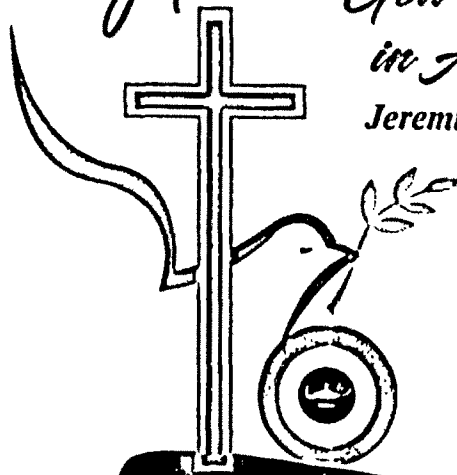


*145th General Assembly
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*Redemption: God's Plan
in Action*

Jeremiah 29:11



2022 MINUTES

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REVEREND LELA FENCHER, GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENGROSSING CLERK**

145th GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

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PROGRAM

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SAITH THE LORD, THOUGHTS OF PEACE, AND NOT OF EVIL,
TO GIVE YOU AN EXPECTED END.
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JULY 10, 2022 — JULY 14, 2022

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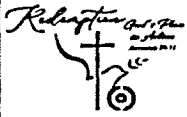
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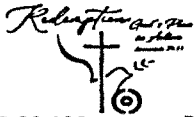
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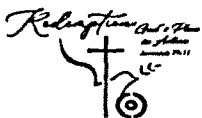
Sunday, July 10, 2022

12:00 PM Exhibit and Display Set-Up.....Pre-Function Foyer
 1:00 PM Welcome Tables.....Pre-Function Foyer
 3:00 PM Registration (All Auxiliaries)..... Auxiliary Meeting Room
 GA Office open for Commissioners Check-In.....Monroe Conference Room
 3:00 PM— 7:00 PM
 Welcoming Reception—Huntsville Presbytery Hosting.....Orion
 8:30 PM GA CommissionersBig Spring CD
 National Sunday School Executive Committee Meeting.....Madison Room
 National Missionary Society Executive Meeting.....Big Spring B
 National Youth Works.....Redstone Board Room



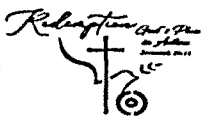
Monday, July 11, 2022

7:00 AM Registration/Exhibit Set-Up.....Pre-Function Foyer
 8:30 AM General Assembly Opening Worship and Holy Communion Services.....Big Spring CD
 (Services Attendees General Assembly/Auxiliaries)
 Welcome, Host, Moderator, Local Officials
 10:30 AM Opening General Assembly Business Session
 Call to Order.....Big Spring CD
 Roll Call
 Constitution of the CPCA General Assembly
 Adoption of Agenda
 Nominating Committee Report
 Election of Moderator and Vice-Moderator
 Recognition—Ecumenical Participants
 Acknowledgement of Ecumenical Representative
 Judiciary Board Report (Remarks limited to 2 minutes)
 12:30 PM BREAK FOR LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
 2:00 PM CPCA DENOMINATION WORKSHOP—DISCUSSION FORUM.....BIG SPRING CD
 "GOD'S PLAN IN ACTION" THE WAY AHEAD FOR THE CPCA DENOMINATION
 7:00 PM CPCA GA PRAYER SERVICE FOR HOPE AND HEALING,.....VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL
 BIG SPRING CD



Tuesday, July 12, 2022

8:30 AM Joint Morning Devotion National Missionary In-charge.....Big Spring CD
 9:45 AM General Assembly Session.....Big Spring CD
 Call to Order
 Roll Call
 Reading of Minutes of Previous Session



Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Reports from Agencies (Reports/Preliminary Minutes).

- Moderator of General Assembly
- Vice-Moderator
- Stated Clerk
- Administrative Director
- GA Executive Board
- Nominating Committee
- Permanent Judiciary Board
- Budget and Finance/Banking Committee
- Historical Foundation Board of Trustees
- Theological and Social Concerns Committee
- The Report of the Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel Unification Task Force

12:30 PM BREAK FOR LUNCH

2:00 PM General Assembly Business Session Big Spring CD

3:00 PM Reading and Referral of Communications Big Spring CD
Committee Appointments (Dismissal for Committee Work)
(NOTE: All Reports are due to the GA Office by 7:00PM)

7:00 PM MODERATOR'S RECEPTION HONORING THE MODERATORS Orion



Wednesday, July 13, 2022

8:30 AM Joint Morning Devotion Big Spring CD

10:00 AM—12:00 PM Educational Workshop Big Spring CD

12:00 PM BREAK FOR LUNCH

2:00 PM GA Business Session Big Spring CD

- Call to Order
- Minutes of Previous Session
- Reports from Select Committees
 - Election (Nominating Committee Report Part II)
 - Christian Education
 - Ecumenical Relations
 - Theology and Social Concerns
 - Missions and Evangelism
 - Executive Board



Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Budget and Finance
Memorial Committee and Resolution of Thanks
Reading of the Minutes
Final Remarks by Moderator/Motion for Adjournment/Prayer

3:00 PM— 6:00 PM

Open House at the CPCA Denomination Center
226 Church Street, NW
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S OFFICE.....MONROE CONFERENCE ROOM

HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY

3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

MONDAY

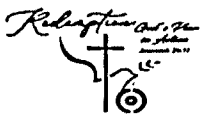
8:30 AM — 5:00 PM

TUESDAY

8:30 AM — 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM — 4:30 PM



GENERAL ASSEMBLY ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Executive Board Report.....Orion
Mission and Evangelism.....Orion
Christian Education.....Orion
Finance and Budget DistributionOrion
Theology and Social IssuesOrion
Resolution of Thanks and Memorial Committee.....Orion



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Day 1- Monday, July 11, 2022

Session I

(Opening Session of the CPCA General Assembly Business.)

Call to Order: Moderator, Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin called the 145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America to order at 10:58 a.m.

Constitutional Prayer/Opening Prayer. Opening prayer by Reverend Robert Rice.

Roll Call. Roll call by the Stated Clerk Protem, Elder Vanessa K. Midgett. A Quorum was present. (Thirty-Seven (37) Commissioners in attendance: Nineteen (19) Ministers and Eighteen (18) Elders in attendance.)

Adoption of Agenda. Elder George Lockett moved for the adoption of the agenda with the second provided by Reverend Robert Rice. Unreadiness on the motion. Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua moved to amend the motion to add to the agenda the General Assembly CPCA Standing Rules, (Revised 2019) contained in the 145th GA Preliminary minutes. Second. Motion carried as amended.

Nominating Committee Report (Parts I). Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons read Part I of the Nominating Committee Report. Moved by Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons and seconded by Elder Charles Bradley for adoption of the Nominating Committee Report, Part I; placing the name of Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin in nomination for Moderator. Unreadiness. Discussion. Questions were asked about the terms of office for the Moderator position. Motion carried.

- **CPCA Moderator.** The Moderator, Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin stepped down as Moderator of the Session, requesting Vice Moderator Reverend Dr. Michael Jones preside over the election process. There were no nominations made from the floor. Elder Charles Bradley moved it to elect Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin for the position of Moderator and seconded by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Motion carried. Reverend Dr. Acklin then resumed as Moderator of the Session.
- **Vice Moderator.** The Nominating Committee placed the name of Reverend Perry Jackson in nomination for the position of Vice Moderator. The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Vice Moderator. Nomination from the floor by Elder

- Leonard Skipworth nominating Reverend Clifford Malone-Hollins for the position of Vice Moderator. Reverend Robert Rice moved to close on the said names; motion seconded by Reverend Cedric Stanton. Motion carried.
- **Election.** The Moderator Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin presiding, appointed Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson, Elder Leo Carroll, and Elder George Lockett to collect and tally the votes. (Reverend Dr. Anderson announced the votes/Elders Carroll and Lockett recorded the votes.)
Final count recorded as follows:
****Elder Leo Carroll: Reverend Jackson -Twenty-Seven (27) Votes/Reverend Malone-Hollins- Eight (8) Votes.
****Elder George Lockett: Reverend Jackson Twenty-Four (24) Votes/ Reverend Malone-Hollins - Eight (8) votes

Elected. Reverend Cedric Stanton moved to elect Reverend Perry Jackson for Vice Moderator; motion seconded by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Motion carried.

Moderator Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin invited Vice Moderator Elect, Reverend Perry Jackson to address the Assembly. Reverend Jackson gave thanks to the Assembly for entrusting him with the opportunity to serve. Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin also addressed the Assembly, thanking the members of the 145th General Assembly for his re-election as Moderator of the General Assembly.

There were remarks from Reverend Clifford Malone Hollins regarding the Nomination Forms and information provided to the Nominating Committee for their consideration in making Nomination recommendations to the Assembly. Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons informed the body on how Nomination forms are obtained from each CPCA Presbytery/Synod. The nomination forms are then considered by the Nomination Committee in the development of a Nominating Committee Report to be acted on by the General Assembly.

Appointment of Parliamentarian. The Moderator Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin appointed Reverend Ann Jones-Pierre as Parliamentarian for the 145th General Assembly. Reverend Jones-Pierre accepted the appointment.

Ecumenical Participants:

Elder Vanessa K. Midgett, Protem Stated Clerk recognized the Ecumenical Guests in attendance:
-- Reverend Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC) addressed the body.
--Mrs. Laura Sharpe former Memphis Theological Seminary Secretary was recognized.
--Captain (Retired) Lyman Smith, Executive Director, Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies.' Captain Lyman addressed the Assembly, reminding the body of the importance of Chaplain Ministry.

CPCA Permanent Board of Judiciary Report:

The Moderator called for the presentation of the CPCA Permanent Board of Judiciary (BOJ) Report. ***No Report*** was presented by the Permanent Board of Judiciary (BOJ). Elder Vanessa Midgett advised the Assembly the CPCA Permanent Board of Judiciary did not provide a report.

Joint Committee on Amendments Report:

The Stated Clerk Protem, Elder Vanessa Midgett spoke to the Assembly clarifying and informing the body regarding the February 20, 2020, Joint Committee on Amendments Report. The 2020 report recommends the CPCA 145th GA approve the proposed amendment changes to 3.07 to clarify the status of Advisory members. Discussion. The Assembly by consent, concurred with the recommendation by the 2020 Joint Committee on Amendments to refer the proposed amendments to the CPCA Presbyteries for a vote. Elder Midgett stated a communication will be issued from the CPCA General Assembly Office after A BOJ review has been obtained, referring the proposed constitutional changes to the CPCA Presbyteries. Each CPCA Presbytery will be given the opportunity to vote on each proposed amendment change as is required in the Confession of Faith/Constitution, 11.00 Amendments.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC) Report(s) of the Committee on Judiciary and CPC Select Committee Reports provided in the CPCA 145th General Assembly Preliminary Minutes binder is to be received as information ***only***. Elder Midgett explained that the CPC Judiciary Reports and the CPC Select Committee Reports were presented and ratified during the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPCs) 189th, 190th, and/or 191st General Assemblies. The reports contain additional proposed Constitutional changes which have been acted on by the CPC. The proposed amendment changes were referred to the CPCA Board of Judiciary for review. The proposed Constitutional changes (amendments to 7.06, 8.5, 9.4 (d) and 9.4 (g)) are provided to the 145th Assembly as ***information only***. The Constitutional changes proposed by the CPC include recommended revisions to Sections **7.06 and 8.5**. Discussions on the report. Reverend Michael Sharpe, CPC Stated Clerk, supplied specifics on actions taken by the CPC regarding the ratification of proposed amendment changes. No further action was taken by the Assembly. The proposed amendments are referred to the CPCA BOJ for an advisory opinion to be presented to the General Assembly during the 146th Assembly.

Closing Prayer. Closing prayer delivered by Reverend Phal Carter.

The CPCA General Assembly recessed for Lunch followed by the **CPCA Denomination Workshop Discussion.**, Scheduled for 2:00 p.m. **Note:** Business to resume on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.

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Day 2 - Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Session II

(Second Business Session of the General Assembly)

Call To Order. The Moderator Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin called the meeting to order @ 10:00am.

Opening Prayer. Prayer by Reverend Tremaine Snodgrass, Vice Moderator of the Huntsville Presbytery.

Roll Call. Roll call by the Stated Clerk Protem, Elder Vanessa K. Midgett. There was a quorum present.

Reading/Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting business day were read by the Engrossing Clerk, Reverend Lela Fencher. Elder Franklin Fletcher moved for the adoption of the minutes as read; seconded by Reverend Cedric Stanton. Unreadiness. Motion carried.

General Assembly CPCA Standing Rules, Revised 2019. Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua challenged the legality of the Standing Rules, Revised 2019 for use by the Assembly as the 2019 Standing Rules have not been ratified by the Judicatory. Dr. Fuqua provided a ***highlighted*** commentary with recommended changes to the CPCA Standing Rules, revised, 2019.

Note: Rules of Order/Parliamentary advisement offered by Reverend Ann Pierre: stating the Revised 2019 Standing Rules should be referred to the Permanent Board on Judiciary for review with recommendation(s) to be provided to the 146th General Assembly.

Process for Determination of General Assembly Meeting Place. Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua brought to the attention of the body that there was a possible CPCA Standing Rules infraction noted by the Florence Presbytery regarding the application of General Assembly Standing Rules, Article III Section 3., ***Meeting place (Process for Determination of General Assembly Meeting Place)***. Moved by Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons; seconded by Reverend Robert Rice to refer the issue to the General Assembly Board on Judiciary (BOJ) for review. Unreadiness. Discussion. Motion carried.

Note: Rules of Order/Parliamentary advisement offered by Reverend Ann Jones Pierre: COF, Rules of Order, Section 1.5 (Moderator), for each meeting the Moderator should have at hand, a copy of the standing rules of the judicatory. This is necessary for the orderly conduct of business.

Reverend Cedric Stanton moved for adoption by the Assembly of the 2016 Standing Rules (used during the 144th (2019) General Assembly) for use during the 145th (2022) General Assembly. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Part II: Reported by Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons. Motion to receive the report made by Elder Franklin Fletcher and seconded by Reverend Robert Rice. Motion died.

The Moderator called for recess, returning to resume business @ 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 12th, 2022.

Day 2 (Continuation) - Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Call to Order. Meeting called to order @ 12:06 by the Moderator Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin.

Nominating Committee (Part II). Elder Franklin Fletcher moved for the adoption of Part II of the report of the Nominating Committee. Elder George Lockett seconded motion. Motion carried.

- **Permanent Board of Judiciary (BOJ) Nominations, Nominating Committee Report, Part II, Recommendation IV:**
 - The Report placed the name of Elder Leon Cole in nomination for the BOJ. The required Nomination Form was not submitted in accordance with CPCA GA Standing Rules.

Adopted. Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua moved to suspend the regular rules of order allowing for the adoption the nomination of Elder Leon Cole, Jr for the BOJ vacancy; Elder Franklin Fletcher seconded motion. Motion carried.

- **Stated Clerk Nominations, Nominating Committee Part II, Recommendation III:**
 - Elder Vanessa K. Midgett nominated as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly per Nominating Committee Report. Reverend Clifford Malone- Hollins nominated Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua. Elder Franklin Fletcher moved to close on said names; motion seconded by Reverend Clifford Hollins. Motion carried.
 - The Assembly voted by secret Ballot. The Moderator appointed Elder George Lockett, Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson, and Reverend Robert Rice to tally and certify the votes.

- Elder George Lockett's Talley: Elder Midgett, Twenty-Nine (29) Votes/ Reverend Dr. Fuqua Nine (9) Votes;
 - Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson's Talley: Elder Midgett Twenty-Nine (29) Votes/Reverend Dr. Fuqua Nine (9) Votes.
- Reverend Clifford Hollins moved to elect Elder Vanessa K. Midgett as Stated Clerk; seconded by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Motion carried. Stated Clerk Elect Elder Vanessa K. Midgett addressed the body with emphasis on prayer and love of the church and others. Expressed her desire and goals of willingness to teach, share, and learn.

Recessed for lunch @ 12:35. Assembly to Resume Business @ 2:00 p.m.

Day 2 (Continuation) - Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Call to Order. The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Reverend. Dr. Theodis Acklin at 2:19 p.m.

Opening Prayer. Opening prayer by Elder Leo Carroll.

Moderator Acklin called for the continuation of Select Committee/Boards and Committee Report presentations.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SELECT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Vice Moderator, Reverend Dr. Michael Jones, presiding.

General Assembly Banking Committee Report. Report presented by Elder Brenda Sutherlin and Deacon Jeremy Holden. Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua moved that the report be referred to Finance and Budget Distribution Select Committee. Second by Reverend Cedric Stanton. Motion Carried.

Historian Report. Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua moved for the Historian Report to be referred to the Historical Foundation Board. Second by Reverend Ann Pierre. Unreadiness. Motion carried.

Report of the Commission on Military Chaplains. Reverend William Montague presented the Report. Reverend Cedric Stanton moved for referral of the report to the Select Committee on Historical Foundation/Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel. Elder Deborah Montague seconded motion. Motion carried.

Communications:Referral of Communications for Select Committee Review

Select Committee Assignments.

Select Committee Assignments conferred by the Stated Clerk. Select Committee assignments and referrals provided to each Select Committee Chairperson. Select Committee members instructed to begin committee work immediately at the end of this business session.

Service Recognitions. The Moderator, Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin acknowledged the presence of Reverend Dr. G. Lynne Herring, former CPCA Administrative Director. Moderator Acklin recognized and thanked Dr. Herring for her many years of service to the Denomination. The Moderator also recognized the presence of former CPCA Stated Clerk, Elder Craig A. White. Moderator Acklin recognized and thanked Elder White for his service to the Denomination.

Acknowledgement of Educational Achievements. The Moderator recognized the educational achievements of Six (6) CPCA constituents. Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin commended Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons (*Huntsville Presbytery*), Reverend Dr. Dorothy Tiller (*Huntsville Presbytery*), Dr. Veronica Winston (*Huntsville Presbytery*), Reverend Dr. Michael Jones (*Tennessee Valley Presbytery*), Dr. Edna Shelton (*Huntsville Presbytery*), and Reverend Dr. Laurie McCauley (*Huntsville Presbytery*) for having earned a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Leadership. The degrees were conferred May 7, 2022.

Dismissed for Committee Work. Business scheduled to resume on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 @ 09:30 a.m. immediately after the Joint Morning Devotion Service.

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Day 3 – Wednesday, July 13, 2022

(Final Business Session of the General Assembly)

Session IV

Call to Order. Meeting called to order by Moderator Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin @ 9:50 a.m.

Opening Prayer. Opening prayer by Reverend Dr. Anthony Johnson.

Roll Call. Roll Call by the Stated Clerk Elder Vanessa K. Midgett. A quorum was present.

Reading/Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Engrossing Clerk, Reverend Lela Fencher. Reverend Cedric Stanton moved to adopt/approve minutes as written; motion seconded by Elder George Lockett. Unreadiness. *Correction in the minutes that Elder Leo Carroll was appointed to tally the votes for the Stated Clerk nomination and election.* After annotation of corrections; minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Amendment of Meeting Agenda. Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua requested the time of the Education Workshop scheduled for 10:00 a.m. be cancelled from the agenda. By consent the Assembly agreed to cancel the Education Workshop in its entirety.

Ecumenical Guest Recognition. Reverend Dr. Jody Hill, President of Memphis Theological Seminary (MTS) was recognized. Reverend Dr. Hill addressed the body regarding the continued partnership with MTS and the CPCA Denomination.

Amendment of Meeting Agenda. Reverend Clifford Hollins moved to amend the agenda to hear the 2020 Audit Report of CPCA Finances; seconded by Elder Deborah Montague. Motion carried.

Executive Session. Moved by Reverend Cedric Stanton to move into Executive Session to hear the 2020 Audit Report of CPCA financial records; Elder Charles Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Stated Clerk provided an overview brief of the audit report to include findings of the audit for CPCA operating years 2016-2019.

Rules of Order Advisement. Reverend Ann Pierre advised the body that an un-redacted copy of the Audit Report be provided to the CPCA Permanent Board of Judiciary. No further action taken.

Return to Open General Assembly Business Session. Reverend Ann Pierre moved to return to open General Assembly Session; motion second by Reverend Robert Rice. Unreadiness. Motion carried.

Select Committee on Financial and Distribution. Reported by Elder Douglas R. Browder. Elder Andy Hudgins moved for adoption the report; Elder George Lockett seconded the motion. Unreadiness. Motion carried.

Referred. Elder Leo Carroll moved to refer the Florence Presbytery letter, (dated June 7, 2022/***Subject: Concerns of GA Assessments Distribution***) to the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB) and Banking Committee for review; motion seconded by Reverend Cedric Stanton. Unreadiness. Elder Otis Johnson moved to amend the motion to require the Banking Committee to formulate a 2022-2023 fiscal year Budget to be completed within Three (3) months; the GAEB will send a copy of the Budget to the CPCA Presbyteries. Motion carried as amended.

Select Committee Ecumenical Relations: By consent it was agreed recommendations contained in the report be addressed by seriatim

- ***Recommendation 1.*** Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua moved for the adoption; Elder Charles Bradley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ***Recommendation 2.*** Reverend Clifford Malone-Hollins moved for adoption; seconded by Elder Tom Jones. Motion Carried.
- ***Recommendation 3.*** Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson moved for adoption; seconded by Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons. Motion Carried. Four (4) Nay votes.
- ***Recommendation 4.*** Elder Andy Hudgins moved for adoption; seconded by Reverend Christopher Martin. Motion carried. Six (6) Nay votes recorded.
- ***Recommendation 5.*** Elder Andy Hudgins moved for adoption; Elder Otis Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ***Recommendation 6.*** Reverend Clifford Malone-Hollins moved for adoption; seconded; seconded by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Motion carried. Two (2) Nay votes recorded.

- **Recommendations 7.** Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua moved for adoption; seconded by Reverend Robert Rice. Motion Carried.
- **Recommendation 8.** Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua moved to deny approval of the recommendation and instead, recommended adoption of Action Number Thirty-Seven (37), CPC Summary of Actions, and 190th General Assembly as written, seconded by Elder Deborah Montague. Motion Carried. Four (4) Nay votes recorded.

Note: The CPC Affirmed the following Statement on Opposition to Oppression based on Sexual Identity and referred to the UCTSC for development of resources: *“We affirm the Confession of Faith 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 not place in any form in our church or in our world for hate, denigration, unkind confrontation, and/or physical violence perpetuated on anyone, or oppression of any person based on their gender or sexual expression.”*

Adopted. Elder Charles Bradley moved for adoption of the Ecumenical Relations Select Committee Report; seconded by Reverend Dr. John Humphrey. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for Recess @ 11:50 a.m.; The Assembly will reconvene @ 12:30pm

Day 3 (Continuation) – Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Call to Order. Moderator Acklin called the meeting to order @ 12:30pm.

Moderator Acklin called for the continuation of presentation of Select Committee Reports.

Select Committee Reports Review (Continued)

Select Committee on Executive Review. Rev. Christopher Martin, Chairperson of the Select Committee on Executive Board Review presented the following recommendations to be reviewed seriatim:

- **Recommendation 1a. GAEB Report-** Recommendation 2. The committee concurs with abolishment of Administrative Director Position. It was moved by Dr. Nancy Fuqua and seconded by Dr. Anderson for adoption of recommendation 2. The Moderator called for the Question. Unreadiness. Discussion. Motion carried.
- **Recommendation 1b. GAEB Report-** Recommendation 3. The Committee recommended non-concurrence with Recommendation 3 based on the absence of a Legal Counsel

contract and expressed concern with the absence of a contract and the peril this may present for the CPCA. Reverend Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua moved for adoption of the Select Committee recommendation, seconded by Elder Skipworth. Unreadiness. Elder Otis Johnson presented an amendment to the motion to grant the GAEB the authority/empowering the GAEB to execute Legal Counsel Contract for the remainder of the year; to be ratified during the 146th General Assembly. The Moderator called for the question on the Main Motion as amended. Motion carried.

- ***Recommendation 1c. GAEB Report-*** Recommendation 4. The Select Committee concurs with said recommendation to hold the 146th General Assembly in Chicago, Illinois in June of 2023. Further the Committee recommended the formulation of a 146th General assembly Planning Committee. It was moved by Reverend Moses Finch and Seconded by Reverend Carter for adoption of the recommendation. Called for the question. Motion carried.
- ***Recommendation 2-Recommendation by Stated Clerk to Adopt a Long-Term Strategic Plan for the CPCA.*** The Select Committee non-concurred with the recommendation to adopt a CPCA Strategic plan. Select Committee recommendation – (1) to survey the Presbyteries determining existing mission and evangelism ministries in each Presbytery, reporting the findings to the 146th General Assembly and (2) establish a CPCA website for the purpose of dissemination and intake of information throughout the CPCA. Moved by Reverend Moses Finch, seconded by Reverend Carter to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.
- ***Recommendation 3. Recommendation proposed by Administrative Director regarding running a Cumberland Flag subscription campaign.*** Moved by Reverend Moses Finch, seconded by Elder Charles Bradley to adopt the recommendation. The Moderator called for the question. Unreadiness. Dr. Fuqua amended the motion to add the words “*and hardcopy and Electronic Copy.*” Motion carried as amended.

Adopted. Moved by Reverend Moses Finch, seconded by Reverend Edward Anderson to adopt the report coming from the Select Committee on Executive Board Review. Motion carried.

Select Committee on Historical Foundation Report- Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons reporting. It was moved by Elder Leo Carroll and seconded by Elder Charles Bradley to adopt all recommendations as presented. Call for the questions. Unreadiness. Motion carried. Report adopted to include all recommendations contained in the report.

Select Committee on Christian Education. Reverend Dr. Anthony Johnson reporting. It was moved by Reverend. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua and seconded by Elder Charles Bradley for adoption of the report and recommendations contained therein. Unreadiness. Discussion. Motion carried. Four (4) Nay votes recorded on the motion. Report adopted as presented.

Select Committee on Mission and Evangelism: Reported by Elder Minnie Jones. Elder Charles Bradley moved for the adoption; seconded by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Unreadiness. Motion carried.

Select Committee on Resolution & Thanks and Memorial. Reported by Elder Deborah Montague. Reverend Clifford Hollins moved to adopt and second by Elder Robert Rice. Motion Carried. Rev. Cedric Stanton moved for adoption of Memorial Report; seconded by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Motion carried. Unreadiness. Motion carried.

Acknowledgement of Resolution of Thanks. Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons, host Presbytery Moderator, addressed the body, in acknowledgement and recognition of Resolution and Thanks extended to the Host Presbytery.

Memorial Service. The Select Committee on Memorial conduct a Memorial Service honoring the Ministers and Elders who passed since the 2019 General Assembly. Additional Names of deceased members who were not captured in the report are added as shown:

- ***Brazos River Presbytery***
 - Reverend Arthur Gipson
 - Elder Charles Daniel
- ***Florence Presbytery***
 - Elder Howard Watson
- ***Hiwassee Presbytery***
 - Elder Watson Goode
 - Elder William Smith
 - Elder Wilbert Smith
 - Elder Ronald Arnold
- ***New Hopewell Presbytery***
 - Elder Tommy Fench
- ***Tennessee Valley Presbytery***
 - Elder Will Sledge
- ***Tuscaloosa Presbytery***
 - Reverend Anthony Barnes
 - Elder Zola Duncan
 - Elder Clyde Harkins
 - Elder Eugene Jones
 - Elder George King
 - Elder Mattie McCaa
 - Elder Aaron Morrow
 - Elder Dorethea Rice
 - Elder William Underwood

Continuation of Committee on Nomination (Part 2)---Reported by Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons, nominations for Standing Boards and Committee Nominations as follows:
(Nominating Committee Recommendations:

Permanent Board of Judiciary-Recommendation.

- Nominee, Elder Leon Cole Jr.
- Reverend Dr. Nancy Fuqua nominated from the floor.
- **Election.** The Moderator appointed Elder George Lockett, Elder Leo Carroll, and Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson to collect and tally the votes for the Permanent BOJ vacancy. Election conducted by Secret ballot Results are as follows:
 - Elder George Locket – (Talley) – Cole 22 /Fuqua 14
 - Reverend Edward Anderson – (Talley) Cole 22 /Fuqua 14
 - Elder Leo Carroll – (Talley) - Cole 22/ Fuqua 14

Elected. Elder John Humphrey moved to elect Elder Leon Cole Jr. to Board of Judiciary and second by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation.

- Reverend Annette Pullom nominated by the committee to serve on the CPCA Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation. No other nominations received from the floor.
- **Election:** Reverend Clifford Malone-Hollins moved to elect Reverend Annette Pullom (*Birmingham Presbytery*); seconded by Elder Hudgins. Motion carried.

General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB)

- ***Nominating Committee-- Issue:*** Several GAEB members have the same election year and are facing 2023-year expiration of terms. Adopt a process whereby Expiration of Terms are staggered to prevent loss of institutional knowledge via mass exodus of GAEB members. ***This solution should also be applied to the BOJ.***

Adopted. Reverend Cedric Stanton moved for adoption of the Nominating Committee Recommendation; seconded. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Recommendations. Recommending the election and re-elected by acclamation, all **eligible** Standing Boards and Committees members facing expiring terms.

Adopted. Elder Deborah Montague moved for adoption of the Nominating Committee Recommendations seconded by Reverend Stephanie Martin. Motion carried.

Adopted/Elected. Moved by Reverend Edward Anderson, seconded by Elder Otis Johnson to adopt Nomination Committee Recommendation on elections, re-elections, and adoption of staggered terms for GAEB and BOJ. Motion carried.

United Committee on Theological and Social Concerns.

- Elected-Elder Margaret Smith, Texas Synod
- Elected -Elder Yonne Bryson, Kentucky States Synod

Remarks from Vice Moderator. Reverend Dr. Michael Jones addressed the 145th General Assembly, thanking everyone for allowing him to serve.

Reading/Adoption of Meeting Minutes. Minutes of today's meeting were read by the Engrossing Clerk, Reverend Lela Fencher. Moved by Reverend Robert Rice for adoption of the minute as reads; seconded by Elder Franklin Fletcher. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn: Reverend Robert Rice moved for adjournment; seconded by Reverend Cedric Stanton. Motion carried. The 145th General Assembly meeting adjourned at 3:02.

CPCA Denomination Center Open House. Reverend Endia Scruggs recommended that all who can, to visit the General Assembly Office and avail themselves of the Open House and tour of the General Assembly Office.

Closing Prayer. Closing prayer for the 145th Reverend Endia Scruggs delivered General Assembly.

Humbly Submitted:

Theodis Acklin

Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin,
Moderator

Vanessa K. Midgett

Elder Vanessa Midgett
Stated Clerk

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



OUR VISION OF MINISTRY

To be a people united in one faith known to the world as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America call to continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ as a multi-cultural, inclusive, nurturing, and equipping family.

OUR AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY

Therefore, we affirm the Great Commission of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). We celebrate our faith through corporate worship. WE seek to save the lost, to console the broken hearted and to assist the needy. WE, seek to fulfil our mission through local churches, presbyteries, synods, and a General Assembly.

