCA School of Continuing Education (SCE) Coordinator to execute the mission and work of the SCE.
14. **REFERRED** the Florence Presbytery proposal on Ordaining Ministers for other Denominations to the GAEB for further review and study.

MILITARY CHAPLAINS

15. **ADOPTED** the recommendation to rename the Commission to Military Chaplains to “Commission on Federal Chaplaincies.” Concurred with the in-name changes to be made in the CPCA Standing Rules.
16. **CONCURED** with the recommendation that ministerial candidates be encouraged to explore the opportunities of serving as a Federal Chaplain.

HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

17. **ADOPTED** the recommendation that the Historical Foundation of the CPCA apply specific effort in cataloging, preserving, and locating, and replacing missing CPCA meeting minutes.
18. **ADOPTED** the recommendation for the Historical Foundation CPCA make effort towards digitizing CPCA files and historical records.

**REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ECUMENICAL
RELATIONS/THEOLOGICAL AND
SOCIAL CONCERNS**

19. **ADOPTED** the dissolution of the Unification Task.
20. **DISAPPROVED** the CPC recommendation to develop union churches and presbyteries that relate to both denominations.
21. **DISAPPROVED** the CPC recommendation to study the feasibility/desirability of periodic concurrent CPC/CPCA General Assemblies.
22. **DISAPPROVED** the CPC recommendation to elect a new Joint Committee on Multi-cultural ministries composed of four members of each denomination to be supported by both denominations.
23. **AFFIRMED** what the COF states on human sexuality with specific regard to section 1.11 which states: “Among all forms of life, only human beings are created in God’s own image in the sight of God, male and female are created equal and complementary. To reflect the divine image is to worship, love and serve God.”
24. **REFERRED** to CPCA Legal Counsel, the following Statement on Opposition to Oppression based on Sexual Identity and referred to the UCTSC for development of resources: “We affirm the COF and its definition of human sexuality. Echoing the Holy Scripture, the Confession declares that humans are created in the image of God, so we believe that there is no place in any form in our church or in our world for hate, denigration, unkind confrontation, and/or physical violence perpetrated on anyone, or

oppression of any person based on their gender or sexual expression.”

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

- 25. **ADOPTED** the Report of the General Assembly CPCA Banking Committee
- 26. **APPROVED** a budget request for \$600.00 submitted by the Historical Foundation.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND EVANGELISM

- 27. **CONCURRED** with the Vice Moderator’s recommendation that the entire Assembly, Ministers, Officers, and parishioners participate in the corporate prayer to be scheduled quarterly and to be conducted virtually.
- 28. **CONCURRED** that the National Sunday School Convention Program needs improvement based on consistent low attendance
- 29. **RECCOMENDED** the National Sunday School Convention should be encouraged to send representatives to the National Sunday School meetings/events.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL

- 30. **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on Memorial.
- 31. **MEMORIALIZED AND CONDUCTED A SERVICE** for the life and legacy of the CPCA Ministers and Elders who transitioned during the intervening period since the 144th General Assembly. A Memorial Service was held to commemorate the lives of the following individuals in the 145th General Assembly:
 - **Angelina Presbytery**
 - Rev. Robert E. Thomas
 - **Birmingham Presbytery**
 - Rev. Virginia Davis

- Elder Marvin Pullom
- Elder Lonnie Jones
- Elder Varna Eatmon
- **Cleveland Ohio Presbytery**
 - Elder Harriet Scruggs
- **Florence Presbytery**
 - Rev. Mary Ross
 - Elder Gary Smith
 - Elder Richard Bates, Jr.
 - Elder William “Buddy” Gilbert
- **Hiwassee Presbytery**
 - Rev. Harris Toney
 - Rev. Anthony Hollis
- **Huntsville Presbytery**
 - Rev. Marian Hayden
 - Rev. Dr. Willie T. Brown
 - Elder Jessie Edwards
 - Elder James Baker, Sr.
 - Elder Joe Fletcher
 - Elder Ronnie Wellington
 - Elder Bobby Hereford
- **New Hopewell Presbytery**
 - Elder Samuel Hulsey
 - Elder Pearlle Mitchell
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- **Tennessee Valley Presbytery**
 - Elder Woodrow Johnson, Jr.
- **Tuscaloosa Presbytery**
 - Elder Clyde Harkins
 - Elder Eugene Jones
 - Elder William (Nick) Underwood
 - Elder Mattie MaCaa
 - Rev. Anthony Barnes
 - Elder George King
 - Elder Eugene Jones
 - Elder Doretha Rice
 - Elder Aaron Morrow
 - Elder Zola Duncan

SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION
AND THANKS

COMMENDED Host Moderator, Rev. Dr. Barbara Clemons, and the Huntsville Presbytery for the provision of a warm welcome and generous hospitality that was provided throughout the duration of the General Assembly Convention. Stated the following: “We have been blessed from the time we arrived on the grounds until the adjournment of this meeting.”

ADJOURNED until the 146th General Assembly scheduled to convene June 2023 in Chicago, Illinois with the Cleveland Ohio Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theodis Acklin

**Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
Moderator**

Vanessa K. Midgett

**Elder Vanessa K Midgett
Stated Clerk**