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**Moderators and Stated Clerks of the General Assembly
1874-2022**

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

Date	Location	Moderator	Stated Clerk
1874	Nashville, Tennessee	Rev. P. Price	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1874	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. A. Jones	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1875	Farmington, Tennessee	Rev. Moses T. Weir	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1876	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. A. Barnett	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1877	Fayetteville, Tennessee	Rev. J. W. Hill	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1878	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. P. Price	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1879	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Rev. W. I. Clark	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1880	Springfield, Missouri	Rev. E. J. Simpson	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1881	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. A. McCaulley	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1882	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Rev. James Edwards	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1883	Fayetteville, Tennessee	Rev. W. E. Carey	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1884	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. A. Barnett	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1885	Union City, Tennessee	Rev. P. Price	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1886	Danville, Kentucky	Rev. D. J. Wallace	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1887	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Rev. P. Price	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1888	Lebanon, Tennessee	Rev. J. A. Thornton	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1889	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Rev. James Edwards	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1890	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. H. B. Williams	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1891	Topeka, Kansas	Rev. James Edwards	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1892	Springfield, Missouri	Rev. James Cooper	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1893	Providence, Kentucky	Elder P. F. Hill	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1894	Huntingdon, Tennessee	Rev. W. Clark	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1895	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. P. Price	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1896	Springfield, Missouri	Rev. T. Nicholson	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1897	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Rev. E. Simpson	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1898	Valley Mills, Texas	Rev. J. E. Simpson	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1899	Fayetteville, Tennessee	Rev. P. Price	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1900	Providence, Kentucky	Rev. W. S. Bishop	Rev. J. F. Humphrey
1901	Pratt City, Alabama	Rev. E. J. Simpson	Rev. J. M. Deshong
1902	Newbern, Tennessee	Elder F. L. McWilliams	Rev. C. L. Davis
1903	Lewisburg, Tennessee	Elder F. L. McWilliams	Rev. C. L. Davis
1904	Paducah, Kentucky	Elder P. F. Hill	Rev. C. L. Davis
1905	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. James Edwards	Rev. C. L. Davis
1906	Waco, Texas	Rev. James Edwards	Rev. C. L. Davis
1907	Providence, Kentucky	Elder G. W. Sadler	Rev. C. L. Davis
1908	Mayfield, Kentucky	Elder F. L. McWilliams	Rev. C. L. Davis
1909	Cleveland, Tennessee	Rev. James Edwards	Rev. C. L. Davis

1910	Pratt City, Alabama	Elder P. F. Hill	Rev. C. L. Davis
1911	Nacogdoches, Texas	Elder P. F. Hill	Rev. J. M. W. Deshong
1912	Dyersburg, Tennessee	Rev. J. M. W. Deshong	Rev. James Edwards
1913	Nashville, Tennessee	Rev. E. J. Simpson	Rev. James Edwards
1914	Providence, Kentucky	Rev. R. H. Goodloe	Rev. James Edwards
1915	Newbern, Tennessee	Rev. G. G. Grinter	Rev. James Edwards
1916	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. G. G. Grinter	Rev. James Edwards
1917	Fort Worth, Texas	Elder G. W. Sadler	Rev. James Edwards
1918	Evansville, Indiana	Rev. G. G. Grinter	Rev. James Edwards
1919	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Rev. A. M. Bishop	Rev. James Edwards
1920	Pratt City, Alabama	Rev. A. M. Bishop	Rev. James Edwards
1921	Paducah, Kentucky	Elder G. W. Sadler	Rev. James Edwards
1922	Marion, Kentucky	Elder G. W. Sadler	Rev. James Edwards
1923	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Elder G. W. Sadler	Rev. James Edwards
1924	Milan, Tennessee	Rev. E. J. Simpson	Elder G. W. Sadler
1925	Waco, Texas	Rev. A. W. McCutchen	Elder G. W. Sadler
1926	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. D. S. Robinson	Elder G. W. Sadler
1927	Sweetwater, Tennessee	Rev. P. S. Robinson	Elder G. W. Sadler
1928	Dyersburg, Tennessee	Rev. A. N. McCutchen	Elder G. W. Sadler
1929	Paducah, Kentucky	Rev. A. N. McCutchen	Elder G. W. Sadler
1930	Jacksonville, Texas	Rev. Williams Fowlkes	Elder G. W. Sadler
1931	Decatur, Alabama	Rev. Williams Fowlkes	Elder G. W. Sadler
1932	Providence, Kentucky	Rev. A. W. Mack	Elder J. I. Hill
1933	Newbern, Tennessee	Rev. A. W. Mack	Elder J. I. Hill
1934	Florence, Alabama	Rev. A. B. Thompson	Elder J. I. Hill
1935	Fayetteville, Tennessee	Rev. A. B. Thompson	Elder J. I. Hill
1936	Waco, Texas	Rev. G. G. Grinter	Elder J. I. Hill
1937	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. G. G. Grinter	Elder J. I. Hill
1938	Marshalltown, Iowa	Rev. G. G. Grinter	Elder J. I. Hill
1939	Pratt City, Alabama	Rev. G. G. Grinter	Elder J. I. Hill
1940	Detroit, Michigan	Rev. A. B. Thompson	Elder J. I. Hill
1941	Cleveland, Tennessee	Rev. H. S. Sheeler	Elder J. I. Hill
1942	Marion, Kentucky	Rev. H. A. Sheeler	Elder J. I. Hill
1943	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. O. F. Bishop	Elder J. I. Hill
1944	Jacksonville, Texas	Rev. O. F. Bishop	Elder J. I. Hill
1945	Providence, Kentucky	Rev. O. F. Bishop	Elder J. I. Hill
1946	Decatur, Alabama	Rev. O. F. Bishop	Elder J. I. Hill
1947	Nashville, Tennessee	Rev. O. F. Bishop	Elder J. I. Hill
1948	Fort Worth, Texas	Rev. O. F. Bishop	Elder J. I. Hill
1949	Florence, Alabama	Rev. E. D. White	Elder J. I. Hill
1950	Newbern, Tennessee	Rev. E. D. White	Elder J. I. Hill
1951	Marshalltown, Iowa	Rev. E. D. White	Elder J. I. Hill
1952	Detroit, Michigan	Rev. L. J. Jennings	Elder J. I. Hill
1953	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Rev. L. J. Jennings	Elder J. I. Hill
1954	Sturgis, Kentucky	Rev. L. J. Jennings	Elder J. I. Hill

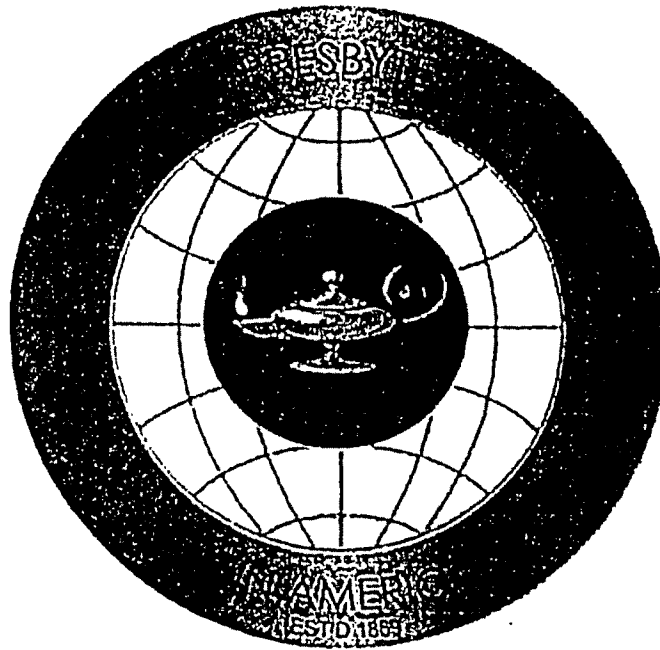
1955	Pratt City, Alabama	Rev. S. A. Nelson	Elder J. I. Hill
1956	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. S. A. Nelson	Elder J. I. Hill
1957	Waco, Texas	Rev. S. A. Nelson	Elder J. I. Hill
1958	Alcoa, Tennessee	Rev. W. E. Scott	Elder J. I. Hill
1959	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. W. E. Scott	Elder J. I. Hill
1960	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. W. E. Scott	Elder J. I. Hill
1961	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. W. E. Scott	Elder R. Tinsley
1962	Hillsboro, Texas	Rev. D. Smith	Elder R. Tinsley
1963	Decatur, Alabama	Rev. D. Smith	Elder R. Tinsley
1964	Detroit, Michigan	Rev. J. A. Fisher	Elder R. Tinsley
1965	Providence, Kentucky	Rev. J. A. Fisher	Elder R. Tinsley
1966	Dallas, Texas	Rev. E. D. McDonald	Elder R. Tinsley
1967	Paducah, Kentucky	Rev. E. D. McDonald	Elder R. Tinsley
1968	Florence, Alabama	Rev. W. H. Nichols	Elder R. Tinsley
1969	Detroit, Michigan	Rev. W. H. Nichols	Elder R. Tinsley
1970	Muskogee, Oklahoma	Rev. R. L. Blackburn	Elder R. Tinsley
1971	Nashville, Tennessee	Rev. R. L. Blackburn	Elder R. Tinsley
1972	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr.	Elder R. Tinsley
1973	Paducah, Kentucky	Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr.	Elder R. Tinsley
1974	Nashville, Tennessee	Rev. Virgil T. Rice	Elder R. Tinsley
1975	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Virgil T. Rice	Elder R. Tinsley
1976	Chicago, Illinois	Rev. Virgil T. Rice	Elder R. Tinsley
1977	Fort Worth, Texas	Rev. Henry Bradford, Jr.	Rev. Robert Thomas
1978	Selma, Alabama	Rev. Henry Bradford, Jr.	Rev. Robert Thomas
1979	Paducah, Kentucky	Rev. Hosea Garrett	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1980	Detroit, Michigan	Rev. Hosea Garrett	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1981	Louisville, Kentucky	Rev. Roosevelt Baugh	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1982	McKenzie, Tennessee	Rev. Roosevelt Baugh	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1983	Birmingham, Alabama	Rev. Robert E. Thomas	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1984	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Rev. Robert E. Thomas	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1985	Waco, Texas	Rev. Mitchell M. Walker, Sr.	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1986	Memphis, Tennessee	Rev. Mitchell M. Walker, Sr.	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1987	Louisville, Kentucky	Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr.	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1988	Tulsa, Oklahoma	Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr.	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1989	Knoxville, Tennessee	Rev. McKinley Jones	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1990	Fort Worth, Texas	Rev. McKinley Jones	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1991	Paducah, Kentucky	Rev. Joel Preston Rice	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1992	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Joel Preston Rice	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1993	Birmingham, Alabama	Rev. Joel Preston Rice	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1994	Dallas, Texas	Rev. Endia J. Scruggs	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1995	Nashville, Tennessee	Rev. Endia J. Scruggs	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1996	Chicago, Illinois	Rev. Endia J. Scruggs	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1997	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Endia J. Scruggs	Rev. Dr. Robert S Wood
1998	Tuscaloosa, Alabama	Rev. Endia J. Scruggs	Rev. Dr G Lynne Herring
1999	Memphis, Tennessee	Rev. Ann J. Williams	Rev. Dr G Lynne Herring

2000	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Ann J. Williams	Rev. Perryn Rice
2001	Birmingham, Alabama	Rev. Robert E. Thomas	Rev. Perryn Rice
2002	Louisville, Kentucky	Rev. Robert E. Thomas	Rev. Perryn Rice
2003	San Antonio, Texas	Rev. Robert E. Thomas	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2004	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Rev. Robert E. Thomas	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2005	Rosemont, Illinois	Elder Dr. Army Daniel, Jr.	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2006	Birmingham, Alabama	Elder Dr. Army Daniel, Jr.	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2007	Tulsa, Oklahoma	Elder Dr. Army Daniel, Jr.	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2008	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Dr. Harry Johnson	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2009	Florence, Alabama	Rev. Dr. Harry Johnson	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2010	Franklin, Tennessee	Rev. Elton Hall	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2011	Dallas, Texas	Rev. Elton Hall	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2012	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Elton Hall	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2014	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Rev. Elton Hall	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin
2015	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Elton Hall	Elder Craig A. White
2016	Nashville, Tennessee	Elder Leon Cole, Jr.	Elder Craig A. White
2017	Palm Harbor, Florida	Elder Leon Cole, Jr.	Elder Craig A. White
2018	Norman, Oklahoma	Elder Leon Cole, Jr.	Elder Craig A. White
2019	Huntsville, Alabama	Elder Leon Cole, Jr.	Elder Craig A. White
2022	Huntsville, Alabama	Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin	Elder Vanessa Midgett

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be *The General Assembly* of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA), consisting of the following four (4) synods: Alabama, Kentucky States, Tennessee, and Texas.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Mission

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of the *General Assembly* is set forth in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America *Constitution*, 9.1, Confession of Faith.

Section 2. Mission Statement:

- a. **Vision of Ministry:** To be a people united in one faith known to the world as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America called to continuing ministry of Jesus Christ as multi-cultural, inclusive, nurturing, and equipping family.
- b. **Affirmation of Ministry:** Therefore, we affirm the Great Commission of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). We celebrate our faith through corporate worship. We seek to save the lost, to console the broken hearted, and to assist the needy. We seek to fulfill our mission through local churches, presbyteries, synods, and a General Assembly.

ARTICLE III

General Assembly

Section 1. Regular Meeting: The General Assembly (or simply the Assembly) shall convene annually on the Monday preceding the second Thursday in June at 8:30 a.m. (host church time), and continue until business has been completed up to four (4) days. The regular meeting will be made up of a quorum, which is any twenty (20) or more commissioners, of whom at least ten (10) are ministers, and ten (10) are elders.

Section 2. Called Meeting: A *Called Meeting* is a meeting of the Assembly held at a time other than its Annual Meeting. A Called Meeting shall meet as set forth in Section 9.2 of the Confession of Faith, specifically: The Moderator, or in case of the Moderator's absence, death, or inability to act, the Stated Clerk shall with the written concurrence or at the written request of twenty (20) commissioners, ten (10) of whom shall be ministers and ten (10) of whom shall be elders, representing at least five (5) presbyteries, call a special meeting. The Called Meeting *announcement* must be issued in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed meeting date, stating the particular business, date, time, and place to all the stated clerks of all presbyteries, and to all commissioners and their alternates. Only the business stated in the *announcement* shall be transacted.

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Section 3. Meeting place: The Annual Meeting place of the General Assembly shall be determined by vote of the Commissioners in legal session. A congregation, presbytery, or synod may invite the General Assembly to meet in a city of its choice. Normally, the General Assembly shall refer invitations to its Executive Board for study before a vote is taken. The formula for determining meeting places for the General Assembly is *Alabama Synod, Kentucky States Synod, Tennessee Synod, and Texas Synod*, and the same rotational basis thereafter. If the occasion arises to change this schedule, it must be approved at a Meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE IV ***Membership and Attendance***

Section 1. Membership: The membership of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America will consist of Commissioners defined as ordained ministers and elders (serving as active members of a session of a particular church) and both the ministers and elders elected by their respective presbytery).

Section 2. Representation¹ of Commissioners: The General Assembly shall consist of elected Commissioners from presbyteries in the following proportions (as set forth in Section 9.2 of the Confession of Faith):

- a. A presbytery having an active church membership of 1-200 shall be entitled to send one minister and one elder;
- b. A presbytery having an active church membership of 201-400 shall be entitled to send two ministers and two elder;
- c. A presbytery having an active church membership of 401-1000 shall be entitled to send three ministers and three elder;
- d. A presbytery having an active church membership of 1001- above shall be entitled to send four ministers and four elders.

Section 3. Youth Advisory Delegates (YAD): Each presbytery shall be requested to select and to send to the meeting of the General Assembly non-voting Youth Advisory Delegate(s) with the same proportions as set forth in Section 2. above. A Youth Advisory Delegate shall be placed on a Select Committee of the Assembly with the privilege to discuss, to debate, and to vote on committee work. A Youth Advisory Delegate may speak on the floor of the Assembly but will not have the privilege of voting. A polling of the Youth Advisory Delegates may be taken and recorded on every question considered by the Assembly. Youth Advisory Delegates must be between the ages of 15-19.

Section 4. Ecumenical Participants: Denominations with whom the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America relates and when reciprocal agreements are reached may send representatives to the General Assembly, and they are referred to as Ecumenical Participants. Ecumenical Participants

shall be placed on Select Committees of the Assembly with the privilege to discuss, to debate, and to vote on Committee work. The Ecumenical Participants may speak on the floor of the Assembly but will not have the privilege of voting.

Section 5. Absences of Commissioners: All unexcused absences of Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegates certified as official representatives of the presbyteries shall be reported to the Stated Clerk of the appropriate presbytery for such action as the presbytery deems necessary.

ARTICLE V *The General Assembly Program*

Section 1. Program Planning Committee: The Program Planning Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Administrative Director. The Administrative Director shall consult with the presidents of the organizations, which are scheduled to meet during General Assembly week, and the host presbytery. They shall meet at least four (4) months prior to the meeting of the General Assembly to review schedules on call of the Moderator (may be by conference call or some similar technical communications medium).

Section 2. Opening Worship: The stated meeting of the General Assembly shall begin with a Worship service led by the General Assembly's Worship Director. The retiring Moderator shall deliver a sermon or someone selected by the retiring Moderator in consultation with the Program Planning Committee. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall ordinarily be celebrated during this service.

ARTICLE VI *Officers of the General Assembly*

Section 1. Composition: The officers of the General Assembly shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Engrossing Clerk. A minister or elder may fill the office of Moderator or Vice Moderator. Each must be elected by the General Assembly for specified terms. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator must be a certified Commissioner from a presbytery during each year of service.

Section 2. Moderator:

- a. The Moderator performs those duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 1.0 Moderator, Confession of Faith.
- b. A Moderator shall be elected as soon as the General Assembly is constituted. A majority vote of the Commissioners present is necessary to elect.
- c. **Tenure:** The Moderator is elected to serve a two-year term and is eligible for reelection. However, he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or four years. The elected Moderator will not assume duties until the close of the meeting

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elected. The retiring Moderator will serve until the end of the meeting in which the election for Moderator took place.

d. **Compensation:** The Moderator shall be paid \$1,000.00 for each meeting of the General Assembly plus travel and lodging. The Moderator will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

e. **Qualifications:** The candidate for Moderator of the General Assembly:

- (1) Must be an elected Commissioner in each year of the nomination;
- (2) Can be an ordained minister or an ordained Elder Commissioner;
- (3) Must be an active participant in church life at the local, presbytery, and synod levels; must have moderated at the judicatory level.
- (4) Must endorse the government of the church;
- (5) Should be sound in Cumberland Presbyterian doctrine and parliamentary procedures;
- (6) Must be physically able to travel across the church.

f. **Duties:** The Moderator of the General Assembly, in addition to the duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 1.0 Moderator, shall:

- (1) In consultation with the Stated Clerk, appoint all Select Committees provided for by these Rules which serve during the meeting of the General Assembly.
- (2) Have the authority and responsibility of naming any and all other necessary Select Committees, which shall serve during his/her tenure of office.
- (3) Be an advisory member of all boards and agencies and shall attend their meetings as his/her schedule permits.
- (4) Work with the Stated Clerk and Administrative Director in coordinating visits to each of the presbyteries within the church.
- (5) Make a written report to the Assembly, which gives an account of activities as Moderator, and which may include (at the Moderator's discretion) observations, comments, and recommendations.
- (6) Give counsel to the church (including ministers and pastors).

Section 3. The Vice Moderator:

a. A Vice Moderator performs those duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 2.0 Vice Moderator, Confession of Faith.

b. The Vice-Moderator shall be elected immediately following the election of the Moderator. A majority vote of the Commissioners present is necessary to elect.

d. **Tenure:** The Vice-Moderator is elected to serve two (2) years and is eligible for reelection. However, he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

e. **Compensation:** The Vice Moderator shall be given a \$500.00 donation. Travel, lodging, and meals cost for the meeting of the General Assembly. The Vice Moderator will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

f. **Qualifications:** The candidate for Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly:

- (1) Must be an elected Commissioner in the year of the nomination;
- (2) Can be an ordained minister or an ordained elder commissioner;

- (3) Must be an active participant in church life at the local, presbytery, and synod levels; must have moderated at the judicatory level;
 - (4) Must endorse the government of the church;
 - (5) Should be sound in Cumberland Presbyterian doctrine and parliamentary procedures;
 - (6) Must be physically able to travel across the Church.
- g. **Duties:**
- (1) The Vice-Moderator will perform those duties prescribed under *Rules of Order*, Paragraph 2.2 of the Confession of Faith.
 - (2) A voting member of the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB).

Section 4: Stated Clerk:

- a. The Stated Clerk shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four (4) years and may succeed himself/herself; but may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. The regular term of office shall begin July 1 and expire and June 30.
- b. In the event of a vacancy in the office, the Engrossing Clerk shall become the Stated Clerk *pro-tem* and shall serve until the next regular meeting of the Assembly. If the Engrossing Clerk is unable to serve, the Moderator shall appoint a Stated Clerk *pro-tem*.
- c. **Compensation:** The Stated Clerk shall be given a \$1,000.00 donation. Travel, lodging, and meals cost for the meeting of the General Assembly will be paid by the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.
- d. **Duties:**
- (1) The Stated Clerk shall perform such duties as prescribed by the General Assembly, and those prescribed under the *Rules of Order* in Section 3.0 of the Confession of Faith.
 - (2) In addition to the General Assembly the General Assembly Executive Board shall prescribe such other duties as may be required when the General Assembly is not in session.
 - (3) The Stated Clerk shall be responsible for the record-keeping of the Assembly and have a minimum number of the General Assembly Minutes printed which are to be mailed within thirty (30) days following the meeting of the Assembly to session clerks, and others who may be identified by the Assembly.
 - (4) The General Assembly Office shall receive the Board and Standing Committee reports by March 30th of each year so that copies may be mailed to all Commissioners, Youth Advisory Delegates and Ecumenical Participants.
 - (5) The General Assembly Office shall provide a congregational and presbytery report form and ordination certification forms to the Presbytery Stated Clerks by February 1st of each year.
 - (6) The Stated Clerk shall provide the Commissioners, Youth Advisory Delegates, and Ecumenical Participants with sufficient copies of appointment of committees and reports of the Select Committees.

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- (7) The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Retiring Moderator, shall make referral of all items before the Assembly.
- (8) The General Assembly's Office shall make available such secretarial help for the meetings as is needed and make available word processing and reproduction equipment for the meetings.
- (9) The General Assembly Office shall secure an appropriately-engraved gavel and present it to the Moderator at the end of the term of service.

Section 5. The Engrossing Clerk:

a. **Election:** The Engrossing Clerk of the General Assembly shall be elected in the same manner as is the Stated Clerk, for a term of four (4) years, and may succeed himself/herself, but may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

b. **Compensation:** The Engrossing Clerk shall be paid \$500.00 for each meeting of the General Assembly, plus travel, lodging, and meals. Compensation is paid per the recommendation of the Stated Clerk, particularly upon the submission of the General Assembly's Minutes. The Engrossing Clerk will receive a per diem approved by the General Assembly.

c. **Duties:**

(1) The Engrossing Clerk shall serve under the direction of the Stated Clerk as the recorder of the Minutes of the General Assembly and shall provide the minutes on a form of electronic media for electronic reproduction.

(2) He/She shall serve as Stated Clerk, pro-tem, during the each session of the General Assembly in the event the Stated Clerk is absent or unable to serve.

(3) The regular term of office shall begin upon election at the General Assembly until the close of each Assembly.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations, Elections, and Voting

Section 1. Nominations: Nominations for all officers, elected boards and elected committees shall be conducted as set forth in Section 11.0 of the *Rules of Order* in the Confession of Faith.

a. Nominations shall be received from the General Assembly Nominating Committee. Nominations from the General Assembly Nominating Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor.

b. All persons nominated must submit a ***Nominee Data Form (Appendix A)*** to the General Assembly Office by 20 April of each year the General Assembly meets; or have the completed form in hand at the time he/she is nominated from the floor at the Assembly. The Nominee Data Form for each nominee must be submitted with the signatures of both the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the presbytery from which the nominee is a member or is eligible to be a member; whom certifies that the nominee is in good standing with his/her respective presbytery.

Section 2. Elections: Elections for all officers, to elected boards and to elected committees shall be conducted as set forth in Section 11.0 of the *Rules of Order* in the Confession of Faith, 2014 Edition. The elections shall be made at the time the Nominating Committee makes its report, and the elected shall assume office at the close of the General Assembly (with the exception of the Stated Clerk whose term will begin 1 July). The majority vote of the membership present at the General Assembly is necessary to elect one to office.

Section 3. Voting: Voting shall be conducted as set forth in Section 12.0 of the *Rules of Order* in the Confession of Faith, 2014 Edition.

- a. When more than one (1) person is nominated for the same office/position, voting shall be by secret ballot. A group of representatives, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, shall count the ballots. The Stated Clerk shall certify the count. (Each ballot will be read aloud so that other members may tally if they so desire).
- b. If more than two (2) persons are nominated and no nominee receives a majority of the votes counted, the vote shall be taken in the same manner on those leading nominees who together received a majority of the total vote cast on the preceding ballot.

ARTICLE VIII

Boards and Standing Committees

Section 1. Boards and Standing Committees of the General Assembly:

- a. General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB)
- b. General Assembly Judiciary Board
- c. General Assembly Nominating Committee
- d. Historical Foundation
- e. United Committees with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC)
 - (1) Joint Committee on Amendments
 - (2) Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (CTSC)

Section 2. General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB):

a. **Function/Responsibility.** The General Assembly Executive Board reports directly to the General Assembly. Its functions include acting on behalf of the General Assembly when it is in adjournment, coordinating all activities of the General Assembly, proposing a budget to the General Assembly for all departments of the General Assembly, and performing other tasks the Assembly may assign it from time to time.

b. **Composition.** Membership to the General Assembly Executive Board shall include twelve (12) persons: the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, the Stated Clerk, Administrative Director; five (5) persons elected by the General Assembly. The five (5) persons elected by the General Assembly shall be Alabama Synod Representative, Kentucky States Synod Representative, Tennessee Synod Representative, Texas Synod Representative, and a Member-at-Large. The Presidents of the National Missionary Society, National Sunday School

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Convention, and National Youth Work (along with the Administrative Director) are non-voting members. The General Assembly delegated to the GAEB the right to resolve into Executive Session which will consist of all members of the GAEB with the exception of the presidents of the auxiliaries.

c. **Frequency of Meetings.** Ordinarily, the General Assembly Executive Board will hold at least two (2) scheduled meetings per year in November and in April, and will meet thereafter as required (which may include teleconferences and/or utilization of other technological media).

d. **Authority.** Upon the adjournment of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and during the period the General Assembly is not in session, the General Assembly Executive Board, in addition to the function/responsibility cited above, is empowered to act on behalf of the General Assembly. The GAEB reports directly to the General Assembly. Its work ultimately is directed by and must be approved by the General Assembly. All functions not lodged in the Boards and the Standing Committees are assigned to the GAEB.

Section 3. General Assembly Nominating Committee:

a. **Membership.** The Nominating Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the General Assembly. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be five persons and shall come from the membership of the General Assembly Executive Board, with no members term on the Nominating Committee extending beyond his/her term on the Executive Board. Included in the membership will be at least one person from each synod and the member at large.

b. **Function/Responsibility.** It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to nominate to the General Assembly qualified persons to fill all vacancies in elected offices, board, and standing committees. The Stated Clerk shall make available all recommendations for Board and Standing Committee memberships that have been submitted by presbyteries and others. The report of this committee should be presented early in the meeting of the Assembly (the first day, when possible) but a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours will be the normative period before a vote on the nominations will be held. Any Commissioner, at the time for the election, shall have the privilege of making nominations from the floor, provided he/she has made every effort to secure the personal consent of the nominee and any required form(s).

c. **Authority.** This committee has the full responsibility of ensuring a slate of officers is nominated for an election and nominees to fill all boards and standing committee vacancies.

Section 4. Board of Judiciary:

a. **Function/Responsibility.** The Permanent Judiciary Board shall consider and report to the Assembly on all questions directed to it by the Assembly or any Board or agency of the Assembly. All judicial questions submitted to the General Assembly for a ruling and/or interpretation shall first be considered by Permanent Judiciary. The Board shall also examine all General Assembly Minutes, the

Auditors report, and such other records as are referred to it, and report its findings to the Assembly.

b. Composition. Permanent Judiciary shall be composed of seven members. The members shall be ordained persons (ministers and/or elders only)

c. Authority. This board has full responsibility of managing, examining, and interpreting all judicial matters and questions that are directed to the General Assembly. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Section 5. Historical Foundation:

a. Function/Responsibility. The Historical Committee shall work as members of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and oversee the receiving, cataloging, and preserving of documents and other materials which relate to the life and history of the church.

b. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Each member must be in good standing in a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America congregation and shall serve no more than nine (9) consecutive years.

c. Frequency of Meetings. The Committee shall meet as often as the by-laws of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation require.

d. Authority. This committee has the full responsibility for managing the process of collecting and preserving the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Section 6. United Theology and Social Concerns Committee:

a. Function/Responsibility. The Unified Committee is an agency of the General Assemblies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and is charged with the responsibility to conduct theological and ethical reflections on matters of importance to the churches and their mission in the cultures and societies in which they serve. The United Committee was created by action of the two General Assemblies in 1999.

(1) It is the responsibility of the Committee to stimulate the theological thinking and discussion within our own denominations, to serve as a liaison between the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and the Theological Committee of the Caribbean and North American Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), and to make available upon request to any agency or person a brief opinion on theological questions.

(2) It is the responsibility of the Committee to reflect theologically upon areas of social life, which, in the mind of the Committee, should be special concern to Christians at a particular point in time.

(3) It is the responsibility of the Committee to call the attention of the church and the world those areas of social responsibility, which need addressing from a distinctly Christian viewpoint, and to provide the theological rationale for that viewpoint.

(4) The responsibility of the committee is in the area of moral concerns, and therefore, always should be sensitive to the creative tension, which exists

with the church whenever genuine and honest differences about doctrine and moral application of doctrine occur.

(5) It is the responsibility of the Committee to provide both theological and factual background to the churches so that their members can both study pertinent moral issues and act upon them out of a Christian perspective.

(6) While church judicatories usually enact laws, they may also adopt resolutions, which are, in effect, efforts at moral persuasion. The Committee should recommend to the General Assemblies such resolutions, as it deems appropriate. Those resolutions not intended to be enacted, as the law of the church should be clearly identified as resolutions or proclamations, which are recommended for study and consideration.

(7) The responsibility of the Committee is in the area of moral concerns, or what the Confession of Faith embraces in its creedal statement under the title, "Christians Live and Witness in the World."

(8) It is the responsibility of the Committee to formulate such moral perspectives based on the revealed will of God in the Scriptures as are relevant to contemporary issues, and;

(9) It is the responsibility of the Committee to explore and to grapple with the possible application of these perspectives to concrete situations as an incentive to all church members to do the same. Care should be taken not to attempt to make rules for every specific situation, but to formulate a moral framework for discussion, which provides the basis for responsible decision making on the part of members of the church.

b. Composition. Eight (8) members of the Committee are elected by each General Assembly, four (4) from each denomination (CPC and CPCA). CPCA members are elected to serve a three (3) year term and may be reelected once, serving no more than nine (9) years total.

c. Frequency of Meetings. The Committee meets semi-annually, and produces study papers and resources for the General Assembly and its agencies, and for the use of particular churches and members of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Committee is willing to provide resources for Presbyterian Committees on Theological and Social Concerns, local congregations and other interested groups as time allows.

d. Authority. The Committee has the full responsibility to represent the position of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA), in conjunction with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC); on current and relevant theological, ethical, social, moral, and cultural matters of importance to the Church and its missions. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Section 7. School of Continuing Education and Ordination Certification:

The responsibilities include evaluating education for the denomination and its certification programs.

(1) It is the responsibility of this committee to provide guidance, sound theological and doctrinal training for candidates to the ministry and continuing education opportunities for ordained ministers and laity.

(2) It is the responsibility of this committee to evaluate/monitor the curriculum for ministerial preparation. This committee should make recommendations and changes to the General Assembly. It shall inform all presbyteries and synods of changes and mandates.

(3) It is the responsibility of the Committee to review all licensing and ordinations and call to the attention of the Permanent Judiciary Board any violations.

b. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) ordained clergy, each having obtained a post-graduate degree, namely, the coordinators of the School of Continuing Education.

c. Frequency of Meetings. Ordinarily, the Committee will meet six (6) times annually.

d. Authority. The Committee has the full responsibility of managing the training, curriculum development, and the ordination procedures, matters, and issues of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Article IX

General Rules for Boards and Standing Committees

Section 1. Membership. The term of office for elected members shall be three (3) years, except in the case of an election of a person to fill an unexpired term. They shall be eligible to succeed themselves; after having served nine (9) years consecutively, the person shall not be eligible for reelection until at least one (1) year has elapsed. No one shall be elected to a membership until he/she has consented to serve. Any member (ordained and non-ordained) in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America shall be eligible for membership on a Board or Standing Committee of the General Assembly, except in the special case of the Judiciary Board where only ordained ministers and elders may serve.

Section 2. Vacancies. A member of a Board or Standing Committee missing two (2) consecutive meetings (except for providential hindrances), will nullify his/her membership to a board or committee. The Moderator has the authority to appoint individuals to fill all vacancies, elected or appointed, occurring after the close of the General Assembly meeting; which includes vacancies that occur if a board or committee member resigns (NOTE: If a member resigns, the board/committee must meet and accept the resignation, and report its action to the Stated Clerk).

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The individual(s) appointed by the Moderator will serve until the next upcoming General Assembly. The Moderator should, except for extenuating circumstances, appoint an individual for the same Synod that was created by the vacancy on a board or committee.

Section 3. Ecclesiastical Commissions. Being deliberative bodies by virtue of the nature of their work must be composed of ordained ministers and/or ordained elders (i.e., persons eligible to be members of a judicatory).

Section 4. Reports. By April 30th of each year, each agency shall file a report with the Stated Clerk concerning its activities, achievements and future plans in order that the report may be duplicated and mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE X

Select Committees, Regular, Other, Chairperson, and Functions

Section 1. Appointment Authority. Select Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk:

- a. Christian Education
- b. Ecumenical Relations/Theological and Social Issues
- c. Executive Board Review
- d. Finance and Budget Distribution
- e. Memorials/Resolution of Thanks
- f. Mission and Evangelism

Section 2: Regular Select Committees. The select committees as set forth in Article X, Section 1, shall be the regular select committees of the General Assembly, appointed by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, to study reports and to consider other matters that may be referred to them.

Section 3: Other Select Committees. The General Assembly, at will, may create other select committees as the need arises, and the Moderator and the Stated Clerk will appoint the committees and provide instruction.

Section 4: Chairperson. The first person named on a committee is considered the chairperson unless otherwise specified. However, once the committee convenes, if it desires, it may select a new chairperson.

Section 5: Functions. The select committees examine the reports of boards and standing committees, and determine if the boards and standing committees have

worked within established guidelines/bylaws/rules. Moreover, select committees will determine if the boards and standing committees have dealt with those issues that were assigned, and have carried out their responsibilities in a timely and appropriate manner.

ARTICLE XI ***General Rules***

Rule 1. Resolutions. All resolutions related in any way to the general enterprise of the church shall be referred to appropriate Boards and Standing Committees for recommendation to the body via General Assembly Executive Board.

Rule 2. General Assembly Year. The General Assembly Year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Rule 3. Synod Records. All Synod records shall be sent to the General Assembly by the Synod Stated Clerks for examination by the Select Judiciary Committee.

Rule 4. General Assembly Business. Any resolution, memorial, or other item of new business that is to be presented to a meeting of the General Assembly shall be presented first to the General Assembly Executive Board for study prior to presentation to the General Assembly.

Rule 5. General Assembly Roll of Ministers, Licentiates, Candidates and Churches. Each presbytery clerk shall mail a report, which includes an up-to-date roll of ministers, licentiates, candidates, and churches not later than April 30th.

Rule 6. Report of Boards, Standing Committees, and Commissions. The report of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, Administrative Director, Boards, and Standing Committees shall be referred to the proper Select Committee for their review; Select Committees shall be brought directly to the floor of the General Assembly. Standing Committees (sometimes called Review Committees) are those that serve only during the meetings of the General Assembly; Special Committees (sometimes referred to as Ad Hoc Committees) are those that are appointed for a limited time to do a particular task or deal with a specific issue.

Rule 7. Membership Eligibility. All ordained ministers in good standing in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and ordained elders currently serving as a member of a local church session in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, are eligible for membership on boards, committees, and commissions of the General Assembly.

Rule 8. Attendance of Board and Committee Meetings. If a member of a board or committee misses two (2) consecutive meetings, except for providential

hindrances that are excused by the Assembly, his/her membership to the board or committee is automatically nullified. Boards and committees are required to report these absences to the Stated Clerk.

Rule 9. Membership Limitation. A person shall not serve concurrently on more than one board or standing committee of the General Assembly.

Rule 10. Commissioners. All commissioners must be ordained ministers and ordained active elders due to the ecclesiastical nature of the work usually assigned.

Rule 11. Retiring Moderator/Vice-Moderator. The retiring moderator/vice-moderator serves until the close of the General Assembly, at which time the newly elected moderator and vice moderator shall begin serving.

Rule 12. Review of Boards, Standing Committees, Select Committees and Commissioners Reports. The following shall govern how the General Assembly considers the reports of the elements of its body and the work of its commissioners.

a. Reports of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, boards, and standing committees shall be referred to an appropriate select committee for review except as set forth in paragraphs b, c, and d below.

b. Reports of the Judiciary and Committee on Nomination shall not be referred to a select committee, but will be acted upon directly by the General Assembly.

c. Reports of Commissioners and Select Committees are brought directly to the General Assembly for review and for action

d. The General Assembly will not refer any concerns, which are related to judiciary, ministerial, or nominating in nature to any select committee; instead, these will be referred to Board of Judiciary or Nominating Committee as appropriate.

Rule 13. Called Meeting. Meetings of the General Assembly other than the Annual Meeting in June are hereby designated as a *Called Meeting*. All actions at the Called Meeting shall be limited to the agenda item(s) stated on the announcement.

Rule 14. General Assembly Fiscal Year. The General Assembly fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE XII *Parliamentary Authority*

The most current editions of the *Confession of Faith*, for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, shall govern this Assembly in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not

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inconsistent with these rules and any special rules of order this assemblage may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII
Amendment of these Standing Rules

These Standing Rules may be amended or changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of Commissioners present and voting at a duly constituted General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

APPENDIX A

Nominee Data Form

(For Prospective Members of Offices, Boards, and Committees of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

- 1. Name _____ Minister _____ Layperson _____
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Female _____ Male _____
- 2. Address _____
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip
- 3. Phone Number _____
Home Cell Work
- 4. E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number _____
- 5. Congregation _____ Presbytery _____
- 6. Age: 15-19 ___ 20-24 ___ 25-34 ___ 35-44 ___ 45-54 ___ 55-64 ___ Over 64 ___
- 7. Areas of service in local congregation _____

- 8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly _____

- 9. Occupation or Business _____
- 10. Education _____
- 11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve _____

- 12. Comments _____

- 13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:

Recommended by: _____
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

Recommendation by: _____
Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date

(Please return completed form to: General Assembly Office, 226 Church St, Huntsville, AL

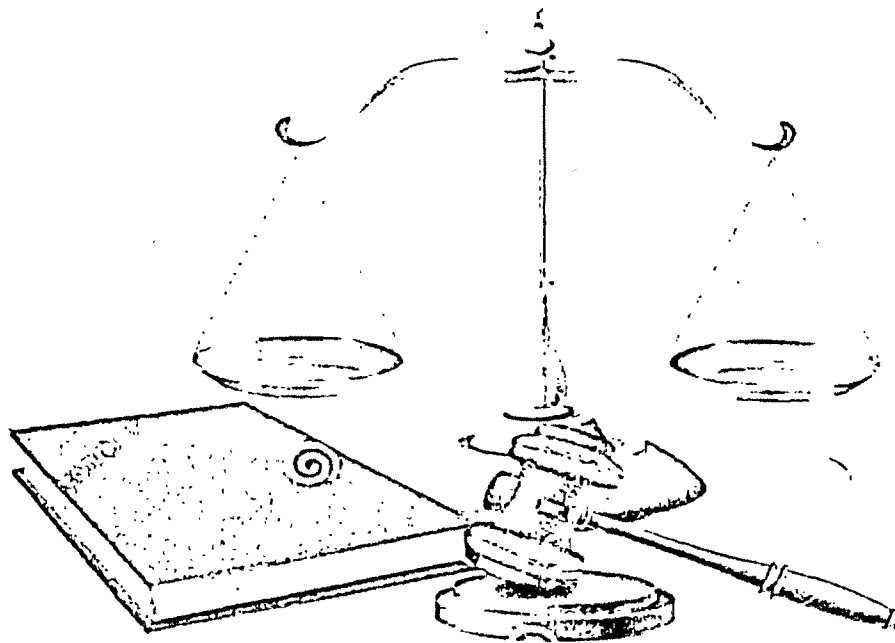
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Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

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South Alabama
Tennessee Valley
Tuscaloosa

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Cleveland Ohio
Ohio Valley
Purchase

Tennessee Synod

Elk River
Hiwassee
New Hopewell

Texas Synod

Angelina
Brazos River
East Texas

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be *The General Assembly* of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA), consisting of the following four (4) synods: Alabama, Kentucky States, Tennessee, and Texas.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Mission

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of the *General Assembly* is set forth in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America *Constitution*, 9.1, Confession of Faith.

Section 2. Mission Statement:

a. Vision of Ministry: To be a people united in one faith known to the world as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America called to continuing ministry of Jesus Christ as multi-cultural, inclusive, nurturing, and equipping family.

b. Affirmation of Ministry: Therefore, we affirm the Great Commission of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). We celebrate our faith through corporate worship. We seek to save the lost, to console the broken hearted, and to assist the needy. We seek to fulfill our mission through local churches, presbyteries, synods, and a General Assembly.

ARTICLE III

General Assembly

Section 1. Regular Meeting: The General Assembly (or simply the Assembly) shall convene annually on the Monday preceding the second Thursday in June at 8:30 a.m. (host church time), and continue until business has been completed up to four (4) days. The regular meeting will be made up of a quorum, which is any twenty (20) or more commissioners, of whom at least ten (10) are ministers, and ten (10) are elders.

Section 2. Called Meeting: A *Called Meeting* is a meeting of the Assembly held at a time other than its Annual Meeting. A Called Meeting shall meet as set forth in Section 9.2 of the Confession of Faith, specifically: The Moderator, or in case of the Moderator's absence, death, or inability to act, the Stated Clerk shall with the written concurrence or at the written request of twenty (20) commissioners, ten (10) of whom shall be ministers and ten (10) of whom shall be elders, representing at least five (5) presbyteries, call a special meeting. The Called Meeting **announcement** must be issued in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed meeting date, stating the particular business, date, time, and place to all the stated clerks of all presbyteries, and to all commissioners and their alternates. Only the business stated in the **announcement** shall be transacted.

Section 3. Meeting place: The Annual Meeting place of the General Assembly shall be determined by vote of the Commissioners in legal session. A congregation, presbytery, or synod may invite the General Assembly to meet in a city of its choice. Normally, the General Assembly shall refer invitations to its Executive Board for study before a vote is taken. The formula for determining meeting places for the General Assembly is *Alabama Synod, Kentucky States Synod, Tennessee Synod, and Texas Synod*, and the same rotational basis thereafter. If the occasion arises to change this schedule, it must be approved at a Meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE IV ***Membership and Attendance***

Section 1. Membership: The membership of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America will consist of Commissioners defined as ordained ministers and elders (serving as active members of a session of a particular church) and both the ministers and elders elected by their respective presbytery).

Section 2. Representation of Commissioners: The General Assembly shall consist of elected Commissioners from presbyteries in the following proportions (as set forth in Section 9.2 of the Confession of Faith):

- a. A presbytery having an active church membership of 1-200 shall be entitled to send one minister and one elder;
- b. A presbytery having an active church membership of 201-400 shall be entitled to send two ministers and two elder;
- c. A presbytery having an active church membership of 401-1000 shall be entitled to send three ministers and three elder;
- d. A presbytery having an active church membership of 1001- above shall be entitled to send four ministers and four elders.

Section 3. Youth Advisory Delegates (YAD): Each presbytery shall be allowed to select and to send to the meeting of the General Assembly non-voting Youth Advisory Delegate(s) with the same proportions as set forth in Section 2. above. A Youth Advisory Delegate shall be placed on a Select Committee of the Assembly with the privilege to discuss, to debate, and to vote on committee work. A Youth Advisory Delegate may speak on the floor of the Assembly but will not have the privilege of voting. A polling of the Youth Advisory Delegates may be taken and recorded on every question considered by the Assembly. Youth Advisory Delegates must be between the ages of 15-19.

Section 4. Ecumenical Participants: Denominations with whom the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America relates and when reciprocal agreements are reached may send representatives to the General Assembly, and they are referred to as Ecumenical Participants. Ecumenical Participants

shall be placed on Select Committees of the Assembly with the privilege to discuss, to debate, and to vote on Committee work. The Ecumenical Participants may speak on the floor of the Assembly but will not have the privilege of voting.

Section 5. Absences of Commissioners: All unexcused absences of Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegates certified as official representatives of the presbyteries shall be reported to the Stated Clerk of the appropriate presbytery for such action as the presbytery deems necessary.

ARTICLE V *The General Assembly Program*

Section 1. Program Planning Committee: The Program Planning Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Administrative Director. The Administrative Director shall consult with the presidents of the organizations, which are scheduled to meet during General Assembly week, and the host presbytery. They shall meet at least four (4) months prior to the meeting of the General Assembly to review schedules on call of the Moderator (may be by conference call or some similar technical communications medium).

Section 2. Opening Worship: The stated meeting of the General Assembly shall begin with a Worship service led by the General Assembly's Worship Director. The Moderator shall deliver a sermon or someone selected by the Moderator in consultation with the Program Planning Committee. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall ordinarily be celebrated during this service.

ARTICLE VI *Officers of the General Assembly*

Section 1. Composition: The officers of the General Assembly shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Engrossing Clerk. A minister or elder may fill the office of Moderator or Vice Moderator. Each must be elected by the General Assembly for specified terms. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator must be a certified Commissioner from a presbytery during each year of service.

Section 2. Moderator:

- a. The Moderator performs those duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 1.0 Moderator, Confession of Faith.
- b. A Moderator shall be elected as soon as the General Assembly is constituted. A majority vote of the Commissioners present is necessary to elect.
- c. **Tenure:** The Moderator is elected to serve a two-year term and is eligible for reelection. However, he/she may not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms. The elected Moderator will not assume duties until the close of the meeting

elected. The retiring Moderator will serve until the end of the meeting in which the election for Moderator took place.

d. Compensation: The Moderator shall be paid \$500.00 for each meeting of the General Assembly plus travel and lodging. The Moderator will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

e. Qualifications: The candidate for Moderator of the General Assembly:

- (1) Must be an elected Commissioner in each year of the nomination;
- (2) Can be an ordained minister or an ordained Elder Commissioner;
- (3) Must be an active participant in church life at the local, presbytery, and synod levels; must have moderated at the judicatory level.
- (4) Must endorse the government of the church;
- (5) Should be sound in Cumberland Presbyterian doctrine and parliamentary procedures;
- (6) Must be physically able to travel across the church.

f. Duties: The Moderator of the General Assembly, in addition to the duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 1.0 Moderator, shall:

- (1) In consultation with the Stated Clerk, appoint all Select Committees provided for by these Rules which serve during the meeting of the General Assembly.
- (2) Have the authority and responsibility of naming any and all other necessary Select Committees, which shall serve during his/her tenure of office.
- (3) Be an advisory member of all boards and agencies and shall attend their meetings as his/her schedule permits.
- (4) Work with the Stated Clerk and Administrative Director in coordinating visits to each of the presbyteries within the church.
- (5) Make a written report to the Assembly, which gives an account of activities as Moderator, and which may include (at the Moderator's discretion) observations, comments, and recommendations.
- (6) Give counsel to the church (including ministers and pastors).

Section 3. The Vice Moderator:

a. A Vice Moderator performs those duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 2.0 Vice Moderator, Confession of Faith.

b. The Vice-Moderator shall be elected immediately following the election of the Moderator. A majority vote of the Commissioners present is necessary to elect.

d. Tenure: The Vice-Moderator is elected to serve two (2) years and is eligible for reelection. However, he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

e. Compensation: The Vice Moderator shall be given a \$250.00 donation. Travel, lodging, and meals cost for the meeting of the General Assembly. The Vice Moderator will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

f. Qualifications: The candidate for Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly:

- (1) Must be an elected Commissioner in the year of the nomination;
- (2) Can be an ordained minister or an ordained elder commissioner;

- (3) Must be an active participant in church life at the local, presbytery, and synod levels; must have moderated at the judicatory level;
- (4) Must endorse the government of the church;
- (5) Should be sound in Cumberland Presbyterian doctrine and parliamentary procedures;
- (6) Must be physically able to travel across the Church.

g. Duties:

- (1) The Vice-Moderator will perform those duties prescribed under *Rules of Order*, Paragraph 2.2 of the **Confession of Faith**.
- (2) A voting member of the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB).

Section 4: Stated Clerk:

a. The Stated Clerk shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four (4) years and may succeed himself/herself; but may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. The regular term of office shall begin July 1 and expire and June 30.

b. In the event of a vacancy in the office, the Engrossing Clerk shall become the Stated Clerk *pro-tem* and shall serve until the next regular meeting of the Assembly. If the Engrossing Clerk is unable to serve, the Moderator shall appoint a Stated Clerk *pro-tem*.

c. **Compensation:** The Stated Clerk shall be given a \$500.00 donation. Travel, lodging, and meals cost for the meeting of the General Assembly will be paid by the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

d. Duties:

- (1) The Stated Clerk shall perform such duties as prescribed by the General Assembly, and those prescribed under the *Rules of Order* in Section 3.0 of the **Confession of Faith**.
- (2) In addition to the General Assembly the General Assembly Executive Board shall prescribe such other duties as may be required when the General Assembly is not in session.
- (3) The Stated Clerk shall be responsible for the record-keeping of the Assembly and have a minimum number of the General Assembly Minutes printed which are to be mailed within thirty (30) days following the meeting of the Assembly to session clerks, and others who may be identified by the Assembly.
- (4) The General Assembly Office shall receive the Board and Standing Committee reports by March 30th of each year so that copies may be mailed to all Commissioners, Youth Advisory Delegates and Ecumenical Participants.
- (5) The General Assembly Office shall provide a congregational and presbytery report form and ordination certification forms to the Presbytery Stated Clerks by February 1st of each year.
- (6) The Stated Clerk shall provide the Commissioners, Youth Advisory Delegates, and Ecumenical Participants with sufficient copies of appointment of committees and reports of the Select Committees.

- (7) The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Retiring Moderator, shall make referral of all items before the Assembly.
- (8) The General Assembly's Office shall make available such secretarial help for the meetings as is needed and make available word processing and reproduction equipment for the meetings.
- (9) The General Assembly Office shall secure an appropriately-engraved gavel and present it to the Moderator at the end of the term of service.

Section 5. The Engrossing Clerk:

a. **Election:** The Engrossing Clerk of the General Assembly shall be elected in the same manner as is the Stated Clerk, for a term of four (4) years, and may succeed himself/herself, but may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

b. **Compensation:** The Engrossing Clerk shall be paid \$250.00 for each meeting of the General Assembly, plus travel, lodging, and meals. Compensation is paid per the recommendation of the Stated Clerk, particularly upon the submission of the General Assembly's Minutes. The Engrossing Clerk will receive a per diem approved by the General Assembly.

c. **Duties:**

(1) The Engrossing Clerk shall serve under the direction of the Stated Clerk as the recorder of the Minutes of the General Assembly and shall provide the minutes on a form of electronic media for electronic reproduction.

(2) He/She shall serve as Stated Clerk, pro-tem, during the each session of the General Assembly in the event the Stated Clerk is absent or unable to serve.

(3) The regular term of office shall begin upon election at the General Assembly until the close of each Assembly.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations, Elections, and Voting

Section 1. Nominations: Nominations for all officers, elected boards and elected committees shall be conducted as set forth in Section 11.0 of the *Rules of Order* in the Confession of Faith.

a. Nominations shall be received from the General Assembly Nominating Committee. Nominations from the General Assembly Nominating Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor.

b. All persons nominated must submit a **Nominee Data Form (Appendix A)** to the General Assembly Office by 20 April of each year the General Assembly meets; or have the completed form in hand at the time he/she is nominated from the floor at the Assembly. The Nominee Data Form for each nominee must be submitted with the signatures of both the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the presbytery from which the nominee is a member or is eligible to be a member; whom certifies that the nominee is in good standing with his /her respective presbytery.

Section 2. Elections: Elections for all officers, to elected boards and to elected committees shall be conducted as set forth in Section 11.0 of the *Rules of Order* in the Confession of Faith, 2014 Edition. The elections shall be made at the time the Nominating Committee makes its report, and the elected shall assume office at the close of the General Assembly (with the exception of the Stated Clerk whose term will begin 1 July). The majority vote of the membership present at the General Assembly is necessary to elect one to office.

Section 3. Voting: Voting shall be conducted as set forth in Section 12.0 of the *Rules of Order* in the Confession of Faith, 2014 Edition.

- a. When more than one (1) person is nominated for the same office/position, voting shall be by secret ballot. A group of representatives, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, shall count the ballots. The Stated Clerk shall certify the count. (Each ballot will be read aloud so that other members may tally if they so desire).
- b. If more than two (2) persons are nominated and no nominee receives a majority of the votes counted, the vote shall be taken in the same manner on those leading nominees who together received a majority of the total vote cast on the preceding ballot.

ARTICLE VIII

Boards and Standing Committees

Section 1. Boards and Standing Committees of the General Assembly:

- a. General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB)
- b. General Assembly Judiciary Board
- c. General Assembly Nominating Committee
- d. Historical Foundation
- e. United Committees with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC)
 - (1) Joint Committee on Amendments
 - (2) Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (CTSC)

Section 2. General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB):

a. Function/Responsibility. The General Assembly Executive Board reports directly to the General Assembly. Its functions include acting on behalf of the General Assembly when it is in adjournment, coordinating all activities of the General Assembly, proposing a budget to the General Assembly for all departments of the General Assembly, and performing other tasks the Assembly may assign it from time to time.

b. Composition. Membership to the General Assembly Executive Board shall include eleven (11) persons: the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, the Stated Clerk, Administrative Director; Legal Counsel, and five (5) persons elected by the General Assembly to include: an Alabama Synod Representative, a Kentucky States Synod Representative, a Tennessee Synod Representative, a Texas Synod Representative, and a Member-at-Large.

The Administrative Director and Legal Counsel are non-voting members. The General Assembly delegated to the GAEB the right to resolve into Executive Session which will consist of all members of the GAEB with the exception of the presidents of the auxiliaries.

c. Frequency of Meetings. Ordinarily, the General Assembly Executive Board will hold at least two (2) scheduled meetings per year in November and in April, and will meet thereafter as required (which may include teleconferences and/or utilization of other technological media).

d. Authority. Upon the adjournment of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and during the period the General Assembly is not in session, the General Assembly Executive Board, in addition to the function/responsibility cited above, is empowered to act on behalf of the General Assembly. The GAEB reports directly to the General Assembly. Its work ultimately is directed by and must be approved by the General Assembly. All functions not lodged in the Boards and the Standing Committees are assigned to the GAEB.

Section 3. General Assembly Nominating Committee:

a. Membership. The Nominating Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the General Assembly. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be five persons and shall come from the membership of the General Assembly Executive Board, with no members term on the Nominating Committee extending beyond his/her term on the Executive Board. Included in the membership will be at least one person from each synod and the member at large.

b. Function/Responsibility. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to nominate to the General Assembly qualified persons to fill all vacancies in elected offices, board, and standing committees. The Stated Clerk shall make available all recommendations for Board and Standing Committee memberships that have been submitted by presbyteries and others. The report of this committee should be presented early in the meeting of the Assembly (the first day, when possible) but a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours will be the normative period before a vote on the nominations will be held. Any Commissioner, at the time for the election, shall have the privilege of making nominations from the floor, provided he/she has made every effort to secure the personal consent of the nominee and any required form(s).

c. Authority. This committee has the full responsibility of ensuring a slate of officers is nominated for an election and nominees to fill all boards and standing committee vacancies.

Section 4. Board of Judiciary:

a. Function/Responsibility. The Permanent Judiciary Board shall consider and report to the Assembly on all questions directed to it by the Assembly or any Board or agency of the Assembly. All judicial questions submitted to the General Assembly for a ruling and/or interpretation shall first be considered by Permanent Judiciary. The Board shall also examine all General Assembly Minutes, the

Auditors report, synod record books, and such other records as are referred to it, and report its findings to the Assembly.

b. Composition. Permanent Judiciary shall be composed of seven members. The members shall be ordained persons (ministers and/or elders only)

c. Authority. This board has full responsibility of managing, examining, and interpreting all judicial matters and questions that are directed to/through the General Assembly; and must judiciously apply rules, regulations, and policies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Section 5. Historical Foundation:

a. Function/Responsibility. The Historical Committee shall work as members of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and oversee the receiving, cataloging, and preserving of documents and other materials which relate to the life and history of the church.

b. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Each member must be in good standing in a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America congregation and shall serve no more than nine (9) consecutive years.

c. Frequency of Meetings. The Committee shall meet as often as the by-laws of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation require.

d. Authority. This committee has the full responsibility for managing the process of collecting and preserving the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Section 6. United Committee on Theology and Social Concerns :

a. Function/Responsibility. The UCTSC is an agency of the General Assemblies of the CPC and the CPCA and is charged with the responsibility to conduct theological and ethical reflections on matters of importance to the churches and their mission in the cultures and societies in which they serve. The United Committee was created by action of the two General Assemblies in 1999.

(1) It is the responsibility of the Committee to stimulate the theological thinking and discussion within our own denominations, to serve as a liaison between the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and the Theological Committee of the Caribbean and North American Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), and to make available upon request to any agency or person a brief opinion on theological questions.

(2) It is the responsibility of the Committee to reflect theologically upon areas of social life, which, in the mind of the Committee, should be special concern to Christians at a particular point in time.

(3) It is the responsibility of the Committee to call the attention of the church and the world those areas of social responsibility, which need addressing from a distinctly Christian viewpoint, and to provide the theological rationale for that viewpoint.

(4) The responsibility of the committee is in the area of moral concerns, and therefore, always should be sensitive to the creative tension, which exists

with the church whenever genuine and honest differences about doctrine and moral application of doctrine occur.

(5) It is the responsibility of the Committee to provide both theological and factual background to the churches so that their members can both study pertinent moral issues and act upon them out of a Christian perspective.

(6) While church judicatories usually enact laws, they may also adopt resolutions, which are, in effect, efforts at moral persuasion. The Committee should recommend to the General Assemblies such resolutions, as it deems appropriate. Those resolutions not intended to be enacted, as the law of the church should be clearly identified as resolutions or proclamations, which are recommended for study and consideration.

(7) The responsibility of the Committee is in the area of moral concerns, or what the Confession of Faith embraces in its creedal statement under the title, "Christians Live and Witness in the World."

(8) It is the responsibility of the Committee to formulate such moral perspectives based on the revealed will of God in the Scriptures as are relevant to contemporary issues, and;

(9) It is the responsibility of the Committee to explore and to grapple with the possible application of these perspectives to concrete situations as an incentive to all church members to do the same. Care should be taken not to attempt to make rules for every specific situation, but to formulate a moral framework for discussion, which provides the basis for responsible decision making on the part of members of the church.

b. Composition. Eight (8) members of the Committee are elected by each General Assembly, four (4) from each denomination (CPC and CPCA). CPCA members are elected to serve a three (3) year term and may be reelected once, serving no more than nine (9) years total.

c. Frequency of Meetings. The Committee meets semi-annually, and produces study papers and resources for the General Assembly and its agencies, and for the use of particular churches and members of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Committee is willing to provide resources for Presbyterian Committees on Theological and Social Concerns, local congregations and other interested groups as time allows.

d. Authority. The Committee has the full responsibility to represent the position of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA), in conjunction with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC); on current and relevant theological, ethical, social, moral, and cultural matters of importance to the Church and its missions. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Section 7. School of Continuing Education:

a. Function/Responsibility. The Permanent School of Continuing Education (SCE) was created by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America in the 2001 General Assembly. The SCE

responsibilities include evaluating education for the denomination and its certification programs.

(1) It is the responsibility of the SCE to provide guidance, sound theological and doctrinal training for candidates to the ministry and continuing education opportunities for ordained ministers and laity.

(2) It is the responsibility of SCE to evaluate/monitor the curriculum for ministerial preparation. This committee should make recommendations and changes to the General Assembly. It shall inform all presbyteries and synods of changes and mandates.

b. Composition. The SCE shall be composed of three (3) coordinators of the School of Continuing Education. Members can serve until replaced by the General Assembly.

c. Frequency of Meetings. Ordinarily, the SCE will meet one (1) time annually.

d. Authority. The SCE has the full responsibility of managing the training, curriculum development, and the ordination procedures, matters, and issues of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Article IX

General Rules for Boards and Standing Committees

Section 1. Membership. The term of office for elected members shall be three (3) years, except in the case of an election of a person to fill an unexpired term. They shall be eligible to succeed themselves; after having served nine (9) years consecutively, the person shall not be eligible for reelection until at least one (1) year has elapsed. No one shall be elected to a membership until he/she has consented to serve. Any member (ordained and non-ordained) in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America shall be eligible for membership on a Board or Standing Committee of the General Assembly, except in the special case of the Judiciary Board where only ordained ministers and elders may serve.

Section 2. Vacancies. A member of a Board or Standing Committee missing two (2) consecutive meetings (except for providential hindrances), will nullify his/her membership to a board or committee. The Moderator has the authority to appoint individuals to fill all vacancies, elected or appointed, occurring after the close of the General Assembly meeting; which includes vacancies that occur if a board or committee member resigns (NOTE: If a member resigns, the board/committee must meet and accept the resignation, and report its action to the Stated Clerk).

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The individual(s) appointed by the Moderator will serve until the next upcoming General Assembly. The Moderator should, except for extenuating circumstances, appoint an individual for the same Synod that was created by the vacancy on a board or committee.

Section 3. Ecclesiastical Commissions. Being deliberative bodies by virtue of the nature of their work must be composed of ordained ministers and/or ordained elders (i.e., persons eligible to be members of a judicatory).

Section 4. Reports. By April 30th of each year, each agency shall file a report with the Stated Clerk concerning its activities, achievements and future plans in order that the report may be duplicated and mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE X

Select Committees, Regular, Other, Chairperson, and Functions

Section 1. Appointment Authority. Select Committees shall be appointed by the Stated Clerk in consultation with the Moderator:

- a. Christian Education
- b. Ecumenical Relations
- c. Executive Board Review
- d. Finance and Budget Distribution
- e. Historical Foundation/Chaplains and Military Personnel
- f. Memorial/Resolution of Thanks
- g. Missions and Evangelism
- h. Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns

Section 2: Regular Select Committees. The select committees as set forth in Article X, Section 1, shall be the regular select committees of the General Assembly, appointed by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, to study reports and to consider other matters that may be referred to them.

Section 3: Other Select Committees. The General Assembly, at will, may create other select committees as the need arises, and the Moderator and the Stated Clerk will appoint the committees and provide instruction.

Section 4: Chairperson. The first person named on a committee is considered the chairperson unless otherwise specified. However, once the committee convenes, if it desires, it may select a new chairperson.

Section 5: Functions. The select committees examine the reports of boards and standing committees, and determine if the boards and standing committees have

worked within established guidelines/bylaws/rules. Moreover, select committees will determine if the boards and standing committees have dealt with those issues that were assigned, and have carried out their responsibilities in a timely and appropriate manner.

ARTICLE XI **General Rules**

Rule 1. Resolutions. All resolutions related in any way to the general enterprise of the church shall be referred to appropriate Boards and Standing Committees for recommendation to the body via General Assembly Executive Board.

Rule 2. General Assembly Year. The General Assembly Year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Rule 3. Synod Records. All Synod records shall be sent to the General Assembly by the Synod Stated Clerks for examination by the Select Judiciary Committee.

Rule 4. General Assembly Business. Any resolution, memorial, or other item of new business that is to be presented at a meeting of the General Assembly shall be presented first to the General Assembly Executive Board for study and/or recommendation prior to presentation to the General Assembly.

Rule 5. General Assembly Roll of Ministers, Licentiates, Candidates and Churches. Each presbytery clerk shall mail a report, which includes an up-to-date roll of ministers, licentiates, candidates, and churches not later than April 30th.

Rule 6. Report of Boards, Standing Committees, Select Committees, and Commissions. The reports of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, Administrative Director, Boards, and Standing Committees shall be referred to the proper Select Committee for review. Select Committees reports shall be brought directly to the floor of the General Assembly for action. Standing Committees (sometimes called Review Committees) are those that serve only during the meetings of the General Assembly. Special Committees (sometimes referred to as Ad Hoc Committees) are those that are appointed for a limited time to do a particular task or deal with a specific issue.

Rule 7. Membership Eligibility. All ordained ministers in good standing in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and ordained elders currently serving as a member of a local church session in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, are eligible for membership on boards, committees, and commissions of the General Assembly.

Rule 8. Attendance of Board and Committee Meetings. If a member of a board or committee misses two (2) consecutive meetings, except for providential

hindrances that are excused by the Assembly, his/her membership to the board or committee is automatically nullified. Boards and committees are required to report these absences to the Stated Clerk.

Rule 9. Membership Limitation. A person shall not serve concurrently on more than one board or standing committee of the General Assembly.

Rule 10. Commissioners. All commissioners must be ordained ministers and ordained active elders due to the ecclesiastical nature of the work usually assigned.

Rule 11. Retiring Moderator/Vice-Moderator. The retiring moderator/vice-moderator serves until the close of the General Assembly, at which time the newly elected moderator and vice moderator shall begin serving.

Rule 12. Review of Boards, Standing Committees, Select Committees and Commissioners Reports. The following shall govern how the General Assembly considers the reports of the elements of its body and the work of its commissioners.

a. Reports of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, boards, and standing committees shall be referred to an appropriate select committee for review except as set forth in paragraphs b, c, and d below.

b. Reports of the Judiciary and Committee on Nomination shall not be referred to a select committee, but will be acted upon directly by the General Assembly.

c. Reports of Commissioners and Select Committees are brought directly to the General Assembly for review and for action

d. The General Assembly will not refer any concerns, which are related to judiciary, ministerial, or nominating in nature to any select committee; instead, these will be referred to Board of Judiciary or Nominating Committee as appropriate.

Rule 13. Called Meeting. Meetings of the General Assembly other than the Annual Meeting in June are hereby-designated as a *Called Meeting*. All actions at the Called Meeting shall be limited to the agenda item(s) stated on the announcement.

Rule 14. General Assembly Fiscal Year. The General Assembly fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE XII *Parliamentary Authority*

The most current editions of the *Confession of Faith*, for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, shall govern this Assembly in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not

inconsistent with these rules and any special rules of order this assemblage may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII
Amendment of these Standing Rules

These Standing Rules may be amended or changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of Commissioners present and voting at a duly constituted General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Nominee Data Form
(For Prospective Members of Offices, Boards, and Committees of the General Assembly
of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

1. Name _____ Minister____ Laypers
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Female____ Male __

2. Address _____
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip

3. Phone Number _____
Home Cell Work

4. E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number _____

5. Congregation _____ Presbytery _____

6. Age: 15-19 ___ 20-24 ___ 25-34 ___ 35-44 ___ 45-54 ___ 55-64 ___ Over 64 ___

7. Areas of service in local congregation _____

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly _____

9. Occupation or Business _____

10. Education _____

11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve _____

12. Comments _____

13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:

Endorsed by: _____
Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date

Endorsed by: _____
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

***Please return completed form to: General Assembly's Office, 226 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35801**

Nominee Data Form
(For Prospective Members of Offices, Boards, and Committees of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

1. Name _____

	Preferred Title	First	Middle Initial	Last	Minister ___	Layperson ___
					Female ___	Male ___
2. Address _____

Street Address or P. O. Box	City	State	Zip
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3. Phone Number _____

Home	Cell	Work
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4. E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number _____
5. Congregation _____ Presbytery _____
6. Age: 15-19 ___ 20-24 ___ 25-34 ___ 35-44 ___ 45-54 ___ 55-64 ___ Over 64 ___
7. Areas of service in local congregation _____

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly _____

9. Occupation or Business _____
10. Education _____
11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve _____

12. Comments _____

13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:

Endorsed by: _____
Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date

Endorsed by: _____
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

****Please return completed form to: General Assembly's Office, 226 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35801***

**Rules of Procedure for Conduct of Business
The General Assembly
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**

1. ***Presiding Officer.*** The Moderator, Vice Moderator, or Commissioner elected by the General Assembly to serve at a particular session shall be called the Moderator of the General Assembly.
2. ***Duties of the Moderator.*** The Moderator shall perform the following tasks:
 - a. Call the General Assembly to Order at the beginning of the session to announce the recess or adjournment at its conclusion;
 - b. Ensure the observance of these Rules of Procedure;
 - c. Grant the right to speak and declare the debate closed;
 - d. Put each question to the vote and announce the result of the voting.

The moderator shall vote only in the event of a tie vote or a tie vote to cause a tie.

3. ***Appeal against the Decision of the Moderator.*** Any delegate may appeal against any decision of the Moderator. If a decision of the Moderator is questioned, a vote shall be taken immediately without debate on the question; "Shall the General Assembly concur in the decision of the Moderator?" A majority of the Commissioners present and voting shall determine the question.
4. ***Addressing the Moderator.*** Any Commissioner desiring to speak shall stand in place and speak only when granted the right to do so by the Moderator. That Commissioner shall then state his or her name. He or she may speak only to propose or second a motion to engage in debate on a pending matter, or to state a point of order, procedure or personal privilege.
5. ***Proposing a Motion.*** If a Commissioner desires to propose a motion, he or she shall state it orally; however, upon request of the Engrossing Clerk through the Moderator, he or she shall furnish a written copy to the Engrossing Clerk.
6. ***Motion Must be Seconded.*** A motion may not be considered by the General Assembly until a Commissioner seconds it. Once a motion has been seconded, it may not be withdrawn, except by permission of the General Assembly.
7. ***Debate.*** When a motion has been seconded, the Commissioner who proposed the motion shall open the debate upon it. The Commissioner may speak for not more than three (3) minutes. A Commissioner in opposition to the motion, who may speak for not more than five (5) minutes, shall follow him or her. Thereafter, the speakers shall alternate between those who support and those who oppose the motion. Each may speak for not more than five (5) minutes. When the debate is closed, the Commissioner who proposed the motion may reply. At this time, he or she

may speak for not more than three (3) minutes. With the exception of this reply by the Commissioner who proposed the motion, no Commissioner shall speak more than once on the same motion. Should the Moderator wish to participate in the debate, he or she shall first relinquish the chair to another Commissioner. The Moderator shall not resume the chair until the matter on which or she has expressed views has been decided.

8. ***Voting.*** When the debate has been finally closed, the Moderator shall either read the motion or cause it to be read by the Stated Clerk. Voting shall be by voice. The Moderator shall first ask those in favor of the motion to vote, "aye." Then those opposed to the motion will be asked to vote by saying "no." The Moderator shall immediately announce the result. If the Moderator is in doubt, or if any commissioner demands it, a second vote on the same motion shall be taken immediately by show of hands or standing. The Moderator may appoint tellers to determine the result. The Assembly may decide to vote on any motion by secret written ballot or by show of hands or by standing. A majority of the Commissioners present and voting shall determine any matter, unless a higher proportion is required by these Rules of Procedure or by the Constitution or by the Standing Rules.
9. ***Dissent and Abstention.*** Any Commissioner voting with the minority may have his or her name recorded as dissenting, but may not assign reasons for his or her dissent unless granted permission to do so by the General Assembly. Any delegate abstaining from voting may have his or name recorded as abstaining.
10. ***Amendments.*** When an amendment has been proposed and seconded, the Moderator shall allow debate on the amendment only. The Moderator shall rule out of order and not entertain an amendment, which is substantially the negative of the motion. An amendment to an amendment may be proposed, but the Moderator shall rule out of order and not entertain an amendment to an amendment to the amendment. The debate and voting shall be first upon the amendment to the amendment, then up on the amendment and finally upon the motion. When pending amendments have been acted upon and the original motion is before the General Assembly, as altered or not by action of the General Assembly, additional amendments may be proposed, but the Moderator shall rule out of order and not entertain an amendment substantially the same as an amendment already acted upon.
11. ***Motion to Close Debate.*** Any Commissioner may propose a motion to close debate at any time. If seconded, a vote shall be taken immediately without debate on the question; "Shall debate on the pending motion (or amendment) be closed?" If a majority of the Commissioners present and voting occur, a vote shall be taken immediately without further debate on the pending motion (or amendment). If the matter pending (on which debate is closed) is an amendment to an amendment or an amendment, the debate shall proceed on the amendment or the main motion as the case may be.

C. General Rules Which Govern Each Board and Standing Committee are the following.

1. **Membership.** The term of office for elected members shall be three (3) years, except in the case of an election of a person to fill an unexpired term. They shall be eligible to succeed themselves twice; after having served nine (9) years consecutively, the person shall not be eligible for re-election until at least one year has elapsed. No one shall be elected to a membership until he or she has consented to serve.
2. **Any Member.** (ordained or non-ordained) of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America shall be eligible for membership on a Board or Standing Committee of the General Assembly, except in the special case of the Judiciary Committee where only ordained minister and elders may serve.
3. **If a member** of a Board or Standing Committee misses two consecutive meetings (except for providential hindrances) his or her term in office expires, and the Moderator shall appoint someone to serve until the next meeting of the General Assembly.
4. **Ecclesiastical Commissions**, being deliberative bodies by virtue of the nature of their work, must be composed of ordained ministers and/or elders (i.e. persons eligible to be members of the court).
5. **Reports.** By March 30th of each year, each agency shall file a report with the Stated Clerk concerning its activities, achievements and future plans in order that the report may be duplicated and mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

X. Select Committees of the General Assembly

The following Select Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk:

1. Christian Education
2. Ecumenical Relations / Theological and Social Issues
3. Executive Board Review
4. Finance and Budget Distribution
5. Memorials / Resolution of Thanks
6. Missions & Evangelism

- c. *Frequency of Meetings.* The General Assembly Mission Board will ordinarily meet for two full days beginning on a Thursday morning and concluding on the following Friday. Ordinarily there will be two meetings per year (August and February), approximately six (6) months apart.

2. General Assembly Executive Board

- a. *Its Task.* The General Assembly Executive Board reports directly to the General Assembly. Its functions include acting in emergency situations on behalf of the General Assembly when it is in adjournment, coordinating all activities of the General Assembly, proposing a budget to the General Assembly for all departments of the General Assembly, and performing other asks the Assembly may from time to time assign it.
- b. *Its Composition.* Membership to the General Assembly Executive Board shall include nine persons: The Moderator, The Vice-Moderator, the Stated Clerk, Administrative Director and five persons elected by the General Assembly. The five persons elected by the General Assembly shall be an Alabama Synod Representative, Kentucky States Synod Representative, Tennessee Synod Representative, Texas Synod Representative and a Member at Large. The Administrative Director shall be a non-voting member.
- c. *Frequency of Meetings.* Ordinarily, the General Assembly Executive Board Committee will hold two scheduled meetings per year in November and April.

3. Permanent Judiciary Board

- a. *Its Task.* The Permanent Judiciary Board shall consider and report to the Assembly on all questions directed to it by the Assembly or any Board or agency of the Assembly. All judicial questions submitted to the General Assembly for a ruling and/or interpretation shall first be considered by the Permanent Committee. The Board shall also examine all General Assembly Minutes, The Cumberland Digest, the Auditors report and such other records as are referred to it and report its findings to the Assembly.
- b. *Its Composition.* The Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members. The members shall be ordained persons (either as minister or elder) and shall be elected for at three-year term, serving no more than nine consecutive years.
- c. *Frequency of Meetings.* Ordinarily, the board will meet annually.

4. Historical Foundation.

- a. *Its Task.* The Historical Committee shall work as members of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and oversee the

receiving, cataloging and preserving of documents and other materials which relate to the life and history of the church.

- b. *Its Composition.* The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Each member must be in good standing in a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America congregation and shall serve no more than nine consecutive years.
- c. *Frequency of Meetings.* The Committee shall meet as often as the by-laws of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation require.

5. Standing United Theology and Social Concerns

- a. *Its Task.* The Unified Committee is an agency of the General Assemblies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and is charged with the responsibility to conduct theological and ethical reflections on matters of importance to the churches and their mission in the cultures and societies in which they serve. The United Committee was created by action of the two General Assemblies of 1999.
 - 1. It is the responsibility of the Committee to stimulate the theological thinking and discussion within our own denominations, to serve as liaison between the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and the Theological Committee of the Caribbean and North American Council of the World alliance of Reformed Churches, and to make available upon request to any agency or person, a brief opinion on theological questions.
 - 2. It is the responsibility of the Committee to reflect theologically upon areas of social life, which, in the mind of the Committee, should be special concern to Christians at a particular point in time.
 - 3. It is the responsibility of the Committee to call the attention of the church and the world those areas of social responsibility, which need addressing from a distinctly Christian viewpoint, and to provide the theological rationale for that viewpoint.
 - 4. The responsibility of the Committee is in the area of moral concerns, and therefore, always should be sensitive to the creative tension, which exists with the church whenever genuine and honest differences about doctrine and moral application of doctrine occur.
 - 5. It is the responsibility of the Committee to provide both theological and factual background to the churches so that their members can both study pertinent moral issues and act upon them out of a Christian perspective.
 - 6. While church judicatories usually enact laws, they may also adopt resolutions which are, in effect, efforts at moral persuasion. The committee should recommend to the

General Assemblies such resolutions, as it deems appropriate. Those resolutions not intended to be enacted, as the law of the church should be clearly identified as resolutions or proclamations, which are recommended for study and consideration.

7. The responsibility of the Committee is in the area of moral concerns, or what the Confession of Faith embraces in its creedal statement under the title, "Christians Life and Witness in the World." It is the responsibility of the Committee:

- a) to formulate such moral perspectives based on the revealed will of God in the Scriptures as are relevant to contemporary issues and
- b) to explore and grapple with the possible application of these perspective to concrete situations as an incentive to all church members to do the same. Care should be taken not to attempt to make rules for every specific situation, but to formulate a moral framework for discussion, which provides the basis for responsible decision making on the part of members of the church.

b. *Its Composition.* Eight members of the Committee are elected by each General Assembly to three-year terms. Members may be reelected twice, and can serve no more than nine years.

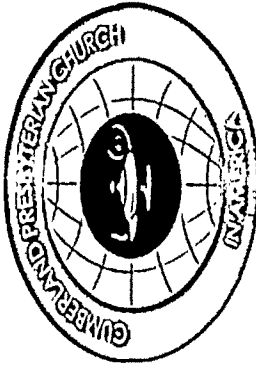
c. *Frequency of Meetings.* The Committee meets semi-annually and produces study papers and resources for the General Assembly and its agencies and for the use of particular churches and members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Committee is willing to provide resources for Presbyterian Committees on Theological and Social Concerns, local congregations and other interested groups as time allows.

6. School of Continuing Education

a. *Its Task.* The Permanent School of Continuing Education Committee was created by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America in the 2001 General Assembly. The Committee's responsibilities include evaluating education for the denomination and its certification programs.

1. It is the responsibility of this committee to provide guidance, sound theological and doctrinal training for candidates to the ministry and continuing education opportunities for ordained ministers and laity.
2. It is responsibility of this committee to evaluate/monitor the curriculum for ministerial preparation. This committee shall inform all presbyteries and synods of changes and mandates.

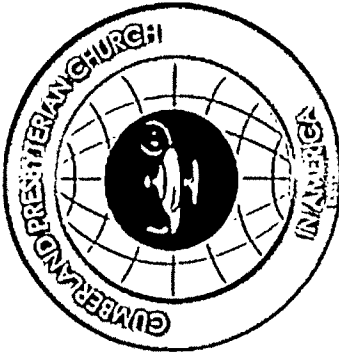
3. It is the responsibility of the committee to review all licensing and ordinations and call to the attention of the Permanent Judiciary Board any violations.
- b. *Its Composition.* The committee shall be composed of three (3) ordained clergy with graduate degrees, namely, the coordinators of the School of Continuing Education.
- c. *Frequency of Meetings.* Ordinarily, the committee will meet six (6) times annually.



General Assembly Executive Board Members

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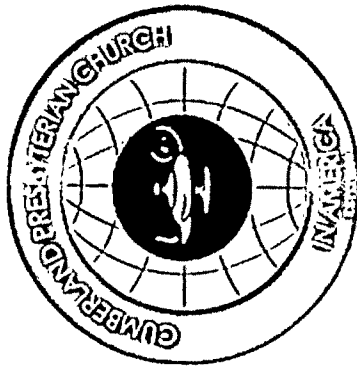
Name	Title	Address	Telephone	Elected	Serving	Status	Re-Election Year	Class of
Dr. Theodis Acklin	Moderator	3415 Mastin Lake Road, Huntsville, AL 35810-2827	(256) 468-9585	2019	2 nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2021	2023
VACANCY	Vice Moderator	205 Burwell Road Harvest, AL 35749	(256) 852-8075	2017	2 nd Term	In-Eligible for Re-Election	N/A	2022
Elder Vanessa K. Middgett	Stated Clerk (Interim)	118 Thunderbird Drive, Harvest, AL 3549	(256) 682-3405	2020	1 st Term	Eligible for Election	N/A	N/A
Rev. Lela Fencher	Engrossing Clerk	620 Live Oak Circle Fairfield, AL 35613	(256) 789-3913	2011	3 rd Term	In-Eligible for Re-Election	2019	2023
Rev. Barbara Clemons	Alabama Synod	17593 Hall Road Athens, AL 35613	(256) 232-5636	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Elton Hall	Texas Synod	305 Tifton Circle Hewitt, Texas 76643	(254) 799-5975	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Perry Jackson	Tennessee Synod	1112 McCaslin Avenue Sweetwater, TN 34874	(423) 351-4043	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Antony Johnson	Kentucky States Synod	312 E. 285 th Street Willowick, OH 44095	(216) 849-3428	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Endia Scruggs	Member at Large	1659 Carrol Road Harvest, AL 35749	(256) 859-3670	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Elder Vanessa K. Middgett	Administrative Director	118 Thunderbird Drive Harvest, AL 35749	(256) 682-3405	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr. Michael H. Walker, Esquire	Legal Counsel	P. O. Box 142 Normal, Alabama 35762	(256) 651-9329	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



General Assembly Board of Judiciary

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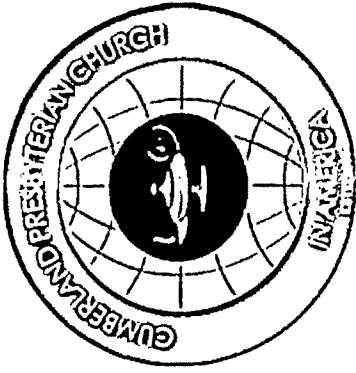
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Rev. Willie Cowan	Alabama Synod	5010 Paden Drive Huntsville, AL 35810	(256) 852-9407	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Rosemary Herron	Tennessee Synod	4125 Meadow Hill Drive Nashville, TN 37218	(615) 877-5304	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Phal Carter	Texas Synod	1003 Webster Drive Henderson, TX 75652	(903) 284-4090 (903) 683-5009	2018	2 nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2021	2027
Vacancy Vice Elder Vanessa K. Midgett	Alabama Synod	N/A	N/A	2015	2 nd Term	Resigned Effective June 2020		
Rev. Anne Jones-Pierre	Tennessee Synod	518 Terrell Street Chattanooga, TN 37401	(423) 698-3719	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Elder Erma Rainey	Kentucky States Synod	8005 S. Elizabeth Street Chicago, IL 60620	(773) 488-2036	2014	3 rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Kay Ward Creer	Texas Synod	311 North Avenue South Clifton, TX 76634	(254) 498-5321	2017	2 nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2026
Mr. Michael H. Walker	Appointed Non-Voting Staff	P. O. Box 142 Normal, Alabama 35762	(256) 651-9329		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



CPCA Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation

Updated June 2022

Name	Title	Address	Telephone	Elected	Serving	Status	Re-Election Year	Class of
Elder Jackie Cooper	Tennessee Synod	P.O. Box 494 Winchester, TN 37398	(391) 962-4249	2017	2 nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2026
Elder Dorothy Hayden	Alabama Synod	3103 Carolina Avenue Bessemer, AL 35020	(205) 425-6009	2011	3 rd Term	In-Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2020
Elder Willie Lynk	Kentucky States Synod	932 Village Square Morganfield, KY 42437		2016	2 nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2022	2025
Elder Patricia Ward	Alabama Synod	6855 Rabbit Lane Madison, AL 35756	(256) 350-9054	2014	2 nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2023
Rev. Joe Howard, III	Texas Synod	6855 Clarkwood Drive #304 Dallas, TX 75236	(504) 401-5326	2017	2 nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2026



CPCA Unified Committee on Theological and Social Concerns

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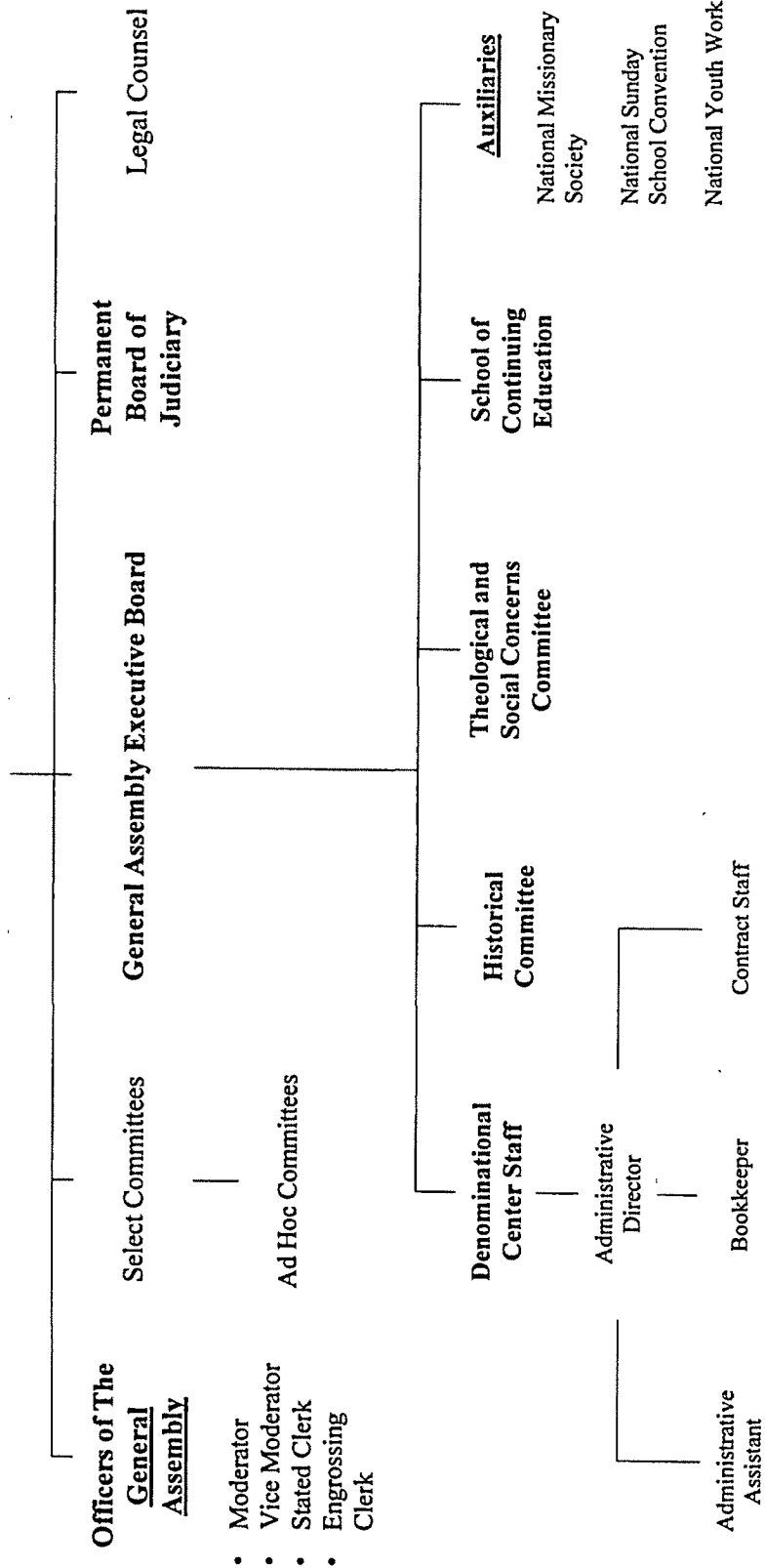
Name	Title	Address	Telephone	Elected	Serving	Status	Re-Election Year	Class of
VACANCY VICE Elder Sharon Combs	Kentucky States Synod	P. O. Box 122 Sturgis, KY 42459	(270) 860-4175	2014	2nd Term	(Resigned Effective OCT 2020) VACANCY		
Rev. Edmond Cox	Tennessee Synod	249 Mimosa Circle Maryville, TN 37801	(865) 789-6161	2015	3rd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2022	2025
VACANCY VICE Rev. Jimmie Dodd	Tennessee Synod	1798 Campbell Street Jackson, TN 38301	(731) 424-2510	2011	2nd Term	(Resigned Effective NOV 2018) VACANCY		
Rev. Nancy Fuqua	Alabama Synod	1963 County Road 406 Town Creek, AL 35672	(256) 685-0218	2012	3rd Term	In-Eligible for Re-Election	2018	2021
Rev. Bobby Hawkins	Kentucky States Synod	220 South Foxwell Street Providence, KY 42450	(270) 607-7147	2017	2nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2023	2026
Elder James Reynolds	Alabama Synod		(256) 683-2507	2017	2nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2023	2026
Elder Joy Wallace	Texas Synod	541 Glenn Arbor Dallas, TX 75240	(214) 415-8734	2011	3rd Term	In-Eligible for Re-Election	2017	2020
Rev. Rick White	Texas Synod	124 Town Drive West Lorena, TN 76655	(254) 489-3796	2017	2nd Term	Eligible for Re-Election	2020	2026



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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

144TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

9 – 12 June 2019

Theme: “Walk in Love” Ephesians 5: 1 - 2

Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa

800 Monroe Street

Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Moderator
Vice Moderator
Stated Clerk
Engrossing Clerk
Administrative Director

Elder Lewis LEON Cole, Jr.
Reverend Michael L. Jones
Elder Craig A. White
Reverend Lela Fencher
Reverend Dr. G. Lynne Herring

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS – 144th CPCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 10 – 12 JUN 19

This **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS (SOA)** is a brief summary of the actions taken by the 144th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, which convened in Huntsville, Alabama from 9 - 12 June 2019. The **SOA** is not intended to be, nor is it the definitive authority on the complete actions of the General Assembly. Rather, the intent of the **SOA** is to provide a brief overview of the work of the General Assembly (GA). The annual MINUTES of the General Assembly serve as the definitive record, which is intended to capture the complete actions of the General Assembly relative to reports of standing boards and select committees. Finally, the **SOA** is provided as a courtesy by the General Assembly.

The 144th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) met concurrently with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC) 9 - 12 June 2019, in Huntsville, Alabama and included the following:

Host Presbytery: Huntsville

Host Moderator: The Reverend Terence Haley

Theme: "Walk in Love", Ephesians 5: 1 -2

A. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

1. **CONSTITUTED** the 144th **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** with forty-four (46) commissioners, and four (4) Youth Advisory Delegates (YAD). Fourteen (14) of the fifteen (15) presbyteries were represented at the General Assembly, the exception was the Purchase Presbytery.
2. **AFFIRMED THE NATIONAL CHURCH YEAR THEME:** "Walk in Love", Ephesians 5: 1 -2
3. **PARTICIPATED** in the Joint Opening Worship Service of both the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) that was held Sunday, 9 June 2019 at 7:00 pm CT at the Von Braun Center (VBC), North Halls 1 and 2. The Reverend Dr. R. Stan Wood, Pastor of Mt Tabor Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, of the New Hopewell Presbytery, delivered the message emphasizing the theme, "*Walk in Love*", Ephesians 5: 1 -2. Following a powerful message, communicants participated in the celebration of the Lord's Supper by intinction, with the Reverend Dr. Mitchell M. Walker, Sr., (CPCA) and the Reverend Joy Warren (CPC) serving as a Co-Celebrants.
4. **PARTICIPATED** in the Joint Moderators' reception hosted by the Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America located in Huntsville, Alabama, where the Reverend Dr. Mitchell M. Walker, Sr., is pastor.

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5. **PARTICIPATED** in joint CPCA/CPC worship services, devotions, and Women's celebrations.
6. **RECEIVED** excellent hospitality from the host Presbytery, the Huntsville Presbytery and its Moderator, the Reverend Terence Haley. *The Report of the Select Committee on the Resolutions of Thanks* included words of gratitude from the 144th General Assembly and its constituency to the Huntsville Presbytery for an excellent job in hosting.
7. **AFFIRMED** that the 145th General Assembly will convene in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Galt House, (<https://www.galthouse.com>) meeting concurrently with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Ohio Valley Presbytery will serve as the host presbytery. In addition, the 146th General Assembly is scheduled to convene in/near Chicago, Illinois in 2021.
8. **THANKED** COL. David Lockhart for his exemplary service as the Cumberland Presbyterian Chaplain. He expressed thanks to the CPCA Church and asked that other CPCA constituents consider becoming a military chaplain.
9. **RECOGNIZED** and received words from our ecumenical participants from our sister church, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC), the immediate past Moderator, the Rev. Jay Earheart-Brown, the Rev Shelia O'Mara, the Moderator elect of the CPC, the Rev Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk of the CPC. The Rev Shelia O'Mara offered prayer for the CPCA. Moreover, the General Assembly received words from Mrs. Susan Knight Gore and Elder Patricia Ward of the Joint Historical Foundation making the GA aware of the many services the Historical Foundation offered.
10. **RECOGNIZED** the Office of the General Assembly Administrative Assistant, Ms. Andrea C. Brandon, with flowers and thanks for excellent work at the Office of the General Assembly.

B. ELECTIONS:

1. **ELECTED** by the 144th General Assembly the following person to serve as the chief officer of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America;
 - The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, of the Huntsville Presbytery, elected Moderator for a first term, Class of 2021.

C. COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. **REQUEST** from Elder William "Nick" Underwood, CPCA Legal Counsel, to be excused from the 144th General Assembly due to illness. Dr. Herring asked the Commissioners from each of the represented presbyteries, along with the GAEB, to sign cards that she will mail to Elder Underwood to express support and love for him.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENT** from the Elk River Presbytery relative to its Sesquicentennial Celebration, which will take place on Saturday, 20 July 2019 at Montgomery Bell State Park in Dickson, Tennessee.

D. Reports of Boards and Select Committees:

1. Report of Joint Committee on Amendments:

- **ADOPTED** the report and that the proposed amendment(s) referred to the 144th General Assembly.

2. Report of the Select Committee on Christian Education:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on Christian Education, which included approval of the *Course Catalog & Presbytery Committee on Ministry Manual (rev. May 2019)* for use throughout all judicatories and entities of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in American (CPCA).

3. Report of the Select Committee on Executive Board Review:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on Executive Board Review, which included;
- **APPROVAL** of the Reports of the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Stated Clerk, Administrative Director and the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB), which included adoption of the following four (4) recommendations:
 - **Recommendation 1:** That the General Assembly approves the revised School of Continuing Education (SCE) *Program of Alternative Studies Course Catalog*.
 - ✓ ▪ **Recommendation 2:** That the CPCA continues its corporate relationships with, (1) the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, (2) the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries, (3) the Presbyterian Chaplains and Military Personnel, and (4) the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

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- **Recommendation 3:** That the General Assembly approves Louisville, Kentucky as the site of the 145th meeting of the General Assembly in June 2020, with the Ohio Valley Presbytery serving as host.
- √▪ **Recommendation 4:** That the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America ceases providing funds for presbytery delegates/representatives to the National Sunday School Convention (NSSC). Moreover, the presbyteries will be delegated the task/responsibility of providing the funds for their respective delegates/representatives to attend the NSSC; and/or delegates/representatives will rely upon their personal resources to attend the NSSC. However, if neither the presbyteries nor the delegates provide funding, the National Sunday School Convention be dissolved.
- **APPROVAL** of dividing the Select Committee on Ecumenical Relations/Theological and Social Concerns into two separate select committees.

4. Report of the General Assembly Permanent Board of the Judiciary:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the General Assembly Permanent Board of the Judiciary, which included;
 - **NOTIFICATION** that 14 of the 15 CPCA Presbyteries approved the changes to 11.4.b. and c. of the *Constitution*.
 - **APPROVAL** of the following: (1) that the use of Official Records Books/ Record Book filler paper is optional, (2) that all Synod Minutes shall be housed and secured in actual binder, and (3) that Synod Record Books submitted for its annual review by the Board of the Judiciary (BOJ) will contain only the current year's Minutes.
 - **NOTIFICATION** that the Board of the Judiciary reviewed the Synod record books of the Alabama, Kentucky States, Tennessee, and Texas Synods, the BOJ reported that the records books were in good order.
- **ADOPTED** the Board of Judiciary's response to the question referred by the 144th General Assembly, determining that it is the inherent right of the General Assembly to make changes as needed so long as the rules are followed.

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5. Report of the Select Committee on the Memorial:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on the Memorial.
- **MEMORIALIZED and CONDUCTED A SERVICE** for the life and the legacy of seven (7) ordained ministers and of thirteen (13) ordained elders who transitioned during the intervening period since the 143rd General Assembly. A Memorial Service was held to commemorate the lives of the following individuals in the 144th meeting of the General Assembly:
 - Birmingham Presbytery Elder Algene Smith
 Elder Thomasina Raye
 - East Texas Presbytery Elder Lizzie Nash
 - Florence Presbytery Elder John Jackson
 Elder Lander Watkins
 - Huntsville Presbytery Elder Louella Battle
 Reverend Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.
 Elder Robert Drake
 Elder Frank Robinson
 Reverend Ronald Thatch
 Reverend Terry Ragland
 Reverend Brian Winston
 - Hiwassee Presbytery Elder Mary Caudle
 Elder Howard McClure
 Elder Robert McKinley
 - Ohio Valley Presbytery Reverend Mary Bailey
 - South Alabama Presbytery Reverend Felix Baker
 Reverend William Olds
 Elder Joe Owen
 - Tennessee Valley Presbytery Elder William Paige

6. Report of the Select Committee on Resolution of Thanks:

- **APOPTED** the Resolution of Thanks presented to the Moderator, the General Assembly, and the Huntsville Presbytery for coordinating the 144th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

7. Report of the Select Committee on Ecumenical Relations/Committee on Theology and Social Concerns:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on Ecumenical Relations/Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, including;

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- **APPROVAL** of allowing the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (UCTSC) more time to consider other pertinent information from various perspectives in order to set forth a loving, Biblical and theological sound response. The Select Committee further concurs relative to the UCTSC developing a position on the issues of sexual matters.
- **APPROVAL** of referring the *Proposed Plan of Union* to the presbyteries of both the CPC and the CPCA for approval during the 2019-2020 year. Each CPCA Presbytery will submit the decision of each respective to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for collating and reporting.
- **NON-CURRED** with the CPCA GA establishing an Implementation Task Force for the *Proposed Plan of Union*; and that the General Assembly empowers this Implementation Task Force that work may begin immediately to enhance the transition towards unification, anticipating ratification by the presbyteries in both current denominations.

8. Report of the Select Committee on Missions and Evangelism:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on Missions and Evangelism, which included;
- **APPROVING** the Office of the General Assembly to develop and to coordinate an Education Conference in the fall of 2019, and a Women's Conference in the spring of 2020.

9. Report of Part II of the Nominating Committee Report:

- **ADOPTED** Part II of the Nominating Committee Report, which included electing the following to serve on boards and committees of the CPCA.
- **ELECTED** the following;
 - Elder Willie Lynk, Board of Trustees of Historical Foundation (Kentucky States Synod), (1st Term) Class of 2021.
 - Rev Jimmie Dodd, Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (Tennessee Synod), (2nd term) Class of 2021.
 - Elder Joy Wallace, Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (Texas Synod), (3rd term) Class of 2022

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- **NOTED** that Elder Wallace is completing the remainder of the term of Rev Robert Earl Thomas due to illness.

10. Report of the Select Committee on Finance and Budget Distribution:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on Finance and Distribution, which included;
 - **APPROVING** the Administrative Director's plan to sponsor and to develop a CPCA-wide Tier Giving Campaign Fund Drive.
 - **APPROVING** the institution of an annual CPCA Leadership Conference.
 - **APPROVING** the changes in the *Report of Change* and the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Some of the major changes highlighted in this Summary of Action include **(1)** Eliminating the Ministerial Relief and Widows Fund, **(2)** Reducing the honorariums of the Moderator/Stated Clerk from \$1000 to \$500, and the Vice Moderator/Engrossing Clerk from \$500 to \$250, **(3)** Increasing the salary of the administrative assistant by \$3000 per year, and reducing the salary of the Administrative Director by \$9000 and approving two days of telework, **(4)** Reducing GAEB meetings to one face to face meeting, and **(5)** Reducing the Administrative Director's travel.

11. Report of the Select Committee the Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on the Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel, which include the following,
 - **APPROVING** that the Cumberland Presbytery denominations provide an opportunity for their congregations to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May or another special day, to support our ministry through the PCCMP. Moreover, that an offering be received on the last Sunday in May or the second Sunday in November (Veteran's Day Eve) to support the ministry through the PCCMP and that offering be sent to the denominational office, and ask that the Stated Clerk of the GA to send a letter of reminder in each of those months to the congregations.
 - **APPROVING** that individual congregations of the CPC and the CPCA determine and designate a special day through the year

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to hold up chaplains and their United States families in the service to which they have been endorsed.

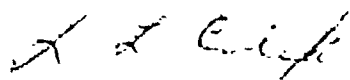
- **APPROVING** of encouraging 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students and ordained ministers to consider going into the military chaplaincy.

12. Report of the Select Committee on Historical Foundation:

- **ADOPTED** the Report of the Select Committee on Historical Foundation, which included;
 - **APPROVING** that the General Assembly instructs presbyteries to obtain session records if a congregation at the time the church is closed and then deposit in the Historical Foundation.
 - **APPROVING** the CPCA to become very active in preserving our history in the archives to accomplish this the Moderator was asked for a volunteer or to appoint a person to lead this project throughout the denomination. Rev. Dr. Nancy Fuqua volunteered and was approved by the 144th General Assembly.
 - **APPROVING** the formation of a plan of action to include but not limited to making contact with all agencies and persons in the denomination to assist them in providing the historical facts on persons and organizations to gather additional history of the CPCA denominations and families.
 - **APPROVING** a budget of \$300, which the Historical Foundation will provide a matching grant.
 - **APPROVING** that a full report is forwarded to the GAEB and the GA regarding the progress of the project.

ADJOURNED until the 145th General Assembly, scheduled to convene June 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky with the Ohio Valley Presbytery serving as the host presbytery.

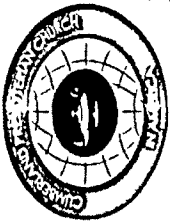
Humbly submitted,



Elder Lewis Leon Cole, Jr., Moderator



Elder Craig A. White, Stated Clerk



**145TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS AND YADS
ROSTER and ATTENDANCE RECORD**

“Redemption: God’s Plan in Action” Jeremiah 29:11

		Attendance Record			
		July 10-13, 2022, Huntsville, AL			
PRESBYTERY	COMMISSIONER(S)	General Assembly Business Sessions			
		Monday 7/10/2022	Tuesday 7/11/2022	Wednesday 7/12/2022	
		AM	PM	AM	PM
Brazos River	Rev. Joe Howard III Elder Margaret Smith	P	P	P	P
Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson Elder Greg Scruggs	P	P	P	P
East Texas	(no representation)				
Elk River	Rev. Robert Jefferson Elder Joe Smith	P	P	P	P
Florence	Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua Rev. Clifford Malone Hollins Elder Leonard Skipworth Elder Otis Johnson	P	P	P	P
Hiwassee	Rev. Christopher Martin Rev. Ann J. Pierre Elder Andy Hudgins Rev. Perry Jackson Rev. Stephanie Martin	P	P	P	P



145TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

SELECT COMMITTEE		COMMISSIONER/YAD*	
I	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1	Rev. Dr. Robert Rice
		2	Elder John Humphrey
		3	Rev. Jessie Austin
		4	Rev. Perry Jackson
		5	Elder Tom H. Jones
		6	Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson
II	ECUMENICAL RELATIONS**	1	Reverend Cedric Stanton
		2	Elder Leo Carroll
		3	Elder Leonard Skipworth
		4	Elder Margaret Smith
		5	Elder Greg Scruggs
		6	
III	EXECUTIVE REVIEW BOARD	1	Reverend Christopher Martin
		2	Rev. Phal Carter
		3	Rev. Dr. Ann J. Pierre
		4	Reverend Clifford Malone Hollins
		5	Reverend Moses Finch
IV	FINANCE and BUDGET DISTRIBUTION	1	Elder Douglas R. Browder
		2	Elder George Woods
		3	Elder Frank Fletcher
		4	Rev Joe Howard III
		5	
		6	
V	HISTORICAL FOUNDATION	1	Rev. Dr. Barbara Clemons
		2	Elder George Lockett
		3	Rev. Stephanie Martin
		4	Rev. Clint Scales
		5	Elder Otis Johnson
		6	



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VI	MEMORIAL/RESOLUTION OF THANKS	1	Elder Deborah Montague
		2	Rev. Robert Jefferson
		3	Reverend Endia J. Scruggs
		4	Elder Charles Bradley
		5	Elder Shirley Rice
		6	Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua
VII	MISSION AND EVANGELISM	1	Rev. Dr. Edward Anderson
		2	Elder Minnie Jones
		3	Elder Joe Smith
		4	Rev. Dr. Michael Jones
		5	Elder Wanda Stubblefield
		6	Elder Andy Hudgins
	*Non-Voting Members		
**Reviews the Reports of the Cmte on Theology and Social Concerns (CTSC) and the Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel			

APPENDIX A

Communications



The Birmingham Presbytery

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Reverend Doctor Tremaine Davis, Moderator
Reverend Roderick Royal, Vice Moderator
Reverend Annett Linton-Pullom, Stated Clerk
Sister Gail Ward-Woods, Engrossing Clerk

June 16, 2022

Office of The General Assembly
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
226 Church Street N. W.
Huntsville, AL 35801

Attn: Elder Vanessa Midget
Interim Stated Clerk

Re: e-mail Transmittal (Wed. June 8, 2022)
Nomination Submission Form

Greetings Elder Midget,

On behalf of the Birmingham Presbytery, we continue to wish the best for you and impending work of our National Judicatory.

We wish at this time to submit an application for Reverend Annett L. Pullom to fill a vacancy (vacated by Elder Dorothy Hayden some time ago) as a member on the CPCA Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation. It is the feeling of our constituency that Reverend Pullom is fully capable of serving on this Board with her legacy in our Denomination and her willingness to serve.

Thank you to please forward her application to the Nomination's Committee of the General Assembly.

In His Service,



Reverend Doctor Tremaine Davis

Reverend Doctor Tremaine Davis, Moderator

Encl. Completed Appendix: Nominee Data Form

APPENDIX A

Nominee Data Form

(For Prospective Members of Offices, Boards, and Committees of the General Assembly
of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

1. Name Rev. Annett L. Pullum Minister Layperson
 Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Female Male

2. Address 1313 35th Street W. (Eos.) Bham, AL 35218
 Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip

3. Phone Number 205 781-6020 205 540-5719
 Home Cell Work

4. E-Mail Address pastoralpullum@gacil.com Fax Number 205 781-6020

5. Congregation Brantley Chapel CPCh Presbytery Birmingham

6. Age: 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 Over 64

7. Areas of service in local congregation Pastor / Teacher

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly Stated Clerk - Presbytery
Member COM - Presbytery Member BAT - Synod
Instructor - SCE - GA

9. Occupation or Business Retired / Disability UAB Hospital

10. Education Studied MS - Nursing Major - Minor Phil (Seminole)

11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve Member - Bd of Trustees
of Historical Foundation

12. Comments _____

13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:
Rev. Annett L. Pullum

 Endorsed by: [Signature] 6/20/23
 Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date
 Endorsed by: Rev. Annett L. Pullum 6/20/23
 Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

***Please return completed form to: General Assembly's Office, 226 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35801**



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Attn: Constituents of the Convening Body

Re: Concerns of our Presbytery

Greetings, Members of the 145th Convening Body of the General Assembly.

It is at this time that we as a Presbytery wish to voice our concerns amid the settling of business with what perhaps maybe a “never ending” Pandemic.

While we do realize that the GAEB had to make some decisions during that time, we are of the notion that some of the decisions should have waited until the convening body had a chance to consider/deliberate and resolve the issues for what we now consider crisis.

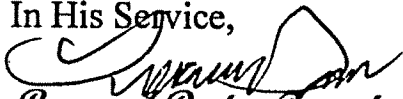
- While it was necessary to appoint an Interim Stated Clerk, the position was to be such until the “body” would meet and nominate a permanent qualified person to fill the position. (This is not to say that Elder Midget is not qualified, but Interim denotes only doing what is necessary until the permanent filling of the position) It is our feeling that perhaps too much was done under the hat of “Interim”. It is evident that we can’t undo what done, however we can make efforts to correct some errors.
- As a Presbytery, we were very dis-heartened by the “firing” of Doctor Reverend Nancy Fuqua as the Dean of the SCE. Her accepting the position and making strides to get it off the ground again was not without problems. It is our contention that rather than dismissing her, the GAEB should have rallied around her to help resolve what was

considered to have been problems and even to assist her in her new trek as the Dean.

- As a Presbytery, it remains our stance that the position of “Administrative Director” be dissolved as it has no place in our governing body. Granted a position of such can be maintained as the person that manages the affairs at the Denominational Center, however those responsibilities would be limited to clerical duties and that person would work under the Executive Board and/or the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and perhaps the Alabama Synod as it is housed geographically within the states’ boundaries.
- As evident by previous history, we have not been given an accurate accounting of finances. Rather, our Presbyteries have been expected to make up the difference for such mis-management of funds. There has been much dialogue of “transparency”, however we still have not arrived at such a position. Perhaps we should re-evaluate stipends awarded for the various positions, taking in consideration what we can and should eliminate. Realizing that everyone is worthy of hire and payment for such work, we must realize that these monies come from the local congregations. We are certain that there has been a decline in giving and not solely because of COVID-19 and its aftermath.
- With the current request for qualified persons to apply for “Co- Coordinators of the SCE, many were surprised to find that the Moderator had already appointed such a person. Perhaps, this appointment should be reconsidered as well.

Thank you to please consider each of these concerns by allowing the body to actively participate in deliberations to prove amicable resolutions.

In His Service,



Reverend Doctor Tremaine Davis

Reverend Doctor Tremaine Davis, Moderator



Reverend Annett Linton-Pullom

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June 7, 2022

Mr. Moderator, and Members of GAEB

Reference: Communications Addressed to the Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th Meeting of General Assembly

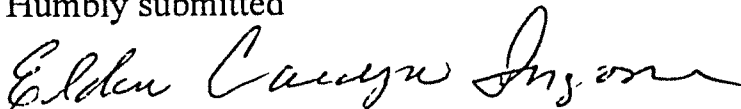
Greetings and hope that this communication finds each of you and your families healthy and doing as well as can be expected. We greet each of you personally and collectively. We express our appreciation for the work that you have done for the denomination in these exceedingly challenging times of the church and the world.

In the last two meeting of our presbytery there was much discussion and concerns of many things that we would like to see changed for the continued life and growth of our denomination. The Florence Presbytery found several areas that are very troubling to the body and does affect the entire denomination.

We were informed that the practice of the GAEB is to receive all communications and make decisions on those communications. We realize that many times you have had to make decisions on communications that could not wait until GA meeting time for the commissioners to act according to our standing rules. How ever we are asking respectively of GAEB that the communications from Florence Presbytery be reviewed and sent out to the commissioners of each presbytery for consideration to take an action in the 145th meeting of GA. Please allow the commissioners to make the decisions on these communications

A copy of each communication and support documentation is attached. We look forward to a favorable response to this matter. We love our denomination and would like to see her be the best that she can be for the Lord.

Humbly submitted



Eld. Carolyn Ingram, Moderator



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June 7, 2022

Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly
Subject: Officers of the General Assembly

Over the years we have been electing Elders to serve in the highest positions of the denomination. We love our Elders and need their leadership and commitment, however, we come to realize for an elder to serve in this capacity is out of order and in violation of the Bible and our Constitution when we place an elder in a position that places them over the ordained minister. There are certain things that the elder cannot do and many will tell you that they do think an elder should be doing this. We believe this has been an oversight on our part. All through our Constitution it states that "the minister is in charge" (*constitution 2.51, 2.60, 2.61, 2.62, 2.63, 2.6, 4.1 etc.*) and "the Elder is the representative of the people" (*constitution 2.70*)

When we look to the Bible and our constitution for guidance, we find that God recognizes the ordained ministers to hold the highest office in His work and the elder is assigned the task to assist them, also our constitution recognizes that the ordained minister to hold the highest office (*Preamble to the constitution pg. 22,*) and the elder is to assist. For two long we have ignored our Bible and Constitution. When we stop following these measures, we are no longer Cumberland Presbyterian because we are not practicing nor following our own Bible and Constitution in this matter. And disrespecting God by not following His Divine order of leadership. Therefore, we memorialize the 145th meeting of general assembly to

Recommendation 1: to elect ordained ministers to the four offices of the General Assembly.

Recommendation 2 That the standing rule Article VI Section 1. Composition be amended to delete the word "elder."

Recommendation 3 Restore the order and no longer elect elders to these positions starting in this General Assembly.

The Florence Presbytery respectively memorialize the 145th meeting of the General Assembly to adopt these recommendation

Humbly Submitted

The Florence Presbytery

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June 7, 2022

Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th Meeting of General Assembly

Subject: Ordained Minister of Another Denomination Seeking Membership in CPCA

There are presbyteries across the denomination that are suffering from this mandate having to take all courses listed for a licentiate if they have not had these courses. This will take generally one to three years to complete these courses (according to when they are taught within the school year).

This length of time 1-3 years will cause issues to get a pastor for their congregations from another denominations timely. If a church session cannot wait this process causes church sessions to not be able to attract quality trained ministers for their congregations and deter those that are qualified. When a minister can show evidence of having taken the approved courses of the General Assembly, they should not be penalized with having to take all courses related to being a licentiate who has never been ordained. The Constitution 6.40 Recognition of Ordinations provides the components that must be met for an ordained minister from another denomination seeking membership in CPC/CPCA

The Florence Presbytery recommends the following three ways to assist in addition, but not to cause conflict in this area.

Recommendation 1. Remove all courses listed in the Committee on Ministry manual page 20 (Please see attachment 1) as currently presented

Recommendation 2 (Please See Attachment 2)

Replace all courses with the following

- a. CPCA History, Theology and Polity
- b. Ordination Practicum
- c. Preparation for Ordination Exam (please see attachment 3)

Recommendation 3 The Length of teaching time would be thirteen weeks for each course by SCE. A persons can take all three courses if deemed practical for the individual. The SCE shall evaluate.

Recommendation 4 If the minister cannot show evidence of having taken the required courses for a licentiate, he/she will be required to take those courses in addition to the courses in recommendation two. Note (evidence of having taken the courses shall be presented to SCE in the form of a transcript from an approved educating institution, workshops/seminars/Bible courses.

OR

Recommendation 5 If the minister has evidence of experience that they have been teaching/leading persons in the study of these courses. (i.e., provide written evidence that they have been teaching the Acts of Apostles for 10 years), and written references of support.

OR

Recommendation 6 if the minister has not completed a course of study comparable to the program of Alternate Studies approved by the General Assembly the person shall be noted as a candidate shall have the status of probationer leading to ordination and must complete all courses leading to ordination

Recommendation 7 The Florence Presbytery memorializes the 145th meeting of the General Assembly to adopt recommendation, update the committee on ministry manual and implement these recommendations at the close of the 145th General Assembly.

Humbly Submitted


Eld. Carolyn Ingram, Moderator

Nancy J. Fuqua
Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua

**Comprehensive Pre-Ordination Exam leading to ordination credentials for
Ministers coming from another ecclesiastical body**

A. The Bible

1. What is your viewpoint of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures listed in the Canon?
2. Define the term Canon using your own words and why these books were selected.
3. What is the makeup of the Old Testament and what is its purpose?
4. What is the makeup of the New Testament and what is its purpose?
5. How much time past between the Old Testament and the New Testament when God was silent?
6. What do you understand is meant by question 1 page 47 of the Constitution (March 2019), which is asked of persons to be ordained: Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God, the authority of Faith and practice?
7. What is the meaning of the term revelation in relation to the scriptures?
8. In a few brief sentences, summarize the major message of Job, Amos, and Hosea.
 - A. Job
 - B. Amos
 - C. Hosea
9. What do you understand Jesus meant by his use of the word kingdom?
10. What does the term new birth mean to you?
11. What was at issue at the Jerusalem Council and what is its relevance for the 20th Century?
12. Briefly describe how the Bible came to be through What are some characteristics of the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition?
13. the process of canonization?
14. Comment on Paul's statement that the law was his "schoolmaster," How do you understand Paul's teaching on the relation of Law and Grace especially in Galatians?
15. What is your favorite scriptures passage? Why
16. In pastoral work, what scripture passages would you point out to....
 - A. Person in sorrow
 - B. Person facing temptations
 - C. A person who is lonely.
 - D. A person facing major surgery
 - E. Parents whose child died in an accident
 - F. A young person who's facing and sexual temptation
 - G. A couple having marital problems
 - H. An individual is facing issues of LGBTQ, and same sex marriage and asked for your help

B. Church History

1. Discuss the growth and development of the early church as related to the Holy Scriptures.
2. Briefly comment on the contributions made by Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, Huldrych Zwingli and John Wesley.
3. What are some characteristics of the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition?
4. Explain the meaning and origin of Presbyterianism and summarize the beginning of American Presbyterianism.
5. Discuss the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

6. Discuss the origin of the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith and name the dates of and the purpose for its revision
7. What affect does John Calvin have on the Presbyterian Form of religion

C. Systematic Theology

1. Discuss the significance of the doctrine of the Incarnation and cite supporting scripture
2. What is your view of the atonement?
3. How does the doctrine of God affect the totality of one's theological position?
4. What constitutes the church and what authority does it have?
5. How do you define faith in your understanding of the Holy Scriptures?
6. What is the special work of the Holy Spirit?
7. What theologian has influenced your theology most? What specific thoughts have affected your faith development?
8. On what theological and scriptural basis does the Cumberland Presbyterian Church ordain women to Word and Sacrament and women to the office of Elder and Deacon

D. Confession of Faith

"A confession of faith which is evangelical in purpose and spirit seeks to testify to what God has done and is doing in the world to accomplish the redemption of his children. The scriptures themselves are the best example of how to do this in an organized way..." (Introduction to the 1984 Confession page xv, March 2019)

1. Read the section on the Confession of Faith. Write a 3-page summary on your perspective of the theology of our Confession and summaries your understanding of what the Confession of Faith is to the people of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

E. Cumberland Presbyterian Polity

1. Define the levels of church government recognized in the New Testament and what is the level of responsibility of each.
2. What is meant by question IV of the Constitution, page 48 (March 2019 edition), which states, "In participating as a minister in the judicatories of the church, do you promise to share in a responsible way in the decisions that are made, to abide by these decisions, and to promote the welfare of the church.
3. Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland presbyterian Church in America believe that we are a connectional church. How would you define "the way we are connected?"
4. Name the four judicatories of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland presbyterian Church in America and recite the responsibilities and authority of each.
5. There are four officers in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America name the church officers in order of rank, and recite the responsibilities and authority of each
6. Describe the "normative procedures" in becoming the pastor of a church and who approves the relationship
7. What is the relationship of a pastor to a church session?
8. Explain the authority of the presbytery over ministers, licentiates, and candidates
9. Where does the membership of a minister reside in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America?

F. Constitution

1. Write a two-page summary of the purpose of the Constitution

G. Rules of Discipline

1. Write a two-page summary of the purpose of the Rules of Discipline and how it should be implemented

H. Directory of Worship

1. What is the meaning and purpose of worship?
2. What are the major components of a worship service?
3. What is the purpose of preaching in the context of worship?

4. Identify at least three types of sermons and describe each
 5. Name and describe briefly at least four types of prayers
 6. What is your understanding of the Laos in relation to worship?
 7. Name the sacraments that were instituted by Christ and performed in corporate worship
And explain the meaning of each and who may receive these sacraments
- I. Pastoral Care and Counseling**
1. What is pastoral counseling? How is it similar to or different from counseling provided by secular professionally licensed counselors?
 2. Briefly describe our understanding of the role of the pastor in relation to the persons entrusted to his/her care.
 3. How would you provide pastoral care and counseling when Ministering to the family with six-month old terminally ill child scenario?
 4. The get acquainted scenario – You are a new minister to a new congregation and for the first time you are meeting an elderly gentleman to has been the backbone of the church how would you get acquainted with him. He is resistant to change
 5. The adulterous affair scenario – The marriage partner is asking you to “please tell me what to do? What would be your response?
- J. Mission Engagement**
1. How would you define the mission of the church according to the Holy Scriptures? In what ways do you feel the church fulfils this mission in the world today?
 2. Discuss your understanding of the need for and the purpose of world missions
 3. Discuss your understanding of the church being ecumenically minded

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Subject: Eliminate the Position of Administrative Director in its current form

As we have viewed the work of the church over the years, we find that the position of Administrative Director has gained authority to be over the entire denomination working in a capacity that is contrary to the Constitution of CPC/CPA and the standing rules of CPA and our organization chart (2019)

It was not the intent of the General Assembly (elected voting commissioners) that this position would have this type of authority over the denomination. According to the adopted organization chart of CPA this position is the lowest position and only have authority over persons that are employed to assist in the management of the Denomination center only.

Recommendation 1. That the position of Administrative Director be eliminated (see job description attached)

Recommendation 2: That the name Administrative Director be removed, and the position be named Office Administrator with the following job description. (See job description

Recommendation 3: That the Office Administrator receive the following compensation that is being paid to the current Administrator Director

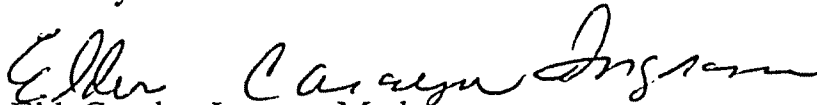
1. Current Salary - \$20,000 Annual Salary/Paid in Monthly Increments of \$2,000.00
2. Insurance - Not Applicable
3. FICA-Not Applicable
4. State taxes -Not Applicable
5. Retirement benefits- Not Applicable
6. 16-hour work week

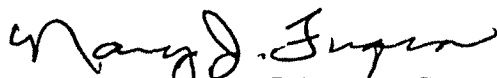
Recommendation 4 That the attached job description for Administrative Director be eliminated (**Attachment 1**)

Recommendation 5 That the job description for Administrative Assistant become the job description for an Office Administrator and eliminate the mark through items

Recommendation 6 That the position would be under the guidance of the stated clerk and staff support to all other agencies.

Humbly submitted


Eld. Carolyn Ingram, Moderator

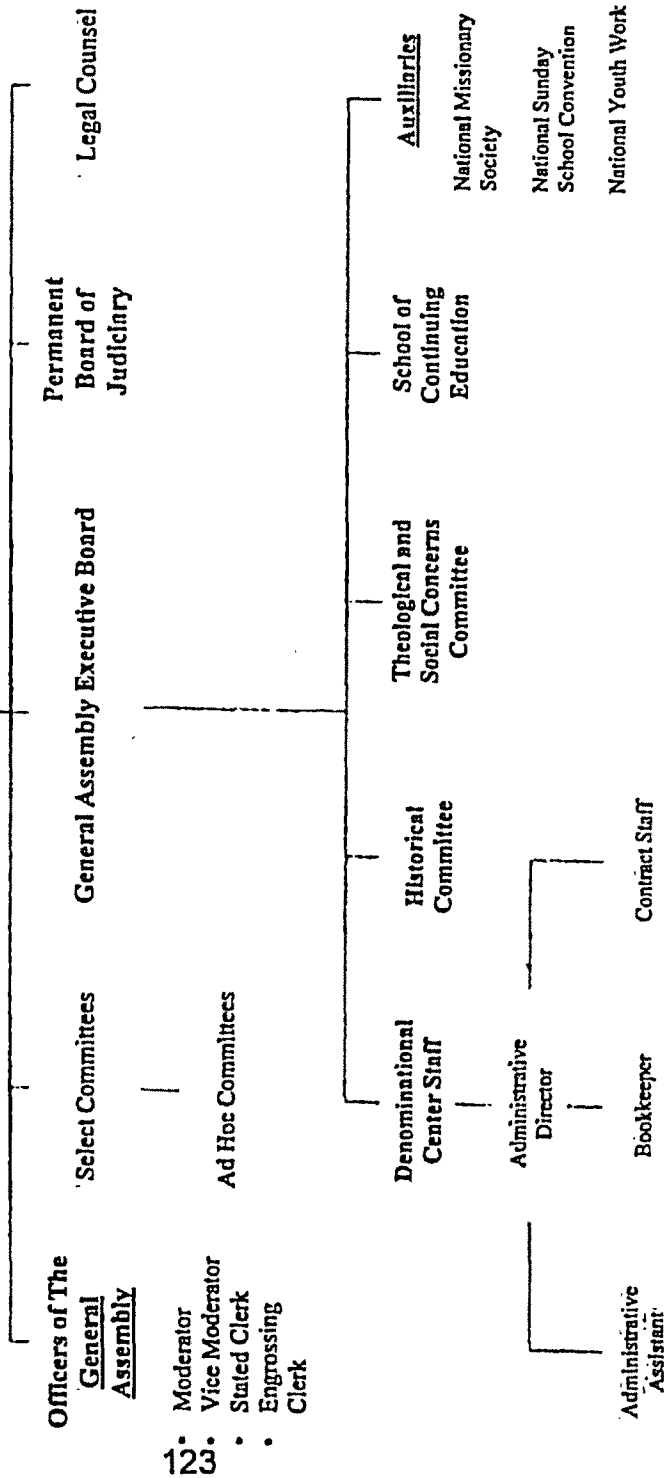

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**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY





~~Administrative Director~~

Delete this Position/Job Description

Overview:

Reporting to the General Assembly Executive Board, the Director of Administration coordinates the overall daily operations of the General Assembly's Office human resources, contracts and management of General Assembly administrative staff.

Essential Job Functions

- Serve as General Manager of Denominational Center
- Supervise and direct the functions of General Assembly staff which includes preparation of statistical and financial reports and correspondence; processing of invoices and vouchers, processing of resource center purchases, print shop orders and flag subscriptions; and oversight of website and social media management processes and other clerical duties.
- Facilitate representation or represents at meetings with other ecumenical agencies.
- A non-voting ex officio member of The General Assembly Executive Board.
- Supervises all General Assembly level programs.
- Authority of contractual obligations of the CPCA.
- Logistical arrangements for General Assembly - shared with Stated Clerk and Moderator.
- Logistical arrangements for meetings in Huntsville and etc.
- Operates as a resource and advisory to the standing committees and boards.
- Provides annual staff reviews and reports them to the GAEB
- Minimum of 16 hours a week, including office and telework.

Education and Experience

- Masters/Graduate degree in management or business and ten (10) years of experience in the CPCA (includes all judicatory levels with knowledge and experience of the organization and polity of the CPCA).
- Must be an active member of the CPCA.
- Operates as a resource and advisory to the standing committees and boards.

The Administrative Director is evaluated by The General Assembly Executive Board and is subject to an annual review.



~~Administrative Assistant~~ **Office Administrator**

Overview:

The ~~Administrative Assistant~~ **Office Administrator** works closely with the ~~Administrative Director~~ **Stated Clerk** to facilitate the day-to-day functions of the CPCA Office of the General Assembly by performing general clerical functions as well as other operational tasks which include conducting research, preparing reports, handling information requests, and ~~administering the School of Continuing Education.~~

Essential Job Functions

- Prepare reports, memos, letters and other documents using word processing software, spreadsheet, database and other Microsoft Office applications.
- Transmit payment vouchers for staff payroll, vendors and contractors
- File and retrieve hard copy and electronic documents, records and reports
- Answer telephone and transfer/direct to appropriate personnel
- Meet and greet clients
- Schedule and manage Denominational Center facility use requests and reservations
- Perform clerical duties to include but not limited to photocopying, faxing, processing mail and parcel and filing
- Secure and maintain Resource Center Inventory
- Process orders for resource center materials and books
- Process payments for Resource Center materials and PrintShop orders
- Produce and mail *The Cumberland Flag* each quarter
- Format/design, print (and cut as needed) documents, programs and flyers for PrintShop clients
- Design, manage and update websites for hosting clients
- Design/create marketing materials for scheduled events and activities
- Manage CPCA website, social media and other media platforms
- Establish and manage the General Assembly administrative office during the yearly General Assembly

Education and Experience

- Minimum Requirements — Associate Degree in a business or computer related field
- Administrative Support experience
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher)
- Entry-level knowledge of Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator or other design software
- Professional verbal and written communication skills
- Type minimum of 50 words per minute

Please send your resume to the following:

Dr. G. Lynne Herring, Administrative Director

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Telephone calls will not be accepted. Resume must be postmarked by August 12

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Subject: Denomination School of Continuing Education

The Administrative Director is allegedly pushing the denomination to restructure/close our school of continuing education and have all students attend the PAS or Huntsville Bible College (or some similar college) and that an elder be over the school and training for ministers. SCE is a valuable entity. It meets the requirements of the Bible, Confession of Faith, and the Constitution. It is the great commissions that we are to follow that is to Go ye therefore and teach... Our school was organized in 1985 with a Dean for the training of ministers and later laity. Our school has a strong presence in our denomination, We need very much to train, teach, and ground our people in who we are and what set us apart for the Christian Ministry of Christ. The school is not for just ministers seeking ordination it is for training for all persons within the denomination and open to others who are interested in who we are. It is not our responsibility to pass our work off onto an outsider.

Recommendation: 1 That we do not close our school/restructure it in a manner that will prohibits our members from attending. To close our school is to say that we are not concerned about education, and it is the need of all denomination that they have a learning institution of their own.

Recommendation 2 that it be refined to meet our needs since the GA voted to have only once school location for the entire denomination.

Recommendation 3 We do have people who are qualified to teach (BS, MA, MS M.Div., Dr. degrees or 10+ years of teaching in local churches or presbyteries the required subject matter that we utilize these persons.

Recommendation 4 That we honor the adopted process of appointing a dean to oversee and coordinate the activities of the school.

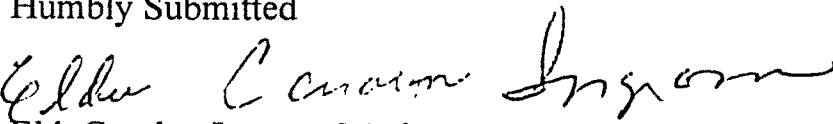
Recommendation 5 that the school be operated with a dean in charge of the school and a four people (one from each synod) serve as coordinators to assist the work of the school and to work with presbyteries

Recommendation 6 That the Dean be an ordained minister with a Dr. Degree from a seminary that meets the job description of Dean.

Recommendation 7. That the attached job description for a dean be adopted with the identified changes eliminated (Please see Attachment)

The Florence Presbytery to memorialize the 145th meeting of the General Assembly to adopt the recommendation and implement the recommendations at the close of the 145th General Assembly.

Humbly Submitted


Eld. Carolyn Ingram, Moderator


Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua, Stated Clerk

Dean of CPCA School of Continuing Education

Job Description: Position Description Number -2020-200



The Incumbent of this position shall possess the following skills, knowledge, and abilities: is a passionate, dynamic, and culturally competent leader who will serve as the dean of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, School of Continuing Education. The dean provides vision and leadership to the School for traditional and virtual campuses. The dean will be responsible to evaluate and draw on the strengths of School of Continuing Education and develop a vision that will meet the variable academic needs of students engaging ministry, defined broadly, to a changing world.

The dean has the primary responsibility to develop a strategic vision, provide leadership, and manage educational programs that serve all Cumberland Presbyterian Ministerial and Lay Leader students. This individual is responsible to grow the School enrollments and increase academic quality while overseeing the ~~Seminary's~~ SCE financial performance.

Responsibilities

- Lead the School. This includes casting vision for the future, planning for strategic change, and empowering the School to fulfill its educational mission and meet its goals successfully.
- Represent School to internal and external constituents. Serve as an advocate and voice of the School to the rest of the Church. Network with key church leaders and others through speaking and preaching engagements. As requested, support the Church's efforts to raise funds for the School and other church educational programs.
- Manage School resources. This includes forwarding recommendations for hiring to the CPCA ~~Administrative Director~~ **Office Administrator** for approval; supervising and overseeing the work of faculty and supporting faculty development, overseeing program and curriculum development, and overseeing accreditation efforts, loads, schedules, and budget management.
- ~~Partner with the Administrative Director and GAEB leadership to coordinate policies, systems, and practices in the School.~~ **Prepare policies, systems and practices in the school for approval by General Assembly**

Required Skills

- Ample and current evidence of discipleship of Jesus Christ and participation in a home local church
- Ability to clearly articulate and demonstrate support for the School's mission to a variety of internal and external audiences.
- Wholehearted agreement with CPCA Affirmation of Faith and a commitment to live by the CPCA Confession of Faith Covenant.

- Demonstrated ability to promote innovation and lead change
- Demonstrated ability to work, lead, and teach in a culturally diverse environment, to build a culturally diverse team, and to network with culturally diverse churches. •A commitment to supporting an environment that empowers women, both students and colleagues, as they follow their God-given call.
- Demonstrated knowledge of critical issues and trends in the church, seminary education, and higher education in general. Knowledge of Association of Theological Schools accreditation requirements would be helpful. Commitment to and knowledge of online education.
- Managing and executing any School approved Automation Educational Programs and Systems
- Clear and effective communication, including verbal, written, and listening skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to collaboratively work and lead.
- Demonstrated organizational skills, including problem solving and attention to detail.
- Demonstrated managerial skills in hiring, budget advocacy and management, personnel supervision, and ability to handle confidential information.

Required Education

Doctoral Degree required and doctoral degree in a seminary-related academic discipline (Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, Church History etc.) strongly preferred.

The CPCA School of Continuing Education's mission is clear:

- The passion of CPCA School of Continuing Education is to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ among all people in culturally sensitive ways. As a Spirit-empowered, biblically grounded community, the School strives to develop and equip whole and holy persons to serve and lead, so that churches and ministry agencies can become all they are called to be and do all they are called to do in the world, for the glory of God.

A compelling philosophy of education enables the School to achieve this mission. This philosophy focuses on three centers of education: Bible and theology, spiritual and personal formation, and transformational leadership. We believe the 21st century church needs leaders who possess theological wisdom, personal and spiritual wholeness, and leadership skills. Our educational approach seeks to provide integrated learning focused on a holistic educational experience for each student.

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Reference: Concerns of GA Assessments being distributed

As we greet each of you with a loving spirit of God we bring one of our concerns to you that we would like to be addressed in this meeting of GA. The concern is how the GA assessments are being distributed

In 2019 General Assembly collected \$ 180,174.74 for assessment to operate the 2019-2020 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

However, In August of 2019 it was reported that the Denomination office had to be closed (this occurred prior to Covid) and that the two employees would have to be let go due to funds not being available for the upcoming year. By these funds not being available after collection it caused a financial disaster. The moderator made appearances at two Synods (Alabama and Tennessee) asking for funds to support whatever the request was for. Money was borrowed from an individual without permission of the General Assembly before this disaster became known. The question before us is how did the denomination office spent \$ 180, 174.74 in less than two months after the close of the 2019 General Assembly? It is imperative that we ask the denomination leaders for a full accounting of this disaster in the meeting of the 2022 GA. We can no longer tolerate mismanagement of funds.

According to 2018 minutes financial report and prior years the GA Office had been spending in the neighborhood of 49.7% of the funds received in assessments to pay salaries, retirements, insurance, FICA, and State taxes for two employees. The remainder of the funds was on assorted items (i.e.travel stipends, building insurance, loan payment etc.)

We off the following Recommendations for prayerful consideration:

Recommendation 1. that the General Assembly provides detailed explanation of how this issue occurred

Recommendation 2. Assessment be budgeted in the following manner for the upcoming year. Note our calculations are based on what was reported in 2019. The dollar amount we would like to see adjusted according to what is received in the 2022 GA for the July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, fiscal year.


Missions -Small Church


Development/Assistance Grants	11%	\$	19,819.22
GA Admin Stipends	2%	\$	3,603.49
Office Admin/Facilities Upkeep	25%	\$	45,043.68
Historical Foundation	2%	\$	3,603.49

Please accept our concern and forward this matter to the General Assembly of 2022 for action. It grieves us that our small congregations are struggling to pay their portion of assessments and then it is allegedly misused by the General Assembly Office. We thank you for hearing our concern and look forward to a favorable response.

Yours in Christ

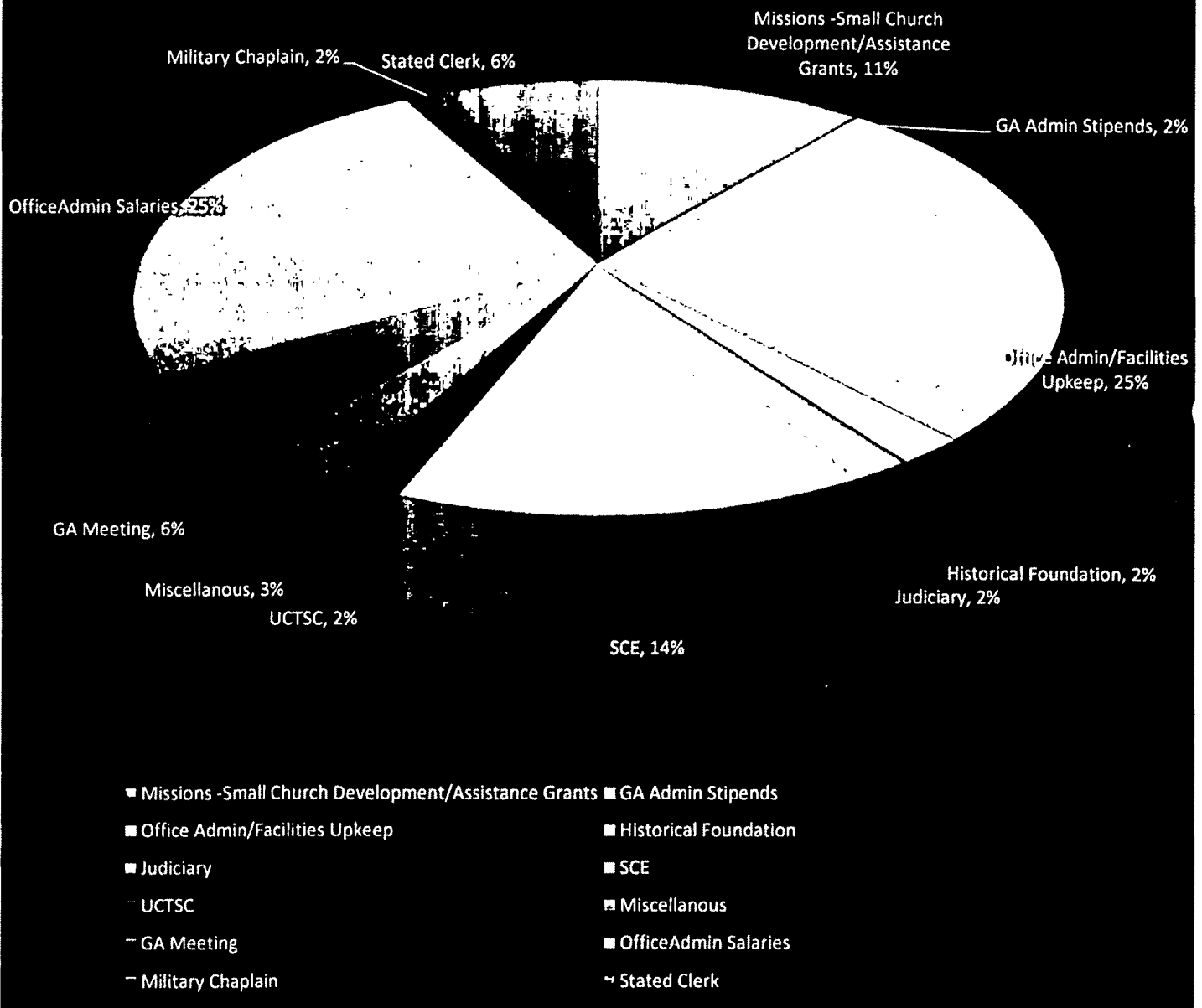
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Judiciary,	2%	\$	3,603.49
SCE	14%	\$	25,224.46
UCTSC	2%	\$	3,603.49
Miscellaneous	3%	\$	5,405.60
GA Meeting	6%	\$	10,810.48
Office Admin Salaries	25%	\$	45,043.68
Military Chaplain	2%	\$	3,603.39
Stated Clerk	6%	\$	10,810.48
	100%	\$	180,174.95

Proposed Budget Distribution



Recommendation 3: That a five-person finance committee be reestablished and never to be dismantled

Recommendation 4 That the office administrator shall not be the finance officer for the denomination. Allow this function to be the responsibly of the finance committee

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Checklist

I *Vonessa K. Medley* Date *17 June 2022*

Received from the Stated Clerk of the Florence Presbytery the following items for the meeting of the 145th meeting of General Assembly.

- General Assembly Presbytery Form
- General Assembly Assessments Check
- Ad check for Souvenir Book
- 4 Completed Nomination Forms
- 1 Memorial for the deceased minister and elders
- 1 Correspondence addressed to the Moderator and Members of GAEB
- 4 Correspondence/Memorials to the 145th Meeting of GA
- 5 Congregation Report forms

Tennessee Valley Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

Moderator, Rev. Robert Rice – Vice Moderator, Rev. Michael Jones

Stated Clerk, Rev. Critis Fletcher – Engrossing Clerk, Elder Steven Thomas

Correspondence c/o Stated Clerk, Rev. Critis Fletcher 68 Mattie Street, Russellville, AL 35654 (256.412.2640) gepolar@bellsouth.net

To: General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

From: The Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Re: Providing funds for Presbytery delegates/representatives/commissioners

Date: July 8, 2022

Greetings,

According to the 2019 Summary of Actions Report from the Select Committee on Executive Review which was adopted included Recommendation 4: The General Assembly of the CPCA ceases to provide funds for presbytery delegates/representatives to the National Sunday School Convention. Moreover, the presbyteries will be delegated the task/responsibility of providing the funds for their respective delegates to attend the NSSC; and/or delegates/representatives will rely upon their personal resources to attend the NSSC.

Furthermore, it is our understanding if commissioners are officers of the General Assembly, the GA no longer carries the responsibility for its officers, and it is now placed upon the presbyteries or the individual. It is our concern the hardship this imposes upon the presbyteries as well as the delegate to bear their own expense.

Each Presbytery is taxed 70% of their income to the General Assembly; for some Presbyteries it is a strain to bear the expense of sending sufficient commissioners and delegates and bear its own operating expense out of what is left.

Therefore we offer the following recommendations as a benefit for those it may affect:

1. Out of the 70% taxation that is sent to the General Assembly from local presbyteries to sponsor an officer of the GA, that the GA would reimburse to the local presbyteries of which the officer is a member, the cost of sponsoring that officer.
2. That the General Assembly return to its former practice of being responsible for officers of Auxiliaries and the General Assembly.

//Signed//

Reverend Robert Rice, Moderator

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Reverend Critis Fletcher, Stated Clerk

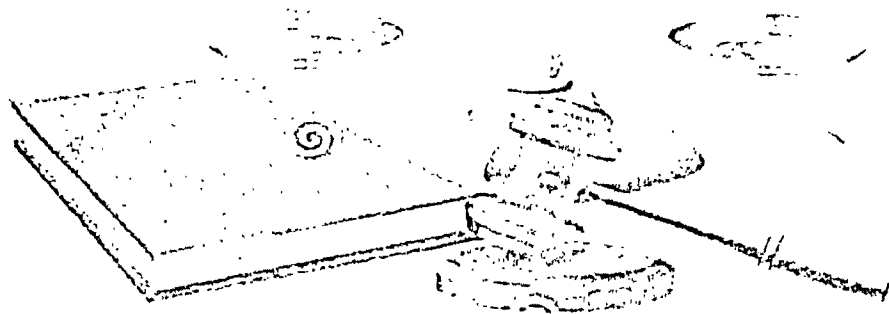


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Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

STANDING RULES

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Alabama Synod

Birmingham
Florence Huntsville
South Alabama
Tennessee Valley
Tuscaloosa

Kentucky States Synod

Cleveland Ohio
Ohio Valley
Purchase

Tennessee Synod

Elk River
Hiwassee New
Hopewell

Texas Synod

Angelina
Brazos River
East Texas

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be *the* General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA), consisting of the following four (4) synods: Alabama, Kentucky States, Tennessee, and Texas.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Mission

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of the *General Assembly* is set forth in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America *Constitution*, 9.1, Confession of Faith.

Section 2: Mission Statement

- a. **Vision of Ministry.** To be a people united in one faith known to the world as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America called 'to continuing ministry of Jesus Christ as multi-cultural, inclusive, nurturing, and equipping family.
- b. **Affirmation of Ministry.** Therefore, we affirm the Great Commission of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). We celebrate our faith through corporate worship. We seek to save the lost, to console the broken hearted, and to assist the needy. We seek to fulfill our mission through local churches, presbyteries, synods, and a General Assembly.

ARTICLE III

General Assembly

Section 1. Regular Meeting: The General Assembly (or simply the Assembly) shall convene annually on the Monday preceding the second Thursday in June at 8:30 a.m. (host church time) and continue until business has been completed up to four (4) days. The regular meeting will be made up of a quorum, which is any twenty (20) or more commissioners, of whom at least ten (10) are ministers, and ten (10) are elders.

Section 2. Called Meeting. A *Called Meeting* is a meeting of the Assembly held at a time other than its Annual Meeting. A Called Meeting shall meet as set forth in Section 9.2 of the Confession of Faith, specifically: The Moderator, or in case of the Moderator's absence, death, or inability to act, the Stated Clerk shall with the written concurrence or at the written request of twenty (20) commissioners, ten (10) of whom shall be ministers and ten (10) of whom shall be elders, representing at least five (5) presbyteries, call a special meeting. The Called Meeting *announcement* must be issued in writing at least sixty (60) days prior 'to the proposed meeting date, stating the particular business, date, time, and place to all the stated clerks of all presbyteries, and to all commissioners and their alternates. Only the business stated in the announcement shall be transacted.

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Section 3. Meeting place: The Annual Meeting place of the General Assembly shall be determined by vote of the Commissioners in legal session. A congregation, presbytery, or synod

may invite the General Assembly to meet in a city of its choice. Normally, the General Assembly shall refer invitations to its Executive Board for study before a vote is taken. The formula for determining meeting places for the General Assembly is Alabama Synod, Kentucky States Synod, Tennessee Synod, and Texas Synod and the same rotational basis thereafter. If the occasion arises to change this schedule, it must be approved at a Meeting of the General Assembly.

Recommendation 1.

According to the standing rules we have a Program Planning Committee listed in Article 5 Section 1. Standing Rules to be amended to delete "Executive Board" and Insert "Program Planning Committee. And Delete the word "Normally"

ARTICLE IV Membership and Attendance

Section 1. Membership: The membership of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America will consist of Commissioners defined as ordained ministers and elders (serving as active members of a session of a particular church) and both the ministers and elders elected by their respective presbytery).

Recommendation 2

Remove the word all words in Section 1. And Amend Section 1 to read as follows: Commissioners: In our General Assembly there is no membership, because there is no set class of persons (i.e., lower judicatories have that separation of session, presbytery, synod) whereas the General Assembly is "9.1 The General Assembly is the highest judicatory of this church and represents in one body all the particular churches thereof. It bear the title of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/ Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and constitutes the bond of union, peace, correspondence and mutual confidence among all its churches and judicatories." This is a general Gathering of persons (Ministers and elders) from each presbytery to serve as a representative of that presbytery and is known as "Commissioner."

Section 2. Representation of Commissioners. The General Assembly shall consist of elected Commissioners from presbyteries in the following proportions (as set forth in Section 9.2 of the Confession of Faith):

- a. A presbytery having an active church membership of 1-200 shall be entitled to send one minister and one elder;
- b. A presbytery having an active church membership of 201-400 shall be entitled to send two ministers and two elder;
- c. A presbytery having an active church membership of 401-1000 shall be entitled to send three ministers and three elder;
- d. A presbytery having an active church membership of 1001- above shall be

entitled to send four ministers and four elders.

Section 3. Youth Advisory Delegates (YAD): Each presbytery shall be allowed to select and to send to the meeting of the General Assembly non-voting Youth Advisory Delegate(s) with the same proportions as set forth in Section 2. above. A Youth Advisory Delegate shall be placed on a Select Committee of the Assembly with the privilege to discuss, to debate, and to vote on committee work. A Youth Advisory Delegate may speak on the floor of the Assembly but will not have the privilege of voting. A polling of the Youth Advisory Delegates may be taken and recorded on every question considered by the Assembly. Youth Advisory Delegates must be between the ages of 15-19.

Section 4. Ecumenical Participants: Denominations with whom the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America relates and when reciprocal agreements are reached may send representatives to the General Assembly, and they are referred to as Ecumenical Participants. Ecumenical Participants

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shall be placed on Select Committees of the Assembly with the privilege to discuss, to debate, and to vote on Committee work. The Ecumenical Participants may speak on the floor of the Assembly but will not have the privilege of voting.

Section 5. Absences of Commissioners: All unexcused absences of Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegates certified as official representatives of the presbyteries shall be reported to the Stated Clerk of the appropriate presbytery for such action as the presbytery deems necessary.

Article V *The General Assembly Program*

Section 1. Program Planning Committee: The Program Planning Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Administrative Director. The Administrative Director shall consult with the presidents of the organizations, which are scheduled to meet during General Assembly week, and the host presbytery. They shall meet at least four (4) months prior to the meeting of the General Assembly to review schedules on call of the Moderator (may be by conference call or some similar technical communications medium).

Recommendation 3

Amend to insert “Vice Moderator, Engrossing Clerk”, they are the officials of the GA) delete “Administrative Director.” Add the “words meet with”, Delete the word “consult”

Section 2. Opening Worship: The stated meeting of the General Assembly shall begin with a Worship service led by the General Assembly's Worship Director. The Moderator shall deliver a sermon or someone selected by the Moderator in consultation with the Program Planning Committee. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall ordinarily be celebrated during this service.

ARTICLE VI *Officers of the General Assembly*

Section 1. Composition: The officers of the General Assembly shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Engrossing Clerk. A minister or elder may fill the office of Moderator Vice Moderator. Each must be elected by the General Assembly for specified terms. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator must be a certified Commissioner from a presbytery during each year of service.

Section 2. Moderator:

- a. The Moderator performs those duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 1.0 Moderator, Confession of Faith.
- b. A Moderator shall be elected as soon as the General Assembly is constituted. A majority vote of the Commissioners present is necessary to elect.
- c. Tenure: The Moderator is elected to serve a two-year term and is eligible for reelection. However, he/she may not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms. The elected Moderator will not assume duties until the close of the meeting elected. The retiring Moderator will serve until the end of the meeting in which the election for Moderator took place.

There are many persons that deserve the opportunity to serve as Moderator of the Highest Judicatory. To keep a Moderator for 4 years is an unfair opportunity to

exclude others when a two-year term is sufficient.

Recommendation 4

To amend the standings by adding the word “not” before the word eligible and delete the words “four (4) and insert the words two (2)

Recommendation 5

The Moderator shall be elected on rotation basis based on synods

Alabama Synod, Kentucky States, Tennessee, and Texas. If a presbytery does not submit a nomination after being notified then the process will go to the next synod until a nominee is identified.

- e. **Composition:** The Moderator shall be paid \$500.00 for each meeting of the General Assembly plus travel and lodging. The Moderator will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

This change from \$1,000.00 to \$ 500.00 was not amended through the standing rules/ Authorized to be inserted by the General Assembly. According to Robert’s Rule of Order Roberts Rule of order pg. 582 sub 25 12 Edition states “*amend covers any change, whether a word or a paragraphs, is to be added, struck out, or replaced, or whether a new set of articles is to be substituted for the older one*”.

Meaning no one can insert any words into the standing rules unless it is voted on by the body with a two-thirds vote

Also, Must, have a motion to state that the secretary [in this case stated clerk] [or the ...committee] be authorized to correct articles and section designation, punctuations, and cross-reference and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the organization in connection with these standing rules pg. 599.

Recommendation: 6

Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

- f. **Qualifications:** The candidate for Moderator of the General Assembly: (1) Must be an elected Commissioner in each year of the nomination;
- (2) Can be an ordained minister or an ordained Elder Commissioner;
 - (3) Must be an active participate in church life at the local, presbytery, and synod levels; must have moderated at the judicatory level.
 - (4) Must endorse the government of the church;
 - (5) Should be sound in Cumberland Presbyterian doctrine and parliamentary procedures;
 - (6) Must be physically able to travel across the church.

f. **Duties:** The Moderator or the General Assembly, in addition to the duties set forth in the *Rules of Order, 1.0 Moderator*, shall:

- (1) In consultation with the Stated Clerk, appoint all Select Committees provided for by these Rules which serve during 'the meeting of the General Assembly.
- (2) Have the authority and responsibility of naming any and all other necessary Select Committees, which shall serve during his/her tenure of office.
- (3) Be an advisory member of all boards and agencies and shall attend their meetings as his/her schedule permits.
- (4) Work with the Stated Clerk and Administrative Director in coordinating visits to each of the presbyteries within the church.
- (5) Make a written report to the Assembly, which gives an account of activities as

Moderator, and which may include (at the Moderator discretion observations, comments, and recommendations.

- (6) Give counsel to the church (including ministers and pastors).

Section 3. The Vice Moderator

- a. A Vice Moderator performs those duties set forth in the *Rules of Order*, 2.0 Vice Moderator, Confession of Faith.
- b. The Vice-Moderator shall be elected immediately following the election of the Moderator. A majority vote of the Commissioners present is necessary to elect.
- d. **Tenure:** The Vice-Moderator is elected to serve two (2) years and is eligible for reelection. However, he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- e. **Composition:** The Vice Moderator shall be given a \$250.00 donation. Travel, lodging, and meals cost for the meeting of the General Assembly. The Vice Moderator will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

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Recommendation: 7

Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

- f. **Qualifications.** The candidate for Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly:
- (1) Must be an elected Commissioner in the year of the nomination;
 - (2) Can be an ordained minister or an ordained elder commissioner;

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- (3) Must be an active participant in church life at the local, presbytery, and synod levels; must have moderated at the judicatory level;
 - (4) Must endorse the government of the church;
 - (5) Should be sound in Cumberland Presbyterian doctrine and parliamentary procedures;
 - (6) Must be physically able to travel across the Church.
- g. **Duties:**
- (1) The Vice-Moderator will perform those duties prescribed under *Rules of Order*, Paragraph 2.2 of the Confession of Faith.
 - (2) A voting member of the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB).

Section 4: Stated Clerk

- a. The Stated Clerk shall be elected by 'the General Assembly for a term of four

- (4) years and may succeed himself/herself but may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. The regular term of office shall begin July 1 and expire and June 30.

There are many persons that deserve the opportunity to serve as Stated Clerk of the Highest Judicatory. To keep a Stated Clerk for twelve years is an unfair opportunity to exclude others when a nine-year term is sufficient.

Recommendation 8

To amend the standings rules delete the words “four (4) and insert the word three (3) and shall hold office until a successor is elected

- b. In the event of a vacancy in the office, the Engrossing Clerk shall become the Stated Clerk *pro-tem* and shall serve until the next regular meeting of the Assembly. If the Engrossing Clerk is unable to serve, the Moderator shall appoint a Stated Clerk *pro-tem*.
- f. **Compensation:** The Stated Clerk shall be given a \$500.00 donation. Travel, lodging, and meals cost for the meeting of the General Assembly will be paid by the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk will receive the approved per diem paid by the General Assembly.

This change from \$1,000.00 to \$ 500.00 was not amended through the standing rules/ Authorized to be inserted by the General Assembly. According to Robert’s Rule of Order Roberts Rule of order pg. 582 sub 25 12 Edition states “ *amend covers any change, whether a word or a paragraphs, is to be added, struck out, or replaced, or whether a new set of articles is to be substituted for the older one*”.

Meaning no one can insert any words into the standing rules unless it is voted on by the body with a two-thirds vote

Also, Must, have a motion to state that the secretary [in this case stated clerk] [or the ...committee] be authorized to correct articles and section designation, punctuations, and cross-reference and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the organization in connection with these standing rules pg. 599.

Recommendation: 9

Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

- (1) The Stated Clerk shall perform such duties as prescribed by the General Assembly, and those prescribed under the *Rules of Order* in Section 3.0 of the Confession of Faith.
- (2) In addition to the General Assembly the General Assembly Executive Board shall prescribe such other duties as may be required when the General Assembly is not in session.
- (3) The Stated Clerk shall be responsible for the record-keeping of the Assembly and have a minimum number of the General Assembly Minutes printed which are to be mailed within thirty (30) days following the meeting of the Assembly to session clerks, and others who may be identified by the Assembly.
- (4) The General Assembly Office shall receive the Board and Standing Committee reports by March 30th of each year so that copies may be mailed to all Commissioners, Youth Advisory Delegates and Ecumenical Participants.
- (5) The General Assembly Office shall provide a congregational and presbytery report form and ordination certification forms to the Presbytery Stated Clerks by February 1st of each year.

- (6) The Stated Clerk shall provide the Commissioners, Youth Advisory Delegates, and Ecumenical Participants with sufficient copies of appointment of committees and reports of the Select Committees.

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- (7) The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Retiring Moderator, shall make referral of all items before the Assembly.
- (8) The General Assembly's Office shall make available such secretarial help for the meetings as is needed and make available word processing and reproduction equipment for the meetings.
- (9) The General Assembly Office shall secure an appropriately-engraved gavel and present it to the Moderator at the end of the term of service.

Recommendation 10

- (10) **The General Assembly authorizes the stated clerk is authorized to correct articles And section designation, punctuations, and cross-reference and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the organization in connection with these standing rules. The Stated Clerk is not authorized to delete or insert at will words that may change the meaning of the adopted standing rule.**
- (11) **Should the Stated Clerk discover an action that would cause a change in the standing rules this information is to be reported to the next meeting of General Assembly for a 2/3 votes of the commissioners present to amend the bylaws**

Section 5. The Engrossing Clerk:

- a. **Election:** The Engrossing Clerk of the General Assembly shall be elected in 'the same manner as is the Stated Clerk, for a term of four (4) years, and may succeed himself/herself, but may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.
Rationale: There are many persons that deserve the opportunity to serve as Engrossing Clerk of the Highest Judicatory. To keep an Engrossing Clerk for twelve years is an unfair opportunity to exclude others when a nine-year term is sufficient.

Recommendation 11

To amend the standings rules delete the words "four (4) and insert the word three (3) and shall hold office until a successor is elected

- b. **Compensation:** The Engrossing Clerk shall be paid \$250.00 for each meeting of the General Assembly, plus travel, lodging, and meals. Compensation is paid per the recommendation of the Stated Clerk, particularly upon the submission of the General Assembly's Minutes. The Engrossing Clerk will receive a per diem approved by the General Assembly.
This change from \$1,000.00 to \$ 500.00 was not amended through the standing rules/ Authorized to be inserted by the General Assembly. According to Robert's Rule of Order Roberts Rule of order pg. 582 sub 25 12 Edition states " amend covers any change, whether a word or a paragraphs, is to be added, struck out, or replaced, or whether a new set of articles is to be substituted for the older one". Meaning no one can insert any words into the standing rules unless it is voted on by the body with a two-thirds vote

Also, Must, have a motion to state that the secretary [in this case stated clerk]

[for the ...committee] be authorized to correct articles and section designation, punctuations, and cross-reference and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the organization in connection with these standing rules pg. 599.

Recommendation: 12

Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

c. Duties,

- (1) The Engrossing Clerk shall serve under the direction of the Stated Clerk as the recorder or the minutes of the General Assembly and shall provide the minutes on a form of electronic media for electronic reproduction.
- (2) He/She shall serve as Stated Clerk, pro-tem, during the each session of the General Assembly in the event the Stated Clerk is absent or unable to serve.
- (3) The regular term of office Shall begin upon election at the General Assembly until the close of each Assembly.

Article VI

Nominations, Elections and Voting

Section 1. Nominations. Nominations for all officers, elected boards and elected committees shall be conducted as set forth in Section 11.0 of the *Rules of Order in the Confession of Faith*.

- a. Nominations shall be received from the General Assembly Nominating Committee. Nominations from the General Assembly Nominating Committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor.
- b. All persons nominated must submit a *Nominee Data Form (Appendix A)* to the General Assembly Office by 20 April of each year the General Assembly meets; or have the completed form in hand at the time he/she is nominated from the floor at the Assembly. The nominee Data Form for each nominee must be submitted with the signatures of both the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the presbytery from which the nominee is a member or is eligible to be a member; whom certifies that the nominee is in good standing with his /her respective presbytery.

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Section 2. Elections: Elections for all officers, to elected boards and to elected committees shall be conducted as set forth in Section 11.0 of the *Rules of Order in the Confession of Faith*, 2014. Edition. The elections shall be made at the time the Nominating Committee makes its report, and the elected shall assume office at the close of the General Assembly (with the exception of the Stated Clerk whose term will begin 1 July). The majority vote of the membership present at the General Assembly is necessary to elect one to office.

Recommendation 13

Amend the standing rules to Delete “2014” and insert “Latest Edition”

Section 3. Voting: Voting shall be conducted as set forth in Section 12.0 of the *Rules or Order of the Confession of Faith*, 2014. Edition.

- a. When meres than one (1) person is nominated for the same office/position, voting shall be by secret ballot. A group of representatives, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, shall count the ballots. The Stated Clerk shall certify the count. (Each ballot will

be read aloud so that other members may tally if they so desire).

b. If more than two (2) persons are nominated and no nominee receives a majority of the votes counted, the vote shall be taken in the same manner on those leading nominees who together received a majority of the total vote cast on the preceding ballot.

ARTICLE VIII

Boards and Standing Committees

- a. General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB)
- b. General Assembly Judiciary Board
- c. General Assembly Nominating Committee
- d. Historical Foundation
- e. United Committees with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC)
 - (1) Joint Committee on Amendments
 - (2) Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (CTSC)

Section 2. General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB)

- a. **Function/Responsibility.** The General Assembly Executive Board reports directly to the General Assembly. Its functions include acting on behalf of the General Assembly when it is in adjournment, coordinating all activities of the General Assembly, proposing a budget to the General Assembly for all departments of the General Assembly, and performing other tasks the Assembly may assign it from time to time.

Rationale: It was not the intent of this standing rule to make the GAEB to become a General Assembly inside of the General Assembly making all decisions without asking for their decisions to be ratified. It was more in line with acting on issues that cannot wait for the annual meeting of GA to convene and take an action.

Recommendation 14

To delete the wording in the function/responsibility and amend the standing rules to read:

- a. **Function/Responsibility.** The General Assembly Executive Board reports directly to the General Assembly. Its functions include acting in Emergency Situations on behalf of the General Assembly when it is in adjournment. Review with the Stated Clerk all actions that were adopted by the General Assembly to see that they are assigned and carried out and performing other tasks the Assembly may from time to time assign it.
- b. **Emergency Actions.** If the General Assembly Executive Board determines by a vote of two-thirds of all its members that an emergency exists of such magnitude as to threaten the work of the whole Church, or of all boards and other agencies of the Church, and that the emergency requires action before the next meeting of the General Assembly and no time to call an Emergency Meeting of Commissioners, then the General Assembly Executive Board shall act immediately in such emergency. **However, must submit a full disclosure report to the next meeting of General Assembly for ratification.**
- b. **Composition.** Membership to the General Assembly Executive Board shall include eleven (11) persons: the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, the Stated Clerk, Administrative Director; Legal Counsel, and five (5) persons elected by the General Assembly to include: an Alabama Synod Representative, a Kentucky States Synod Representative, a Tennessee Synod Representative, a Texas Synod Representative, and a Member-at-Large. S 2019 Standing Rules state that the Executive Board “include 12 persons This standing rule has been revised since the close of GA without being

amended by the General Assembly Commissioners according to the standing rule Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules. According to the revision date this was done in July of 2019. It has been changed from "12" to "11" it has added the words "Legal Counsel"

Recommendation: 14

Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

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The Administrative Director and Legal Counsel are non-voting members. The General Assembly delegated to the GAEB the right to resolve into Executive Session which will consist of all members of the GAEB with the exception of the presidents of the auxiliaries. This standing rule has been revised since the close of GA without being amended by the General Assembly Commissioners according to the standing rule Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules. According to the revision date this was done in July of 2019. 2019 Standing rules pg.105-106 read "The Presidents of the National Missionary Society, National Sunday School Convention and National Youth Work (along with the Administrative Director) are non-voting members. The General Assembly delegated to the GAEB the right to resolve into executive Session which will consist of all members of the GAEB with the exception of the presidents of the auxiliaries.

Recommendation: 15

Amend these standing rules to delete "legal Counsel" and insert "legal counsel is to be sought when the occasion arises"

Recommendation: 16

Amend these standing rules to Delete the composition found on page 105 of 2019 minutes and insert the following revised composition

The Executive Board to have a broad and inclusive representation in the following make up General Assembly officials (4), Representative from each Synod and a member-at-large (5), Presidents from all auxiliaries (4) One Member from each standing board besides the Executive Board (Judiciary Historical UCTSC), SCE, Finance (4)

e. **Frequency of Meeting.** Ordinarily, the General Assembly Executive Board will hold at least two (2) scheduled meetings per year in November and in April, and will meet thereafter as required (which may include teleconferences and/or utilization of other technological media).

d. **Authority.** Upon the adjournment of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and during the period the General Assembly is not in session, the General Assembly Executive Board, in addition to the function/responsibility cited above, is empowered to act on behalf of the General Assembly. The GAEB reports directly to the General Assembly. Its work ultimately is directed by and must be approved by the General Assembly. All functions not lodged in the Boards and the Standing Committees are assigned to the GAEB.

Recommendation 17

That the standing rule be amended to insert the words "in Emergency Situations" after the word "is empowered to act on behalf of the General Assembly"

Section 3. General Assembly Nominating Committee:

a. **Membership.** The Nominating Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the

General Assembly. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be five persons and shall come from the membership of the General Assembly Executive Board, with no members term on the Nominating Committee extending beyond his/her term on the Executive Board. Included in the membership will be at least one person from each synod and the member at large.

is. **Function/Responsibility.** It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to nominate to the General Assembly qualified persons to fill all vacancies in elected offices, board, and standing committees. The Stated Clerk shall make available all recommendations for Board and Standing Committee memberships that have been submitted by presbyteries and others. The report of this committee should be presented early in the meeting of the Assembly (the first day, when possible) but a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours will be the normative period before a vote on the nominations will be held. Any Commissioner, at the time or the election, shall have the privilege of making nominations from the floor, provided he/she has made every effort to secure the personal consent of the nominee and any required form(s).

b. Authority. This committee has the full responsibility of ensuring a state of officers is nominated for an election and nominees to fill all boards and standing committee vacancies.

Section 4, Board of Judiciary:

a. Function/Responsibility. The Permanent Judiciary Board shall consider and report to the Assembly on all questions directed to it by the Assembly or any Board or agency of the Assembly. All judicial questions submitted to the General Assembly for a ruling and/or interpretation shall first be considered by Permanent Judiciary. The Board shall also examine all General Assembly Minutes, the

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Auditors report, synod record books, and such other records as are referred to it, and report its findings to the Assembly.

b. Composition. Permanent Judiciary shall be composed of seven members. The members shall be ordained persons (ministers and/or elders only)

c. Authority. This board has full responsibility of managing, examining, and interpreting all judicial matters and questions that are directed to/through the General Assembly; and must judiciously apply rules, regulations, and policies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Section 5. Historical Foundation

a. Function/Responsibility. The Historical Committee shall work as members of the Board of Trustees of the Historical foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and oversee the receiving, cataloging, and preserving of documents and other materials which relate to the life and history of the church.

b. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Each member must be in good standing in a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America congregation and shall serve no more than nine (9) consecutive years.

c. Frequency of Meetings. The Committee shall meet as often as the by-laws of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation require.

d. Authority. This committee has the full responsibility for managing the process of collecting and preserving the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Section 6 United Committee on Theology and Social Concerns

a. Function/Responsibility: The UCTSC is an agency of the General

Assemblies of the CPC and the CPCA and is charged with the responsibility to conduct theological and ethical reflections on matters of importance to the churches and their mission in the cultures and societies in which they serve. The United Committee was created by action of the two General Assemblies in 1999.

- (1) It is the responsibility of the Committee to stimulate the theological Thinking and discussion within our own denominations, to serve as a liaison between the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and the Theological Committee of the Caribbean and North American Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), and to make available upon request to any agency or person a brief opinion on theological questions.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the Committee to reflect theologically upon areas of social life, which, in the mind of the Committee, should be special concern to Christians at a particular point in time.
- (3) It is the responsibility of the Committee to call the attention of the church and the world those areas of social responsibility, which need addressing from a distinctly Christian viewpoint, and to provide the theological rationale for that viewpoint.
- (4) The responsibility of the committee is in the area of moral concerns, and therefore, always should be sensitive to the creative tension, which exists

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with the church whenever genuine and honest differences about doctrine and moral application of doctrine occur.

- (5) It is the responsibility of the Committee to provide both theological and factual background to the churches so that their members can both study pertinent moral issues and act upon them out of a Christian perspective.
 - (6) While church judicatories usually enact laws, they may also adopt resolutions, which are, in effect, efforts at moral persuasion. The Committee should recommend to the General Assemblies such resolutions, as it deems appropriate. Those resolutions not intended to be enacted, as the law of the church should be clearly identified as resolutions or proclamations, which are recommended for study and consideration.
 - (7) The responsibility of the Committee is in the area of moral concerns, or what the Confession of Faith embraces in its creedal statement under the title, "Christians Live and Witness in the World."
 - (8) It is the responsibility of the Committee to formulate such moral perspectives based on the revealed will of God in the Scriptures as are relevant to contemporary issues, and;
 - (9) It is the responsibility of the Committee to explore and to grapple with the possible application of these perspectives to concrete situations as an incentive to all church members to do the same. Care should be taken not to attempt to make rules for every specific situation, but to formulate a moral framework for discussion, which provides the basis for responsible decision making on the part of members or the church.
- b. **Composition.** Eight (8) members of the Committee are elected by each General Assembly, four (4) from each denomination (CPC and CPCA). CPCA members are elected to serve a three (3) year term and may be reelected once, serving no more than nine (9) years total.

Rationale: The committee is a sixteen-member committee with representation being 8 persons from CPC and 8 persons from CPCA)

Recommendation 18

Amend the standing rule to correct the membership number

Delete “Eight (8) and insert sixteen (16) also, Delete “four 4” and insert eight (8)

- c. **Frequency of Meetings.** The Committee meets semi-annually, and produces study papers and resources for the General Assembly and its agencies, and for the use of particular churches and members of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Committee is willing to provide resources for Presbyterian Committees on Theological and Social Concerns, local congregations and other interested groups as time allows.

Recommendation 19

Insert the words “Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America” after the words “Cumberland Presbyterian Church”

- d. **Authority.** The Committee has the full responsibility to represent the position of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA), in conjunction with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC); on current and relevant theological, ethical, social, moral, and cultural matters of importance to the Church and its missions. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Section 7. School of Continuing Education:

- a. **Function/Responsibility.** The Permanent School of Continuing Education (SCE) was created by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America in the 2001 General Assembly. The SCE

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responsibilities include evaluating education for the denomination and its certification programs.

(1) It is the responsibility of the SCE to provide guidance, sound theological and doctrinal training for candidates to the ministry and continuing education opportunities for ordained ministers and laity.

(2) It is the responsibility of SCE to evaluate/monitor the curriculum for ministerial preparation. This committee should make recommendations and changes to the General Assembly. It shall inform all presbyteries and synods of changes and mandates.

b. **Composition.** The SCE shall be composed of three (3) coordinators of the School of Continuing Education. Members can serve until replaced by the General Assembly.

c. **Frequency of Meetings.** Ordinarily, the SCE will meet one (1) time annually.

- d. **Authority.** The SCE has the full responsibility of managing the training, curriculum development, and the ordination procedures, matters, and issues of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly.

Note: This Standing Rule has been changed without the authorization of the General Assembly. The 2019 minutes and beyond does not support this re-wording as being amended according to Standing Rule Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules. This standing rule has recently been revised without authorization of the General Assembly.

According to the standing rules listed in the 2019 Minutes page 109 revised 2016 it states the following:

Section 7 School of Continuing Education and Ordination Certification:

The responsibility include evaluating education for the denomination and its certification programs.

(1) It is the responsibility of this committee to provide guidance, sound theological doctrinal training got candidates to the ministry and continuing education opportunities for ordained minsters and laity.

(2). It is the responsibility of this committee to evaluate/monitor the curriculum for ministerial preparation. this committee should make recommendations and changes to the General Assembly. It shall inform all presbyteries and synods of changes and mandates.

(3) it is the responsibility of the Committee to review all licensing and ordinations and call to the attention of the Permanent Judiciary Board any Violations

b. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) ordained clergy, each having obtained a post-graduate degree, namely the coordinators of the School of Continuing Education.

c. Frequency of Meetings. Ordinarily, the Committee will meet six (6) times annually.

d. Authority. The committee has the full responsibility of managing the training, curriculum development, and the ordination procedures, matters, and issues of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Its work must ultimately be approved by the General Assembly

Recommendation: 20

Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

Article IX

General Rules for Boards and Standing Committees

Section 1, Membership. The term of office for elected members shall be three (3) years, except in the case of an election of a person to fill an unexpired term. They shall be eligible to succeed themselves; after having served nine (9) years consecutively, the person shall not be eligible for reelection until at least one (1) year has elapsed. No one shall be elected to a membership until he/she has consented to serve. Any member (ordained and non-ordained) in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America shall be eligible for membership on a Board or Standing Committee of the General Assembly, except in the special case of the Judiciary Board where only ordained ministers and elders may serve.

Section 2. Vacancies. A member of a Board or Standing Committee missing two

(3) consecutive meetings (except for providential| hindrances), will nullify his/her membership to a board or committee. The Moderator has 'the authority to appoint individuals to fill all vacancies, elected or appointed, occurring after the close of the General Assembly meeting, which includes vacancies that occur if a board or committee member resigns (NOTE: If a member resigns, the board/committee must meet and accept the resignation, and report its action to the Stated Clerk).

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The individual(s) appointed by the Moderator will serve until the next upcoming General Assembly. The Moderator should, except for extenuating circumstances, appoint an

individual for the same Synod that was created by the vacancy on a board or committee.

Section 3. Ecclesiastical Commissions. Being deliberative bodies by virtue of the nature of their work must be composed of ordained ministers and/or ordained elders (i.e., persons eligible to be members of a judiciary).

Section 4. Reports. By April 30th of each year, each agency shall file a report with the Stated Clerk concerning its activities, achievements and future plans in order that the report may be duplicated and mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE X

Select Committees, Regular, Other, Chairperson, and Functions

Section 1. Appointment and Authority. Select Committees shall be appointed by the Stated Clerk in consultation with the Moderator:

- a. Christian Education
- b. Ecumenical Relations
- c. Executive Board Review
- cl. Finance and Budget Distribution
- e. Historical Foundation/Chaplains and Military Personnel
- f. Memorial/Resolution of Thanks
- g. Missions and Evangelism
- h. Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns

Note: This Standing Rule has been changed without the authorization of the General Assembly. The 2019 minutes and beyond does not support this re-wording as being amended according to Standing Rule Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules. This standing rule has recently been revised without authorization of the General Assembly.

According to the standing rules listed in the 2019 Minutes page 109 revised 2016 it states the following

- “a. Christian Education**
- b. Ecumenical Relations/Theological and Social Concerns**
 - c. Executive Board Review**
 - d. Finance and Budget Distribution**
 - e. Memorials/Resolution of Thanks**
 - f. Mission and Evangelism**

Recommendation: 21

Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

Section 2: Regular Select Committees. The select committees as set forth in Article X, Section 1, shall be the regular select committees of the General Assembly, appointed by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk to study reports and to consider other matters that may be referred to them.

Rationale: There is no need for a select committee when the report is to study reports. If no action is to be recommended, other than to study then this report could be filed as information and not sent to a select committee. Persons could read at later date at their own pleasure.

Recommendation: 22

Amend the Section 2 Regular Select Committees to add the word “with recommendations if the report warrants it” after the word “them.”

Section 3. Other Select Committees. The General Assembly, at will, may create other select committees as the need arises, and the Moderator and the Stated Clerk will appoint the committees and provide instruction.

Section 4. Chairperson. The first person named on a committee is considered the chairperson unless otherwise specified. However, once the committee convenes, if it desires, it may select a new chairperson.

Section 5: Functions. The select committees examine the reports of boards and standing committees, and determine if the boards and standing committees have

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worked within established guidelines/bylaws/rules. Moreover, select committees will determine if the boards and standing committees have dealt with those issues that were assigned, and have carried out their responsibilities in a timely and appropriate manner.

ARTICLE XI

General Rules

Rule 1. Resolutions. All resolutions related in any way to the general enterprise of the church shall be referred to appropriate Boards and Standing Committees for recommendation to the body via General Assembly Executive Board.

Recommendation 23

Amend the standing rule by deleting “General Assembly Executive Board” and insert “through Moderator and Stated Clerk.”

Rule 2. General Assembly Year. The General Assembly Year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Rule 3. All Synod Records shall be sent to the General Assembly by the Synod Stated Clerks for examination by the Select Judiciary Committee.

Recommendation 24

Amend the standing rule to delete the words “Select Judiciary Committee” and insert “Judiciary Board”

Rule 4. General Assembly Business that is to be presented at a meeting of the General Assembly shall be presented first to the General Assembly Executive Board for study and/or recommendation prior to presentation to the General Assembly.

Note: This Standing Rule has been changed without the authorization of the General Assembly. The 2019 minutes and beyond does not support this re-wording as being amended according to Standing Rule Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules. This standing rule has recently been revised without authorization of the General Assembly.

According to the standing rules listed in the 2019 Minutes page 109 revised 2016 it states the following should read “for study prior to” the words “and/or recommendation” has been added.

Recommendation: 24 Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

Rule 5. General Assembly roll of Ministers, Licentiates, Candidates and Churches. Each presbytery clerk shall mail a report, which includes an up-to- date roll of ministers, licentiates, candidates, and churches no later than April 30th.

Rule 6. Report of Boards, Standing Committees, Select Committees, and Commissions. The reports of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, Administrative Director, Boards, and Standing Committees shall be referred to the proper Select Committee for [their] review. Select Committees reports shall be brought directly to the floor of the General Assembly for action. Standing Committees (sometimes called Review Committees) are those that serve only during the meetings of the General Assembly. Special Committees sometimes referred to as Ad Hoc Committees are those that Are appointed for a limited time to do a particular task or deal with a specific issue.

Note: This Standing Rule has been changed without the authorization of the General Assembly. The 2019 minutes and beyond does not support this re-wording as being amended according to Standing Rule Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules. This standing rule has recently been revised without authorization of the General Assembly.

According to the standing rules listed in the 2019 Minutes page 111 revised 2016. The word “their” has been deleted and the words “for action” has been added”

Recommendation: 25 Instruct the Stated Clerk to Restore the wording to its original form unless amended according to the method listed in the standing rules under Article XIII Amendment of these standing rules

Rule 7. Membership Eligibility. All ordained ministers in good standing in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and ordained elders currently serving as a member of a local church session in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, are eligible for membership on boards, committees, and commissions of the General Assembly.

Rule 8. Attendance of Board and Committee Meetings. If a member of a board or committee misses two (2) consecutive meetings, except for providential

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hindrances that are excused by the Assembly, his/her membership to the board or committee is automatically nullified. Boards and committees are required to report these

absences to the Stated Clerk.

Rule 9. Membership Limitation. A person shall not serve concurrently on more than one board or standing committee of the General Assembly.

Rule 10. Commissioners. All Commissioners must be ordained ministers and ordained active elders due to the ecclesiastical nature of the work usually assigned.

Rule 11. Retiring Moderator/Vice-Moderator. The retiring moderator/vice- moderator serves until the close of the (General Assembly, at which time the newly elected moderator and vice moderator shall begin serving.

Rule 12. Review of Boards, Standing Committees, Select Committees and Commissioners Reports. The following shall govern how the General Assembly considers the reports of the elements of its body and the work of its commissioners.

- a. Reports of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, Boards, and standing committees shall be referred to an appropriate select committee for review except as set forth in paragraphs b, c, and d below.
- b. Reports of the Judiciary and Committee on Nomination shall not be referred to a select committee but will be acted upon directly by the General Assembly.
- c. Reports of Commissioners and Select Committees are brought directly to the General Assembly for review and *for* action
- d. The General Assembly will not refer any concerns, which are related to judiciary, ministerial, or nominating in nature to any select committee; instead, these will be referred to Board of Judiciary or Nominating Committee as appropriate.

Rule 13. Called Meeting. Meetings of the General Assembly other than the Annual Meeting in June are hereby-designated as a *Called Meeting*. All actions at the Called Meeting shall be limited to the agenda item (s) stated on the announcement.

Rule 14. General Assembly Fiscal Year. The General Assembly fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE XII *Parliamentary Authority*

The most current editions of the **Confession of Faith**, for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and the most current edition of ***Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised***, shall govern this Assembly in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not

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inconsistent with these rules and any special rules of order this assemblage may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendment of these Standing Rules

These Standing Rules may be amended or changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of Commissioners present and voting at a duly constituted General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Recommendation 26

Add the following statement to be adopted by the General Assembly to authorize the Stated Clerk to do on that which has been voted on as an amendment to the standing rules

Roberts Rule of order pg. 582, sub 25, 12 Edition states “ *amend covers any change, whether a word or a paragraphs, struck out, or replaced, or whether a new set of articles is to be substituted for the old one. meaning no one can insert any words into the standing rules unless it is voted on by the body with a two-thirds vote*

State Clerk shall be authorized by the General Assembly through a motion to correct articles and section designation, punctuations, and cross-reference and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the organization in connection with these standing rules. Any changes must be documented in the minutes and be included in the Summary of action submitted to each presbytery.

**Recommendation: 27 Create a Section 8 (in the past there was a committee titled Section 7. School of Continuing Education and Ordination Certification
Rename the Committee as
Section 8 Committee on Ministry/Ordination Certification Committee:**

- a. **Function/Responsibility** The responsibility include evaluating education for the denomination and its certification programs.
 - (1) It is the responsibility of this committee to provide guidance, sound theological doctrinal training got candidates to the ministry and continuing education opportunities for ordained minsters and laity.
 - (2) It is the responsibility of this committee to evaluate/monitor the curriculum for ministerial preparation. this committee should make recommendations and changes to the General Assembly. It shall inform all presbyteries and synods of changes and mandates.
 - (3) it is the responsibility of the Committee to review all licensing and ordinations and call to the attention of the Permanent Judiciary Board any violations with recommendations
 - (4) Review ordinations that have been revoked
 - (5) Determine if a minister is performing his/her responsibilities
 - (6) Receive presbyteries certification documents from stated clerk
 - (7) This committee will work with presbyteries Committee on Ministries to provide training, encouragement, and gathering of required information,

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APPENDIX A

Nominee Data Form

(For Prospective Members of Offices, Boards, and Committees of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

1. Name _____ Minister _____ Layperson _____
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Female _____ Male _____
2. Address _____
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip
3. Phone Number _____
Cell Work
4. E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number _____
5. Congregation _____ Presbytery _____
6. Age: 15-19 _____ 20-24 _____ 25-34 _____ 35-44 _____ +5-54 _____ 55-64 _____ Over 64 _____
7. Areas of service in local congregation _____

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly _____

9. Occupation or Business _____
10. Education _____
11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve _____

12. Comments _____

13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:

Endorsed by: _____
Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date

Endorsed by: _____
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

Please return completed form to: General Assembly's Office, 226 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35801

**PERMENANT
JUDICIARY
BOARD
REPORTS**

(CPC 189th and 190th Reports Included)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

I. REFERRALS

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Permanent Committee on Judiciary and The Report of the Joint Committee on Amendments.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before the committee were: Reverend Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk; Reverend Geoff Knight, representative of the Permanent Judiciary Committee; Mrs. Debra Shanks, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Midwest; and Reverend Milton Ortiz, team leader of the Missions Ministry Team.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS

The referrals to the Joint Committee from 189th General Assembly were edited and presented for adoption in the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Joint Committee on Amendments, that, Constitution 3.071 be amended to read:

“The following persons shall be seated by a judicatory as advisory members with full privilege of speaking to any issue before the judicatory, but no vote:

- a. In sessions, assistant and associate pastors approved and installed by the presbytery,
- b. In middle judicatories, elected officers of the judicatory, (for example, stated clerk, engrossing clerk, and treasurer), and official representatives from the judicatory’s standing committees or boards,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Joint Committee on Amendments that, Constitution 3.072 be amended to read:

“The following persons may, with the approval of the judicatory, be seated as advisory members of the judicatory upon their introduction by the moderator:

- a. In middle judicatories, visiting ordained Cumberland Presbyterian ministers and elders.
- b. Elected youth advisory delegates.
- c. Representatives from higher judicatories.
- d. Visiting ministers or leaders from other denominations with which the judicatory is in partnership.
- e. Any other person whose presence would, in the judgment of the judicatory, serve the mission and ministry of the judicatory,” be adopted.

Official Comment to 3.07: Except for persons who are designated as advisory members by right, persons whose presence would assist the judicatory in the accomplishment of its work can always be seated as advisory members and granted permission to speak to the judicatory by a majority vote or common consent.

If adopted each recommendation will go to presbyteries for final adoption and approval.

B. REPORT OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

1. PROPOSED REVISION TO CONSTITUTION

This section is covered by recommendations 1 and 2 above.

2. REVIEW OF SYNOD MINUTES

The Committee spoke with Persons of Council and noted that the items under review of Synod Minutes have been addressed satisfactorily. A representative from the Judiciary Committee made the editorial change to delete bullet point 3 under the Synod of the Midwest.

After consultation with the Representative of the Permanent Judiciary Committee, the committee recommends the following:

RECOMMENDATION 3: That the second bullet point of the report regarding the Synod of the Midwest that states “The minutes did reflect that due to the failed attempt of Synod of the Midwest to review missing records of ordination from North Central Presbytery, the Committee considers the adoption of the Synod’s policy to revoke ordinations if presbyterial records are not received by the Synod an illegal action and would recommend that a proper response would be to contact the Presbyterial Committee on Ministry (or equivalent committee) and request a joint meeting with the Synod in an attempt to rectify the situation,” be referred back to the Permanent Judiciary Committee and recommend that they should meet with the Stated Clerk, Synod of the Midwest, in an effort to reconcile miscommunications requested in this section of the report.

3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES, JOINT COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee concurs with the remaining report.

Respectfully submitted,
The Judiciary Committee

THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS

The Joint Committee on Amendments met February 20, 2020, in Huntsville, Alabama. Representing the CPCA were Willie Cowan, Vanessa Midgett. Representing the CPC were Geoff Knight, Harry Chapman, and Pam Brown. Also present were Craig White (Stated Clerk, CPCA), Mike Sharpe (Stated Clerk, CPC), Jaime Jordan (legal counsel, CPC), and Jan Overton (secretary).

I. REFERRALS

The committee reviewed the proposed constitutional amendments referred to us by the 189th General Assembly, slightly adjusted the wording of the proposed amendment to 3.07 to clarify the status of Advisory Members and approved these proposed amendments as ready to be placed before the 190th General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Constitution 3.071 be amended to read:

“The following persons shall be seated by a judicatory as advisory members with full privilege of speaking to any issue before the judicatory, but no vote:

- a. In sessions, assistant and associate pastors approved and installed by the presbytery,**
- b. In middle judicatories, elected officers of the judicatory, (for example, stated clerk, engrossing clerk, and treasurer), and official representatives from the judicatory’s standing committees or boards.”**

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Constitution 3.072 be amended to read:

“The following persons may, with the approval of the judicatory, be seated as advisory members of the judicatory upon their introduction by the moderator:

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- d. Visiting ministers or leaders from other denominations with which the judicatory is in partnership.**
- c. Any other person whose presence would, in the judgment of the judicatory, serve the mission and ministry of the judicatory.”**

Official Comment to 3.07: Except for persons who are designated as advisory members by right, persons whose presence would assist the judicatory in the accomplishment of its work can always be seated as advisory members and granted permission to speak to the judicatory by a majority vote or common consent.

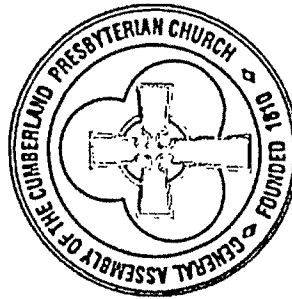
Respectfully submitted,
The Joint Committee on Amendments

•That the Constitution 9.4 (d) be amended to read: "Institute and review the work of denominational entities." (pg. 56)

•That the Constitution 9.4 (g) be amended to read: "Take care that the lower judicatories observe the government of the church and exercise its review and appellate authority to redress what they may have done contrary to order." (pg. 56)

•That the Constitution 9.4 (m) be amended to read: "Keep watch over the affairs of the whole church." (pg. 57)

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UPDATES

to the

CONFESSION OF FAITH
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Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:

Page 22 - Preamble
Page 34 - 3.03
Page 37 - 3.35
Page 51 - 7.06,
Page 53 - 8.5 (f)
Page 56 - 9.4 (d) & 9.4 (g)
Page 57 - 9.4 (m)

These amendments to the Constitution were declared
duly ratified by the 190th General Assembly

of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Meeting July 1, 2021
Louisville, Kentucky
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following amendments to the Constitution were declared duly ratified by the 190th General Assembly:

•That the Preamble to the Constitution be amended by inserting the following paragraph between the first and second existing paragraphs:

“Cumberland Presbyterian congregations are found around the world. While the mission of the church is the same everywhere, the forms and structures of the Constitution and Rules of Discipline do not always fit seamlessly with the cultures, traditions, and legal systems of some countries. In countries other than the United States the provisions of the Constitution and Rules of Discipline should be applied so far as possible, but the Constitution and Rules of Discipline are, at heart, documents which exist to promote spiritual objectives. If there are instances in which the letter of the Constitution and/or Rules of Discipline cannot be applied without compromising the mission of the church and the spiritual objectives identified in the Confession of Faith, it is the spirit of the law, rather than the letter, which must prevail.” (pg. 22)

•That Constitution 3.03 be amended to read: *“The authority of each level of church government is limited by the stated provisions of the Constitution. Although each judicatory exercises exclusive original jurisdiction over all the matters specifically belonging to it, the lower judicatories are subject to the review and appellate authority of the next higher judicatory.” (pg. 34)*

•That Constitution 3.35 be amended to read: *“A particular church shall not sell, convey, lease, pledge, mortgage, or encumber its real property used for purposes of worship, nurture, or ministry without the written permission of the presbytery in which the particular church is located, transmitted through the session of the particular church. In granting its permission, the presbytery does not become a party to the church’s agreement, nor a guarantor of any indebtedness.” (pg. 37)*

•That the Constitution 7.06 be amended to read: *“A person shall enter into one of these relationships with a particular church only with the approval of the presbytery in the bounds of which the particular church is located. The church session shall bear responsibility for the selection of the person, and the presbytery’s approval shall relate to the person’s ministerial credentials, commitment to the theology and government of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, and standing in his or her current presbytery, if any. The presbytery may authorize its board of missions to act on its behalf in examining the call and to give tentative approval to a relationship between a particular church and a minister, licentiate, or candidate, subject to formal approval at a meeting of the presbytery.” (pg. 51)*

•That the Constitution 8.5 (f) be amended to read: *“In general, to order with respect to the presbyteries, sessions, and churches under its care according to the government of the church, whatever pertains to their spiritual welfare and the edification of the church.” (pg. 53)*

OFFICIAL REPORT FORM

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS *APPROVED BY THE 190th GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

(The vote on these amendments will be referred to the 191st General Assembly for ratification.)

Constitution 11:4c “Presbyteries shall act upon an amendment referred by the General Assembly within the first year of the referral and report their vote no later than the next meeting of the General Assembly after the amendment was transmitted to the presbyteries.”

Constitution 11.3 “An amendment to the Confession of Faith, Catechism, or Rules of Discipline shall have been adopted when, on its transmission by both assemblies to their presbyteries, a three-fourths majority of the presbyteries of each General Assembly shall have approved it and such approval is declared by each General Assembly to have been given. The vote of a presbytery shall be by simple majority.”

AMENDMENTS

That Constitution 3.071 be amended to read:

“The following persons shall be seated by a judicatory as advisory members with full privilege of speaking to any issue before the judicatory, but no vote:

- a. In sessions, assistant and associate pastors approved and installed by the presbytery,*
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- d. Visiting ministers or leaders from other denominations with which the judicatory is in partnership.*
- e. Any other person whose presence would, in the judgment of the judicatory, serve the mission and ministry of the judicatory.”*

Official Comment to 3.07: Except for persons who are designated as advisory members by right, persons whose presence would assist the judicatory in the accomplishment of its work can always be seated as advisory members and granted permission to speak to the judicatory by a majority vote or common consent.

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FOR
REPORTING PRESBYTERY VOTE ON
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

APPROVED BY THE 190th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(The vote on this amendment will be referred to the 191st General Assembly for ratification.)

YES _____

NO _____

(Please return this form to the General Assembly Office as soon as the vote has been taken.)

Signed: _____ **Stated Clerk**

_____ **Presbytery**

_____ **Date**

OFFICIAL REPORT FORM

FOR

REPORTING PRESBYTERY VOTE ON

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

APPROVED BY THE 190th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(The vote on this amendment will be referred to the 191st General Assembly for ratification.)

YES _____

NO _____

(Please return this form to the General Assembly Office as soon as the vote has been taken.)

Signed: _____ **Stated Clerk**

_____ **Presbytery**

_____ **Date**

APPENDIX B
Standing Committee
And
Board Reports

MODERATOR REPORT



GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
226 Church Street Northwest
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

FROM: Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Moderator
General Assembly/General Assembly Executive Board

DATE: 13 June 2022

SUBJECT: Moderator's Annual Report to the 145th General Assembly

Greetings to the Commissioners of the 145 General Assembly!

*"And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
(Esther 4:14)*

I greet you in the name that's above every name in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. When I accepted the position of Moderator of the General Assembly, I didn't have the faintest idea of all the challenges ahead of me. Nevertheless, I stepped up to the helm of leadership placing God first and foremost always in my life.

The most shocking revelation upon becoming moderator was that the General Assembly did not have sufficient financial resources to survive the upcoming six months. However, I realized that if I petitioned God to provide a way forward, that God would supply the necessary financial resources, allowing the church to make it through the remaining church year. I petitioned the Alabama Synod in August 2019 to donate money to sustain the day-to-day operations of the General Assembly's Denomination Center and to make monthly and annual payments on outstanding debts. The Alabama Synod graciously donated funds in response to my appeal, donating the much-needed funds. In the spring of 2020, I traveled to the Tennessee Synod in Jackson, Tennessee requesting a financial donation to help fiscally sustain the General Assembly. I accredit God that I was kindly received by the Tennessee Synod and was donated over \$2,000 with the pledge of the Tennessee Synod to donate money in 2021.

In March 2020, the church faced the pandemic that closed down our churches. I applaud our church congregations that navigated through uncharted waters utilizing electronic innovations to keep our parishioners spiritually fed with the Word of God. During the

pandemic, I authored messages via the Cumberland Flag to keep our people encouraged. I responded to several families who lost loved ones during my tenure. I also presided over approximately 48 General Assembly Executive Board meetings.

With much concern over the financial dilemma of the General Assembly, I requested approval from the General Assembly Executive Board Members to have an audit conducted from the operating years 2016 to 2019 of the General Assembly's finances. Due to the precarious financial status of the Denomination and the high cost of an audit, the audit only covered 3 years. The audit yielded shocking abuses of the General Assembly funds. The GAEB set financial controls in place based on the recommendations of the audit firm. For the first time in over a decade, the church is out of the red and in the black-financially.

During my tenure, the Denomination almost unanimously voted against the merger. However, the CPCA continues to share in joint programs with the CPC. To God be the glory for all of the accomplishments during my tenure, attributed wholeheartedly to the GAEB members for their hard work and sacrifices. I am excited about the 145 General Assembly. Prayerfully, this will be the "renaissance" of our CPCA Denomination.

Onward & Upward Always,

Theodis Acklin

**Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin
Moderator, General Assembly
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**

**VICE
MODERATOR
REPORT**



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
226 Church Street Northwest
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
(256) 536-7481**

**Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Moderator
Elder Vanessa K. Midgett, Administrative Director**

MEMORANDUM

**TO: The Moderator and the Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**

**FROM: Dr. Michael L. Jones, Vice - Moderator
General Assembly/ General Assembly Executive Board
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**

DATE: 16 June 2022

SUBJECT: Vice - Moderator's Annual Report to the 145th General Assembly

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
And suddenly there came from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house
where they were sitting. Acts 2: 1-2.*

It has been my great honor to serve God in the capacity of Vice-Moderator of the only denomination with which I have ever been associated. I truly appreciate the confidence you have placed in me, and I am grateful for the opportunity.

This tenure has been challenging, with many crucial issues to consider. I have been honored to serve with two moderators; Elder Leon Cole and Dr. Theodis Acklin. The members of the General Assembly Executive Board have developed a union that has worked together to grapple with the assorted issues we were called to handle.

The church operates more effectively when we come together under God's guidance to fulfill His mandate. We should never fail to realize that His mission for the church is to honor Him by tending to His sheep and spreading the Good News that He has provided the avenue for all mankind to be reconciled to Him.

As God's agents, we should be intentional as we work to serve Him and accomplish His desires for His creation. It is important to take care of the array of matters that arise while we serve in the areas to which we have been elected. However, we cannot afford to allow issues to blunt or cloud God's ultimate objective for His people.

As the church, we have moved beyond the season of the year when we remember receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit was sent to a people who were on one accord. After receiving the Holy Spirit, the people continued together to sharpen their vision and care for each other's needs. God added to the church daily.

I believe the cohesion of the new believers, and their focus on God provided the power they needed to do His will. We now live in an era during which modern technology is prevalent. Most of us have used Zoom or other network sources to connect with organizations or educational institutions, in our employment, and/or to worship while the Coronavirus pandemic made coming together, physically, dangerous.

The same technology can be used to petition the throne of God and to bring us together spiritually. We are a connectional government. To effectively work together as the body of Christ in this generation, we need to remain so focused that our only objective is reaching the throne of God.

Recommendation:

The entire General Assembly: Ministers, officers, and parishioners participate in corporate prayer, scheduled quarterly. We should invite the presence of God to empower us to do His will. This time can bring us together to sharpen our focus and heal our wounded spirits. God has given us modern technology that is fairly easy to access. This is an area with which our young people are well familiar. It can also serve to make them feel relevant and included.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Jones

Reverend Dr. Michael Jones

**STATED
CLERK
REPORT**



GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
226 Church Street Northwest
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Moderator and the Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

FROM: Elder Vanessa K. Midgett, Stated Clerk
General Assembly/General Assembly Executive Board

DATE: 13 June 2022

SUBJECT: Stated Clerk's Annual Report to the 145th General Assembly

Greetings Fellow Christians,

Allow me to take this opportunity to say to each of you that it has truly been my honor to serve as the Interim Stated Clerk for this wonderful Denomination. I am humbled by the faith and trust this board placed in me by appointing me as the CPCA Stated Clerk. At the time when asked to temporarily act in this august position of Stated Clerk, I understood the critical issues facing our church. Not only did we face the unprecedented challenges presented by COVID-19, but we are also faced with disheartening lack of accountability by those in whom we placed our trust in the management of our precious and sometimes limited resources. That trust was broken on many levels. But nevertheless, we have the Faith of our Fathers, and we will endeavor to persevere!

2nd Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verses 8 and 9 read thusly, "*We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— ." God is working to restore this church! I never doubted that we could and would recover. I am fully persuaded in due time we will shift our focus more fully on doing the work that God has called us to do.

I was and still am, more than willing to do my best in addressing the challenges. I was and still am, fully committed to doing all within my power to restore our church to a more visibly accountable and more intentionally productive posture. I understand and embrace the challenge of restoring the trust of our membership in its Church Leaders. It is vital that we succeed in fully restoring that trust in the Office of the General Assembly. I believe we have done much to restore the trust of the congregants. A growing restoration of trust is evident in the positive response of the Presbyteries to taskings issued from the General Assembly Office.

It is my firm belief that God has not relieved us of our charge to carry out the Great Commission. This church still has much work to do in the spreading of the Gospel. I am fully committed to doing my part to shift our collective focus from concerns regarding the management of internal church operations to a shift of a more strategically focused effort on achievement of Church mission. We must as a church focus our internal and external efforts on sustaining church members and equipping them in the mission of saving lost souls.

During my two-year tenure as Stated Clerk, I have completed the following tasks: (1) conducted training on the roles of Sessions and Diaconates in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America; (2) served where needed in the church, answering questions and concerns posed from Presbytery Stated Clerks, Auxiliary representatives and leaders and others CPCA and ecumenical partners and constituents; (3) recorded and created documents and minutes for the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB) in Telephonic and Zoom Teleconference meetings; (4) met regularly with the General Assembly Moderator in the coordination and execution of CPCA business matters; (5) worked with the Stated Clerk of the CPC Denomination in the planning and preparation of the Joint 2019/2021 General Assembly until the CPCA GAEB issued a cancellation notice; and lastly (6) carried out the directives of the GAEB to include scheduling, planning, and coordinating the tasks required in support of a 145th General Assembly.

In an effort to continue our goal of restoring the church in all its program and mission areas and particularly restoration of the people's trust in the General Assembly Office, I put forth the following recommendation(s) for your consideration:

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend this body develop and/or reactivate any existing CPCA Short- and Long-Term Strategic Plan(s) that may have been set aside during Unification Planning and/or COVID shut-down. Please consider the attached plan as seeds for the revision and/or development/expansion of a CPCA Long Term Plan. (See Attached) Proposed Plan for your consideration).

Finally, my brothers and sisters, thank you for the opportunity to serve this great Denomination!

Yours in Christ,

Vanessa K. Midgett

Elder Vanessa K. Midgett
Stated Clerk

OVERVIEW

One of the many responsibilities of the GAEB is to engage in strategic planning. There are a number of reasons to do this. Strategic planning addresses accomplishing CPCA's vision using the resources available to us. It helps us to align the unique gifts and resources God has given us as we take advantage of opportunities when they present themselves and accomplish our shared ministry goals. It is a systematic process that encourages us to envision a desired future, then translate that vision into goals or objectives and create a sequence of steps to achieve that vision.

I suggest we created a three - month process that culminated in a two - day working session for the GAEB and perhaps the Moderators of the Synods and Presbyteries.

Our Moderator can present an overview of where we are, where we can be in the next one to five years and the challenges and opportunities that are before the CPCA Denomination. We can also hear from each Presbytery Moderator about our accomplishments, opportunities, challenges, visions, required investments and needs for leadership in the future. This is one recommended approach to determining a sound and more strategically mapped out way ahead.

I believe that laying out and executing such a plan can result in an exciting, challenging, and fruitful project!

I have taken the liberty of drafting one possible plan. This plan at best is skeletal and needs much work. In my work with the church, I have concluded that the CPCA needs to strengthen and improve on the leadership competencies of our Ministers and Elders as well within the members of our Diaconate and laity.

Additionally, there are other competency weakness within the ranks of our ministers and laity. I believe we can all agree our School of Continuing Education must be improved as the SCE should and can be a critical component of any CPCA leadership improvement plan that we devise. The purpose of improving the education and development of CPCA leadership will result in more effective mission accomplishment. The whole idea of creating such a plan is to make the Denomination more Mission/Commission focused. The need for consistent and well-developed curriculum will critical if

we are to see highly competent and mission focused leaders and members who actively working and achieving the positive results we desire.

The second area of weakness lays in the area of Evangelism and outreach. Our Vision and Mission statement professes, “WE seek to save the lost, to console the broken hearted and to assist the needy.” But do we? Most of our Mission and Evangelism programs are non-operational. We do extraordinarily little outreach in most of our churches.

We must re-visit and re-envision how we are executing the Great Commission. Evangelism and is the cornerstone of carrying out the Great Commission. Most Evangelism program in our Churches and Presbyteries are defunct. We must re-develop and revitalize our Evangelism and outreach programs if we are to effectively carry out the Great Commission.

The two foundational pillars for this Strategic Plan are execution of a sound and innovative Christian Education Plan and execution of an exciting and innovative Evangelism Program. The focus of the two-prong plan is to grow our Church, to increase membership, to increase our church resources we must Educate our Church members, leadership and laity and we must shift our focus to mission work. That’s the basis of this particular plan. But to be effective we need to include more input from the leadership and the laity.

A 5 Year DRAFT Plan for the CPCA Family

CPCA Vision Implementation Plan Goals

- To improve and build relationship among the CPCA family and with God**
- To increase the CPCA family membership by 25%**
- To increase the CPCA’s income and financial assets by 15%**
- To create a more positive image of the General Assembly Office/Denomination Center among the CPCA family**
- Survey the grass roots to determine their concern(s) (2021-2022). Data and finding will be applied the building and expansion of the Vision Goals.**

Details of 5 Year Plan: To improve and build relationship among the CPCA family and with God.

- (*2022) To ensure success of the plan, will require a commitment from the Moderator and Vice Moderator for four years to visit the grass roots, board meetings, presbyteries, and synods to encourage active buy-in, support, and commitment marketing the vision. Other key partners and officers may be required to engage in the marketing to include traveling with the Moderator or on behalf of the Moderator as needed.
- (2023) Moderator/Vice Moderator meet with all pastors, presbyteries and synods, moderators (2023 or next) CPCA General Assembly. Purpose of the meetings is to activate an intentional campaign, planting the vision and to obtain invaluable feedback and input from the membership to shape and improve the vision. Feedback will be applied in the maturation of the vision, encouraging an active embracing of the plan by the CPCA membership.
- (2023/2024) Host Leadership Conference(s) designed for presentation and delivery of the Moderator and other agents. Target audience is ordained ministers, elders, deacons, auxiliary leadership.
- (2024) Annual Assessment Report
- (2025) Annual Assessment Report
- (2026) Annual Assessment Report and Celebration to Give God the Glory!

***Note: Actual start date and/or implementation date is fluid contingent upon return to full operational status of the church.**

Building Blocks of the Vision

A 5 Year plan: To increase the CPCA family membership by 25%

- (*2022) The designated Program Action Officers will work with each presbytery to establish and train functional and Christian Education and Mission and Evangelism Teams/Committees. Action Officers will encourage and assist presbyteries to select one church in its presbytery to pilot a focused/enhanced Christian Education and Mission and Evangelism Committees. This program should be organized to

involve all constituencies but special emphasis on the youth. This is one of our challenge areas for our presbyteries. It is critical we engage and obtain buy-in from the Presbytery. To make the plan effective we will need each Presbytery to commit energy and resources to this plan and the resulting programs. After 1 (one) year to 18 months the programs can be expanded to all churches in the Presbytery. We must encourage all churches with declining membership to work to increase their membership. It is critical we foster and encourage commitment and unity towards this vision.

A 5 Year Plan: To increase the CPCA's budget and assets by 15%

- GA Stated Clerk and Presbytery Stated Clerks works jointly with Presbyteries to establish Christian Education Programs on the Christian obligation to tithe.
- Stated Clerks will work with Presbyteries to educate congregants on wills/bequests among the constituency for the CPCA. Provide guidance for the CPCA churches to update titles on all CPCA Property.
- Educate ourselves on Grant writing.

A 5 Year Plan: To create a more positive image of the Denomination Center among the CPCA Family.

- From the GA Office - Consistently provide service and support to the CPCA family. Work to increase circulation, quality, and subscriptions of the *Cumberland Flag*.
- Foster and act on a providing a more "User Friendly" CPCA Facility.
- Host frequent and quality leadership workshops and conferences.
- Provide frequent progress reports and updates on Church Operations.
- Ensure consistent and quality SCE Program Execution.

A 5 Year plan: Survey the Church to determine their concerns and to obtain their interests goals and ideas.

- Create and mail surveys to all church sessions and pastors.
- Assess Congregation/membership feedback, creating and implementing relevant programs and/or events based on feedback received.

- Assess areas and locations of membership decline. Actualize events, programs, and missions designed to revitalize those locations where the church is in decline.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR



GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
226 Church Street Northwest
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Moderator and the Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

FROM: Elder Vanessa K. Midgett, Administrative Director
General Assembly/General Assembly Executive Board

DATE: 13 June 2022

SUBJECT: Administrative Director's Annual Report to the 145th General Assembly

Greetings My Dear Brothers and Sisters!

I thank God for the privilege to serve within the CPCA General Assembly Office during the last two years! As your Administrative Director I humbly submit the following report for your consideration. This report reflects the work the office has been engaged in since June of 2020.

The Administrative Director's role is to plan, direct, and coordinate the overall operations of the General Assembly. The following is a listing of major accomplishments successfully completed since my employment last June.

- **As staff liaison officer and ex-official member of the General Assembly/General Assembly executive Board and all Boards and Auxiliaries Organizations, I have attended, either in person or virtually, regular meetings of the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries, the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel, Memphis Theological Seminary Board of Directors, and GAEB meetings, including successfully executing assigned responsibilities for arranging and facilitating many of the noted meetings.**
- **Coordinated and administratively supported the School of Continuing Education and other programs as authorized and directed by the GAEB and/or Church.**
- **Planned in coordination with the GAEB on management and oversight of Church Finances. In coordination with the Banking Committee, developed a streamlined annual operating budget which resulted in making the Church more fiscally and financially sound.**
- **With the advice and assistance of the appointed banking committee, effectively managed the Church budget, maintaining accurate financial accounts including**

payment for all expenses, stipends, and service contracts essential to the support of Church Operations.

- Worked effectively and judiciously in restarting church programs such as the Resource Center, Publication of the Cumberland Flag and building facility management.
- Effectively and judiciously instituted building improvements that will support expanded utilization of General Assembly Office space and properties. The goal of these improvements is to enable the Church to expand on its support of CPCA programs, missions, and services offered as authorized by the GAEB/General Assembly.
- Completed an Inventory of Church Office Equipment, supplies and other resources.
- Created the beginnings of an Inventory/Archival of CPCA records, annual meeting minutes and other pertinent documents in order to create an accurate and useful Archive of CPCA church history and affairs. This effort is in its infancy and will require the support of the Historical Foundation in reaching out to Presbytery/Synods in a search for missing CPCA annual meeting minutes.
- I am continuing my efforts in upgrading and improving the Center facility. Funding is essential to procure much needed IT expertise to create and enhance the Center's capability of supporting virtual meetings and other required virtual conferencing capability.
- I have successfully completed the installation of a new roof, cleaning, painting, and upgrading office spaces and rooms for full use and availability to the Denomination.
- I have successfully converted the majority of the Denomination's 8700 square feet of space into working office space and/or usable storage/filing space.
- Partially upgraded the phone and wireless infrastructure to support minimally adequate virtual conferencing in support of Church operations, missions, and functions.
- Upgraded and reconfigured the facility security system, installing better lighting and cameras to safeguard Church property and building occupants.
- Upgraded the emergency safety equipment/system, i.e. (lighted exit signs, up to Code fire extinguishers, etc.)
- Worked closely with Church Mutual Agents and other relevant Stakeholders and POCs in the successful recovery of church funds.
- Ensured effective internal management controls were instituted to secure and safeguard Denomination resources, records, equipment, and other assets.

I offer the following recommendations for your consideration:

Recommendation I:

That an active campaign is launched, encouraging all CPCA congregants to subscribe to the Cumberland Flag. Furthermore, each Synod, Presbytery and Auxiliary be challenged to regularly supply articles, news, and events for publication in the Flag.

Recommendation II:

The CPCA Historical Foundation has full responsibility for managing the process of collecting and preserving the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Recommend the members of the Foundation apply specific effort in cataloging, preserving,

and replacing missing annual CPCA meeting minutes. The CPCA Denomination has an exceptionally long and rich history that must be intentionally preserved by the actual descendants of those forbearers that made the history.

Recommendation III:

Recommend the Historical Foundation devise plans and expend efforts towards the digitizing of all CPCA records and files. The plan should include finding resources or a company that have capability to digitize records and files to include costs of such an initiative.

Humbly Submitted,

Vanessa K. Midgett

Elder Vanessa K. Midgett

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
EXECUTIVE
BOARD
REPORT**

REPORT
of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE BOARD
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
13 June 2022

The General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB) submits its report to the 145th Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America General Assembly convening in Huntsville, Alabama. The GAEB report annotates and identifies the tasks and resulting actions executed on behalf of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA). Since the close of the 144th General Assembly that convened in Huntsville, Alabama, the GAEB worked tirelessly, faithfully, and prayerfully to fulfil its charter and its assignments.

I. INTRODUCTION

The GAEB is the coordinating agent tasked with executing the operation of the General Assembly upon its adjournment. In addition, during the period the General Assembly is not in session, the GAEB is delegated the authority to act on its behalf pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly. The GAEB reports directly to and has its work approved by the General Assembly.

II. MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, AND MEETINGS

The Membership of the GAEB is comprised of both General Assembly officials and synod representatives with some members having voting authority and others serving in an advisory capacity. Specifically, the GAEB is currently comprised of eight (8) voting members elected by the General Assembly – Moderator, Vice Moderator, Stated Clerk, a member from each of the four (4) synods, a member at large; and two (2) non-voting members – the Administrative Director and Legal Counsel.

In accordance with the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, the GAEB held 30 plus Teleconference meetings, (via Zoom and/or traditional Teleconference mediums. Teleconference. The members of the GAEB are scheduled to attend the 145th General Assembly as either officers of the GAEB, and/or as commissioners from their respective presbyteries.

III. INFORMATION FROM THE GAEB

The GAEB has executed the following tasks:

(1) CPCA Financial Crisis - Effectively managed the Denomination through a volatile financial crisis that included the following components – lack of cash flow, extreme budgetary shortfalls to as a result of dwindling church income and the critical sensitive issue of an apparent misappropriation of funds.

(2) As the governing body focused on the CPCA program execution strategy, oversight, and accountability for the Denomination operations and management of resources; executed extremely close management of church operations, effecting critical budget cuts which led the Denomination into a budget posture of financial solvency.

(3) Established /Appointed the CPCA Banking Committee to perform the function of finance management and accounting for the Denomination. In this role the CPCA Banking Committee provides oversight control of the Denomination's financial operations. The appointed Banking Committee Members are Deacon Jeremy Holden/Elder George Lockett/Elder Brenda Sutherlin.

(4) The GAEB worked closely with the Banking Committee ensuring the fiscal efficacy and operation accountability of the Denomination is managed and sustained.

(5) Upon the retirement of Dr. Lynn Herring, hired a new Administrative Director (Elder Vanessa K. Midgett) whose role is to plan, direct, and coordinate the overall operations of the General Assembly as authorized and directed by the General Assembly.

(6) Provided statutory oversight and guidance to ensure compliance with the polity and rules of Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

(7) Served as the policy making body for the constituency of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

(8) The GAEB, made the decision to restructure the CPCA School of Continuing Education (SCE). The loss of Instructor availability coupled with insufficient Distance Learning (DL or virtual learning capability/availability had an adverse impact on the School's capacity to maintain effective day-to-day educational operations. The adverse impacts of COVID-19 turned what was a particularly challenging situation into an unsustainable situation. As a result, the CPCA SCE School has been restructured streamlined to an organization consisting of four Advisory Coordinators appointed from each of the four CPCA Synods.

(9) Hired Attorney Michael Walker to serve as General Assembly Office/General Assembly Executive Board legal counsel. Worked in concert with legal counsel ensuring the CPCA remains compliant with applicable Federal, State, local civil laws, church polity, and other governing regulations.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Recommendation:** That each CPCA Synod appoint a CPCA School of Continuing Education (SCE) Coordinator from within their respective Synod.

Note: The SCE Coordinators will serve as advisors to Presbytery/Presbytery Committee(s) on Ministry and ministerial candidates regarding Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) Educational requirements for Ministerial Candidates. The Coordinators will comprise the Staff and Faculty for the restructured SCE.

2. **Recommendation:** The GAEB, after careful deliberation and observation of the work requirements of the General Assembly Office, recommends the abolishment of the Administrative Director Position. The duties and responsibilities of the Administrative Directors position shall be realigned to and performed by the General Assembly Stated Clerk. Adoption of this action will bring the structure of the General Assembly Office in compliance with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Rules of Order 3.0. which prescribes that each judicatory shall elect a stated clerk to perform the work described in 3.0 of the Rules of Order. The duties and responsibilities described for the Stated Clerk are listed in detail under subparagraphs 3.1 through 3.6 of the Rules of Order. The duties as listed, encompass the current Job Description of the Administrative Director which in accordance with the Rules of Order, is rightly to be performed by the Judicatory's Stated Clerk.
3. **Recommendation:** That the contract for Legal Advisor, Attorney Michael Walker be ratified by the General Assembly.
4. **Recommendation:** That the General Assembly affirms that Chicago, Illinois remains scheduled as the site for the 146th Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America General Assembly in 2023.
5. **Recommendation:** That the attendance of the National Sunday School at the 145th General Assembly be assessed by the Assembly during this session.
NOTE: Poor or low NSSC attendance by Presbytery delegates may be indicative of a continued decline in overall interest in and/or support of NSSC Programs; and may warrant the attention of the Assembly for further study and consideration.

IV. REVIEW OF REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The GAEB also reviews all reports (without making any changes to the reports) that will be presented to the General Assembly. The GAEB either concurs or non-concurs with the recommendations contained in the reports. The reports submit to the GAEB are included in the Preliminary Minutes for the 145th General Assembly.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS	DISPENSATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS	GAEB DISPENSATION OF REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS
Moderator's Report		Concur with the Report
Vice Moderator's Report		Concur with the Report/Recommendation
Stated Clerks Report		Concur with the Report/Recommendation
Administrative Director's		Concur with the Report/Recommendations
Joint Committee on Amendments		To be Considered by the Assembly and Acted upon at the Assembly

Permanent Judiciary Report		To be Considered by the Assembly and Acted upon at the Assembly
Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns Report		To be Considered by the Assembly and Acted upon at the Assembly
Committee on Nomination Report		To be Considered by the Assembly and Acted upon at the Assembly
Historical Foundation Report		To be Considered by the Assembly and Acted upon at the Assembly
Final Unification Task Force Report		To be Considered by the Assembly and Acted upon at the Assembly

Respectfully Submitted,

Theodis Acklin

Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin,
Moderator

Vanessa K. Midgett

Elder Vanessa K. Midgett,
Stated Clerk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
TO THE
145TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
EMBASSY SUITES AND HOTELS
800 MONROE STREET
Huntsville, Alabama 35801**

Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly.

The Nominating Committee of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) makes the following report in two parts for your consideration. *Part I*, General Assembly Officials, and *Part II*, General Assembly Board(s), and Committee(s) seats.

PART I: GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICIALS

RECOMMENDATION I:

Committee submission for Nomination and Election: The Committee Nominates Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin for the position of Moderator of the CPCA Denomination. This committee further recommends the 145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America re-elect the Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin as Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America to serve a second term. **Note:** One (1) year of second term has been served as Moderator Acklin dutifully continued to serve during the annual Assembly meeting COVID Pandemic hiatus.

RECOMMENDATION II:

Committee submission for Nomination and Election Recommendation: This Committee Nominates Reverend Perry C Jackson for the Position of Vice Moderator of the CPCA Denomination. We further recommend the 145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America elects the Reverend Perry C. Jackson as Vice Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, first term.

Respectively submitted,

Reverend Doctor Barbara Clemons, Chairperson, _____

Reverend Elton Hall, _____

Reverend Perry Jackson, _____

Reverend Doctor Anthony Johnson, _____

Reverend Endia J. Scruggs, _____

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
TO THE
145TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PART II
- 11 July 2022**

PART II: GENERAL ASSEMBLY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION III.

Committee submission for Nomination and Election: This Committee Nominates Elder Vanessa K. Midgett for the Office of Stated Clerk, CPCA Denomination. The Committee further recommends the 145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America elects Elder Vanessa K. Midgett as Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, first term.

General Assembly Board of Judiciary- One Vacancy

RECOMMENDATION IV: *Nomination submission:* That Elder Leon Cole, Kentucky State Synod is nominated to serve a on the General Assembly Board of Judiciary, first term.

CPCA Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation- One Vacancy

RECOMMENDATION V:

Nomination submission: That Reverend Annett Pullom, Alabama Synod is nominated to serve on the CPCA Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation.

CPCA Unified Committee on Theological and Social Concerns- Four Vacancies

RECOMMENDATION VI:

Nomination submission:

- That Elder Yvonne Frierson, Kentucky State Synod is elected to serve a first term,
- That Elder Margaret Smith, Texas Synod is elected to serve a first term,
- That **(Need a Nominee)** Tennessee Synod is elected to serve a first term, and
- That **(Need a Nominee)** Alabama Synod is elected to serve a first term on the CPCA Unified Committee on Theological and Social Concerns.

Note: The Nominating Committee has intentionally left the Unified Committee on Theological and Social Concerns seats vacant for Tennessee Synod and Alabama Synod. It is the understanding of this Committee that neither Synod has held an annual meeting for this operating year. It is the hope of the Committee to obtain nominations from the Synods once the Synod has had an opportunity to meet. Therefore, this Committee is requesting names and the prerequisite Nomination Forms from each Synod with a vacancy. Requested Nominations and forms are to be forwarded to the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB) from each Synod to be sent to the GAEB for appointment by the GAEB.

RECOMMENDATION VII:

That all Board/Committee members that encountered expiring terms and who still maintain eligibility to serve (in their current seat) be re-elected by acclamation enabling and regularizing them to complete any remaining time in said position, committee/board.

(NOTE: In Roberts Rule of Order or Parliamentary Procedure, acclamation is a form of unanimous consent.)

RECOMMENDATION VIII:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following:
that the GAEB expired tenures, starting in year 2023 be staggered to only Two (2) members rolling off in 2023, (Kentucky Synod and the member at Large). Then in year 2024, the Alabama Synod and Texas Synod members terms will expire. Staggering the expiring terms in this manner will ensure critical institutional knowledge gained over the last Nine (9) years does not vanish so drastically. **Note:** This staggered expiration of terms should be considered and applied to the Board of Judiciary as well since this board faces the same wholesale turnover of members in year 2023.

Respectively submitted,

Reverend Doctor Barbara Clemons, Chairperson, _____

Reverend Elton Hall, _____

Reverend Perry Jackson, _____

Reverend Doctor Anthony Johnson, _____

Reverend Endia J. Scruggs, _____

APPENDIX A

Nominee Data Form
(For Prospective Members of Offices, Boards, and Committees of the General Assembly
Of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

Nomination for Alabama Synod Coordinator for the School of Continuing Education

1. Name Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua Minister Layperson
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Name Female Male
 2. Address 1963 County Road 406 Town Creek AL 35672
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip
 3. Phone Number NA 256-566-1226 N/A
Home Cell work
 4. E-Mail address fuq23.nf@gmail.com Fax Number 1-888-200-4552
 5. Congregation _____ Presbytery Florence
 6. Age: 15-19 _____ 20-24 _____ 25-35 _____ 36-44 _____ 45-54 _____ 55-64 _____ Over 64
 7. Areas of service in local congregation _____ Senior Pastor in charge of New Life CPCA located at 3515 AL Highway 20 West, Town Creek, AL 35672

 8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly _____
Presbytery - Stated Clerk, Finance Administrator, Committee on Ministry, Instructor over SCE Satellite School, Christian Education.
- Alabama Synod Served as Secretary of the Sunday School Convention, Served as Engrossing Clerk of the Synod, Served as Stated Clerk, Served as Director of Synod Youth Camp, Served on Synod Mission Board**
- General Assembly Served as a Christian Education Consultant, Engrossing Clerk, Theological and Social Concerns Committee, Ran the GA office when GA was in session Served as Editor of the Cumberland Flag, Served as Dean of the School of Continuing Education, Served as Instructor in the School of Continuing Education, Served as Coordinating Instructor for the General Assembly over the Florence Presbytery and Birmingham Presbytery and Advisory Council for PAS of CPCA and Instructor for PAS of CPA _____**
9. Occupation or Business Retired
 10. Education BS in Administration, MS in Management, M. Div. in Theology/Ministry and Dr. in Ministry

11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve ___ Alabama Synod Coordinator for the School of Continuing Education

12. Comments have been working in the CPCA denomination for fifty plus years and believe that I meet the criteria for nomination and to be elected to the position being sought with full support from my presbytery as being capable to handle the position with grace, compassion and commitment. _____

13. Please sign and date below indication your willingness to serve if elected:

Name: Nancy J. Ferguson Date 6/13/22

Endorsed by: _____ The Florence Presbytery of CPCA _____

Carey Johnson

Signature of Moderator of Presbytery

Date

Endorsed by: Nancy J. Ferguson 6/13/22
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

***Please return completed form to: General Assembly's Office, 226 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35801**

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Of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

Nomination for Appointment of Dean of the School of Continuing Education

1. Name Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua Minister Layperson
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Name Female Male
2. Address 1963 County Road 406 Town Creek AL 35672
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip
3. Phone Number NA 256-566-1226 N/A
Home Cell work
4. E-Mail address fuq23.nf@gmail.com Fax Number 1-888-200-4552
5. Congregation _____ Presbytery Florence
6. Age: 15-19 _____ 20-24 _____ 25-35 _____ 36-44 _____ 45-54 _____ 55-64 _____ Over 64
7. Areas of service in local congregation Senior Pastor in charge of New Life CPCA located at 3515 AL Highway 20 West, Town Creek, AL 35672

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly _____
Presbytery - Stated Clerk, Finance Administrator, Committee on Ministry, Instructor over SCE Satellite School, Christian Education.

Alabama Synod Served as Secretary of the Sunday School Convention, Served as Engrossing Clerk of the Synod, Served as Stated Clerk, Served as Director of Synod Youth Camp, Served on Synod Mission Board

General Assembly Served as a Christian Education Consultant, Engrossing Clerk, Theological and Social Concerns Committee, Ran the GA office when GA was in session Served as Editor of the Cumberland Flag, Served as Dean of the School of Continuing Education, Served as Instructor in the School of Continuing Education, Served as Coordinating Instructor for the General Assembly over the Florence Presbytery and Birmingham Presbytery and Advisory Council for PAS of CPCA and Instructor for PAS of CPA _____
9. Occupation or Business Retired
10. Education BS in Administration, MS in Management, M. Div. in Theology/Ministry and Dr. in Ministry

11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve **Appointment of Dean of the School of Continuing Education**

12. Comments have been working in the CPCA denomination for fifty plus years and believe that I meet the criteria for nomination and to be elected to the position being sought with full support from my presbytery as being capable to handle the position with grace, compassion and commitment. _____

13. Please sign and date below indication your willingness to serve if elected:

Name: Nancy D. Fugate Date 6/13/22

Endorsed by: _____ The Florence Presbytery of CPCA _____

Candace Ingram

Signature of Moderator of Presbytery

Date

Endorsed by: Nancy D. Fugate

Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery

Date

***Please return completed form to: General Assembly's Office, 226 Church St, Huntsville, AL 35801**

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Nomination for Stated Clerk

1. Name Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua Minister Layperson
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Name Female Male
2. Address 1963 County Road 406 Town Creek AL 35672
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip
3. Phone Number NA 256-566-1226 N/A
Home Cell work
4. E-Mail address fug23.nf@gmail.com Fax Number 1-888-200-4552
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9. Occupation or Business Retired
10. Education BS in Administration, MS in Management, M. Div. in Theology/Ministry and Dr. in Ministry
11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

12. Comments have been working in the CPCA denomination for fifty plus years and believe that I meet the criteria for nomination and to be elected to the position being sought with full support from my presbytery as being capable to handle the position with grace, compassion and commitment. _____

13. Please sign and date below indication your willingness to serve if elected:

Name: Mary J. Fugate Date 6/10/22

Endorsed by: _____ The Florence Presbytery of CPCA _____

Caryn Ingram

Signature of Moderator of Presbytery

Date

Endorsed by: Mary J. Fugate

Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery

Date

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1. Name CLIFFORD MALONE- HOLLINS Minister Layperson
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Name Female Male

2. Address 364 Weatherford Drive NW MADISON, AL 3:
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip

3. Phone Number (256) 457-7591
Home Cell work

4. E-Mail address Clifford.hollins343@gmail.com Fax Number _____

5. Congregation Hopewell CPCA of Leighton, AL Presbytery Florence

6. Age: 15-19 20-24 25-35 36-44 45-54 55-64 Over 64

7. Areas of service in local congregation Ministry / Pastor

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly _____
Moderator, Vice Moderator, Chairman, Treasurer

9. Occupation or Business PASTOR

10. Education GRADUATE DEGREE

11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve Vic. Moderator

12. Comments _____

13. Please sign and date below indication your willingness to serve if elected:

Clifford M. Hollins

Endorsed by: Cameron Ingram
Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date

Endorsed by: Marjorie Ingram 6/13/2022
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

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1. Name Perry C Jackson Minister X Layperson _____
 Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Female _____ Male X
 2. Address 1112 McCaslin Avenue Sweetwater Tennessee 37874
 Street Address or P. O. Box City State

3. Phone Number N/A 423-351-4043 865-213-8278
 Home Cell Work

4. E-Mail Address pcjackson27@icloud.com Fax Number Work 865-213-8278

5. Congregation Mt. Cumberland CPCA, Inc. Presbytery Hiwassee Presbytery

6. Age: 15-19 _____ 20-24 _____ 25-34 _____ 35-44 _____ 45-54 X 55-64 _____ Over 64 _____

7. Areas of service in local congregation Director of Youth/Youth Choir, Ordained Elder, Member/President/Asst. Director of Senior Choir, Member of Male Chorus, Sunday school teacher, and Asst. Superintendent of Sunday school. Co-Founder of Love Thy Neighbor Soup Kitchen/Missionary outreach. Pastor-Mt, Cumberland CPCA, Inc. 2012-Current.

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly Vice Moderator of Hiwassee Presbytery (3yrs), Moderator of Hiwassee Presbytery (4yrs), TN Synod Representative to the GAEB (8yrs), TN Synod Standing Trustee Board (4yrs).

9. Occupation or Business Case Manager/Discharge Planning Coordinator @ Sweetwater Hospital 2005-Current.

10. Education Studied Social Work-ETSU, Business Office Administration-Rice Business College, Banking Certificate- Cleveland State Comm. College, Studies Religion & Theology- Liberty University.

11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve Vice Moderator and/or TN Synod Representative to the GAEB.

12. Comments I am set apart to do the will of our almighty God. One who has been called/licensed/ordained to minister in sound teaching and preaching of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am humble yet active vessel walking in faith to serve the church with knowledge of government, doctrine, polity, and rules of order of the CPCA. I carry experience in serving in the capacity of moderating a judicatory body as vice moderator and moderator of the Hiwassee Presbytery.

13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:

Perry C Jackson 6/1/2022
 Endorsed by: Edward Cox June 2022
 Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date
 Endorsed by: Stephanie Worth 6/1/2022
 Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

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of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America)

1. **Name:** Mrs. Vanessa K. Midgett
2. **Address:** 118 Thunderbird Drive, Harvest, Alabama 35749
3. **Layperson:** (Elder)
4. **Preferred Identification:** Female
5. **Phone Number:** (256) 682-3405 – Cell Phone
6. **Phone Number:** (256) 859-5274 Home Phone
7. **Phone Number:** (256) 536-7481- Work
8. **E-Mail Address:** vkm118@aol.com
9. **E-Mail Address:** midgettvanessacpca@gmail.com
10. **Congregation:** Madkins Chapel CPCA, 2304 Oakwood Road, Huntsville, Alabama
11. **Presbytery:** Huntsville Presbytery
12. **Age:** 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64
 Over 64
13. **Areas of Service in Local Congregation:**
 - a. Serves as an Ordained Elder on the Madkins Chapel Church Session for 20 Years.
 - b. Chairperson of the Pastor's Anniversary Committee for 8 Years. Served as a member on this committee for more than 20 Years
 - c. Served on Christian Education Committee for 5 years.
 - d. Serves as Instructor and Facilitator for Congregational Training on Confession of Faith, Leadership Training, Parliamentary Procedure, New Member Orientation, etc.
 - e. Serves as Chairperson of the Madkins Chapel Wedding/Facility Usage Committee for 15 Years.
14. **Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly:**
 - a. Served on the Huntsville Presbytery Nomination Committee for 9 Years. Chaired the Committee for 6 years
 - b. Serving on the Committee on Ministry for 6 Years. Have served on various Commissions chartered to address and resolve sensitive Presbytery Matters. Have successfully aided in the resolution of such several such cases.

- c. Serves as an Instructor and Training Facilitator for the Presbytery. Is sought out by Church Sessions and Pastors to conduct a variety of training regarding Leadership Development, Parliamentary Procedure, Elder and Diaconate Ordination, etc. Serve as the Trainer/Facilitator for the Training needs of the HP Churches, developing training modules and course material as needed. Have developed and conducted several modules of Training regarding the Pastoral Search Process with Church Congregations and Sessions.
- d. Successfully chaired the Host Church/Presbytery Committee(s) for several for several General Assembly/Synod/Presbytery meetings.
- e. Served on the Nomination Committee of the Alabama Synod for 3 years.
- f. Served on the GA Board of Judiciary for 5 years.
- g. Served as Stated Clerk for the Alabama Synod for 9 Years. Served as Parliamentarian for the Presbytery and General Assembly.

15. Occupation:

Currently serving as the Administrative Director for the General Assembly Office of the for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. I have served in this position since

June of 2021. Additionally, I am serving as the Interim Stated Clerk or Stated Clerk

Pro Tem. This appointment was made effective also in June of 2021. In this dual-hatted work situation, I serve as the Administrative arm of the Cumberland the General Assembly Executive Board/General Assembly.

Prior to working in my current position, worked as a Director of Human Resources for one of the largest and most complex Army Installations, Redstone Arsenal Alabama.

(See Attached Resume).

- 16. Education:** B.S. Degree in Political Science/Minor in Communications, University of Alabama in Huntsville Alabama.

17. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve:

Stated Clerk for the CPCA Denomination.

18. Comments:

I am committed to a life of service to Christ Jesus and to His Church. I consider my work and service expended in support of the church, as my God given Vocation. My Lord and Savior has provided me a great many opportunities in my professional work life. Opportunities to learn and develop my proficiency and skills as an Administrator. God grants us all a gift or gift(s) designed to be used when working in His Church. Whatever gifts God has, in his infinite grace, granted to us; we are to use those gifts in the service of the Lord. What better way to apply those gifts than within His Church? I have and am doing my best to serve this church. Serving as the Stated Clerk is a privilege. This privileged opportunity will allow me to give and serve the Church in manner that God would have me to do; humbly and with

Christ's walk on this earth as the model to follow.

19. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:

Vanessa K. Hedgcock Date: 20 June 2
Nominee Signature

Endorsed by:

Barbara Clemons July 1, 2022
Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date:

Endorsed by:

Freddie R. R. July 1, 2022
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date:

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- 1. Name Rev. Annette L. Pullom Minister Layperson
 Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Female Male
- 2. Address 1313 35th Street W. (Ens.) Bham, AL 35211
 Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip
- 3. Phone Number 205 781-6020 205 540-5119
 Home Cell Work
- 4. E-Mail Address pastoralpullom@gmail.com Fax Number 205 781-602
- 5. Congregation Brantley Chapel CPCh Presbytery Birmingham
- 6. Age: 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 Over 64
- 7. Areas of service in local congregation Pastor / Teacher
- 8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly Stated Clerk - Presby
Member Com. Presbytery Member BAJ - Synod
Instructor - SCE - GA
- 9. Occupation or Business Retired / Disability WAA Hospice
- 10. Education Studied MS - Nursing Major - Minor Phil (Sem
- 11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve Member - Bd of Tru
of Historical Foundatn
- 12. Comments _____

13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:

Rev. Annette L. Pullom

 Endorsed by: [Signature] 6/20/22
 Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date

Endorsed by: Rev. Annette L. Pullom 6/20/22
 Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

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1. **Name:** Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin

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2. **Address:** 3415 Mastin Lake Road, Huntsville, Alabama 35810
3. **Ordained Minister and Church Pastor**
4. **Preferred Identification:** Male
5. **Phone Number:** (256) 468-9585 – Cell Phone
6. **Phone Number** (256) 752-3909 Home Phone
7. **E-Mail Address:** tedacklin@att.net
8. **Congregation:** (Serving as Pastor) Briar Fork CPCA, 2105 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Alabama 35811
9. **Presbytery:** Huntsville Presbytery

10. **Age:** 15-19 ___ 20-24 ___ 25-34 ___ 35-44 ___ 45-54 ___ 55-64 ___ Over 64 X ___

11. **Areas of Service in Local Congregation:**

Serves as an Ordained Minister and Pastor of Briar Fork CPCA for more than 30 Years.

12. **Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly:**

- ✓ Served on the Huntsville Presbytery Stated Clerk for 30 Years. Have served on various Commissions chartered to address and resolve sensitive Presbytery Matters. Serves as an Instructor for many years within the CPCA School of Continuing Education.
- ✓ Is sought out by Church Sessions and Pastors to conduct a variety of training regarding Leadership Development, Pastor Care, and Church Administration.
- ✓ Serves as a Go-To Person within the Presbytery. Frequently asked to share institutional and historic knowledge of the Huntsville Presbytery as a viable resource for the Presbytery.
- ✓ Has successfully served as the Stated Clerk for the Denomination for several terms.
- ✓ Has served as the Moderator for the General Assembly for two years during one of the most difficult transitional periods for the Denomination.

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1. Name ELDER MARGARETT ANN SMITH Minister Layperson
Preferred Title First Middle Initial Last Female Male

2. Address 2536 QUINTO DRIVE DALLAS, TEXAS 75227
Street Address or P. O. Box City State Zip

3. Phone Number 214-21 214 462-0422 RETIRED
Home Cell Work

4. E-Mail Address MargarettAnnSmith@gmail.com Fax Number _____

5. Congregation FAITH CPCA Presbytery BRAZOS RIVER

6. Age: 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 Over 64

7. Areas of service in local congregation DALLAS TEXAS 75227

8. Areas of service in Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly TEXAS, BRAZOS TR

9. Occupation or Business _____

10. Education _____

11. Specify Board or Office where you would like to serve TEXAS

12. Comments _____

13. Please sign and date below indicating your willingness to serve if elected:
Margarett Ann Smith 7/6/2022

Endorsed by: [Signature] 7-10-22
Signature of Moderator of Presbytery Date

Endorsed by: _____
Signature of Stated Clerk of Presbytery Date

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**BUDGET AND
FINANCE
(BANKING
COMMITTEE)
REPORT**



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
226 Church Street Northwest
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
(256) 536-7481**

**Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Moderator
Reverend Dr. Michael Jones, Vice Moderator
Elder Vanessa K. Midgett, Stated Clerk/Administrative Director**

**REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE BOARD
CPCA BANKING COMMITTEE**

June 19, 2022

The Committee would like to thank the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB) /General Assembly for the confidence you exhibited in the Summer of 2020 when the decision was formulated to appoint/confirm this Committee as the body to shepherd the finances of this Denomination. We have faithfully adhered to the mandates as outlined by the General Assembly Executive Board (GAEB) and that are contained in the CPCA Standing Rules. We have consistently and met as a committee. We worked diligently ensuring as a Committee, we provided close oversight and management of all church financial transactions and accounts. This Committee worked in tandem with the General Assembly Executive Board and the Administrative Director, regularly discussing the expenditure of funds, determining the most prudent usage of church funds.

This Committee has diligently monitored and tracked the finances. The Financial Management policy that we committed to follow, chartered our course for the past months. We are happy to report the following:

- ✓ That the Financial Health of the General Assembly is greatly improved!**
- ✓ That all bills have been paid over these last 24 months; nothing is in arrears.**
- ✓ Only one loan (JASKIA) remains as a monthly payable account. This one remaining loan will be paid in full as scheduled on 17 November 2022.**
- ✓ All wages and stipends have been paid on time.**
- ✓ The Church is in good standing with all vendors and service providers.**
- ✓ All financial records and banking statements are on file for inspection at the Center, 226 Church Street, NW, Huntsville, Alabama.**
- ✓ At this juncture, the Denomination has a bank balance of \$ 227,873.25 in the Regions Checking Account; \$ 38,876.84 Regions Bank Savings Account; and \$ 2,546.68 in the Truist (Formerly BB&T) Checking Account.**

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2021-22 Budget

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
10 Contributions				
11 Presbytery Contributions	\$ 8,976.30	\$ 160,000.00		
Angelina Presbytery	\$ 3,325.00			
Birmingham Presbytery				
Brazos Presbytery	\$ 1,500.00			
Cleveland OH Presbytery	\$ -			
East Texas Presbytery	\$ 1,365.00			
Elk River Presbytery	\$ 5,094.86			
Florence Presbytery	\$ 13,379.71			
Hiwassee Presbytery	\$ 9,356.53			
Huntsville Presbytery	\$ 69,164.25			
New Hopewell Presbytery	\$ 7,343.21			
Ohio Valley Presbytery				
South AL Presbytery	\$ 563.56			
TN Valley Presbytery	\$ 19,149.06			
Tuscaloosa Presbytery	\$ 9,878.93			
Total 11 Presbytery Contributions	\$ 149,096.41	\$ 160,000.00	\$ (10,903.59)	93.19%
12 CPCA Senior Missionary Society	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
14 Resource Center/Bookstore	\$ 139.29	\$ -	\$ 139.29	
16 School of Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
17 The Cumberland Flag	\$ 1,233.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 533.00	176.14%
18 Denominational Center Day Giving	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
20 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
20a. Insurance Claim -	\$ -			
20b. Prior FY Refunds -	\$ 160.00			
20c. Other Deposits - Interest	\$ 224.45			
25 Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total 10 Contributions	\$ 150,853.15	\$ 160,700.00	\$ (10,231.30)	93.87%
Total Revenue	\$ 150,853.15	\$ 160,700.00	\$ (9,846.85)	93.87%
Gross Profit	\$ 150,853.15	\$ 160,700.00	\$ (9,846.85)	93.87%
Expenditures				
100 Education and Leadership Devel		\$ -	\$ -	
1000 Administrative Personnel			\$ -	
1006 Custodian-Contracted	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	100.00%
1007 Bookkeeper-Contracted	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ -	100.00%
1008 Admin Director Salary	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	100.00%
1012 Attorney	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	100.00%
1013 Banking Committee	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	100.00%
Total 1000 Administrative Personnel	\$ 31,680.00	\$ 31,680.00	\$ -	100.00%
1100 Travel/Performance of Ministry			\$ -	
1101 General Assembly Executive Bd	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	0.00%
1102 Historical Foundation	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	0.00%
1103 Judiciary Board	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0.00%
1104 Administrative Director	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	0.00%
1106 Moderator	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ (1,750.00)	0.00%
1108 Theological.Social Concern Comm	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	0.00%
Total 1100 Travel/Performance of Ministry	\$ -	\$ 7,250.00	\$ (7,250.00)	0.00%
200 Youth Ministry			\$ -	
201 Youth Concerns	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0.00%
204 National Youth Work	\$ -		\$ -	

Total 200 Youth Ministry	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0.00%
300 Outreach Ministry			\$ -	
302 Natl Missionary Society/Scholarshps	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
304 Natl Missionary Society Convention	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0.00%
305 Charitable Giving	\$ 300.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (6,200.00)	4.62%
Total 300 Outreach Ministry	\$ 300.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (6,700.00)	4.29%
400 Giving			\$ -	
401 Bereavement/Courtesy	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)	0.00%
Total 400 Giving	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)	0.00%
500 Clergy Concerns - Minister Conf			\$ -	
503 School of Continuing Education	\$ 1,829.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ (5,971.00)	23.45%
Total 500 Clergy Concerns - Minister Conf	\$ 1,829.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ (5,971.00)	23.45%
600 Communications			\$ -	
601 Flag	\$ 1,408.05	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (91.95)	93.87%
Total 600 Communications	\$ 1,408.05	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (91.95)	93.87%
700 Other Programs & Partnerships			\$ -	
701 Coalition of Appalachian Minist		\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0.00%
702 General Assembly Meeting	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 43,500.00	\$ (28,500.00)	34.48%
702.10 General Assembly Expenses, Venue	\$ 3,380.87			
702.40 GA - Moderator		\$ 500.00		
702.41 GA - Vice Moderator		\$ 250.00		
702.42 GA - Stated Clerk		\$ 500.00		
702.43 GA - Engrossing Clerk		\$ 250.00		
Total 702 General Assembly Meeting	\$ 18,380.87	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (26,619.13)	40.85%
704 Preliminary Minutes.GA Minutes	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0.00%
706 Presbyterian Chaplains	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	0.00%
707 World Communion Reformed Church	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	0.00%
Total 700 Other Programs & Partnerships	\$ 18,380.87	\$ 48,000.00	\$ (29,619.13)	38.29%
800 Resource Center			\$ -	
801 Sales Taxes	\$ 162.79	\$ 200.00	\$ (37.21)	81.40%
802 Business License.Property Tax	\$ 119.56	\$ 60.00	\$ 59.56	199.27%
803 Mailing	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	0.00%
805 Other Literature	\$ 967.74	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,032.26)	48.39%
Total 800 Resource Center	\$ 1,250.09	\$ 2,310.00	\$ (1,059.91)	54.12%
900 Administrative and Operational			\$ -	
901 Insurance - Building/Workers Comp	\$ 8,392.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 792.00	110.42%
902 Maintenance Building	\$ 7,520.99	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (2,479.01)	75.21%
903 Postage	\$ 466.89	\$ 300.00	\$ 166.89	155.63%
904 Office Supplies	\$ 1,363.53	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 363.53	136.35%
905 Telephone/Internet	\$ 2,361.72	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 261.72	112.46%
906 Utilities	\$ 5,162.77	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (837.23)	86.05%
907 Pest Control	\$ 621.82	\$ 1,180.00	\$ (558.18)	52.70%
908 Security System	\$ 2,704.26	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 354.26	115.07%
913 Membership Fees	\$ 149.75	\$ 300.00	\$ (150.25)	49.92%
914 Rentals	\$ 5,607.67	\$ 6,300.00	\$ (692.33)	89.01%
916 Computer Software	\$ 1,679.80	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 179.80	111.99%
918 Issued Debt/Loans	\$ 6,793.68	\$ 6,795.00	\$ (1.32)	99.98%
919 Bank Fees	\$ 301.59	\$ 300.00	\$ 1.59	100.53%
950 Other	\$ 1,114.61	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 114.61	111.46%
Total 900 Administrative and Operational	\$ 44,241.08	\$ 48,725.00	\$ (2,483.92)	94.68%
Total Expenditures	\$ 99,089.09	\$ 152,965.00	\$ (53,875.91)	64.78%
Net Revenue	\$ 51,764.06	\$ 7,735.00	\$ 44,029.06	669.22%

Account Balances:			
Regions Bank Operating	\$227,873.25		
Regions Bank Savings	\$38,876.84		
BB&T/Truist	\$2,546.68		
CPCA Min. Education Endowment	\$1,027.41		
CPCA World Mission Endowment	\$1,298.07		
National Miss. Society of CPCA Endowment	\$40,934.70		
Total Assets	\$312,556.95		

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	Beginning Balance	\$1,089.52
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1/31/2022	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$38.38)
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3/31/2022	Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$2.63
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	Beginning Balance	\$1,376.57
1/31/2022	Interest	\$0.31
1/31/2022	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$48.49)
2/28/2022	Interest	\$0.13
2/28/2022	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$16.90)
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3/31/2022	Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$3.32
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860030 - National Missionary Society of the CP Church in America		
	Beginning Balance	\$43,409.81
1/31/2022	Interest	\$9.66
1/31/2022	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$1,529.11)
2/28/2022	Interest	\$4.14
2/28/2022	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$532.73)
3/31/2022	Interest	\$4.78
3/31/2022	Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$104.72
3/31/2022	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$536.57)
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HISTORICAL FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(CPC 189th and 190th Reports Included)

THE REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The officers of the board are as follows: Pat Ward, president; Kelly Shanton, vice- president; and Martha Jo Mims, secretary. Susan Knight Gore is the director and treasurer of the Historical Library and Archives.

B. BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The board's representative to the 191st General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is Reverend Lisa Oliver. The alternate is Cathy Littlefield.

C. MEMBERSHIP

The board is currently composed of the following members: from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America— Reverend Joe Howard III, Willie Lynk, and Pat Ward, from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church— Robin McCaskey Hughes, Ashley Lindsey, Cathy Littlefield, Martha Jo Mims, Lisa Oliver, and Kelly Shanton.

D. MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE

The second terms of Robin McCaskey-Hughes, Ashley Lindsey, and Willie Lynk expire with the 2022 meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly, and they are eligible for reelection. The first term of Martha Jo Mims expires with the 2022 meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly, and she is eligible for reelection.

E. STAFF

Susan Knight Gore serves as the Archivist of the Historical Foundation. Missy Rose is the archival assistant for the Foundation.

II. ASSEMBLY REPORTING

A. STRUCTURE AND RELATIONS

As a matter of official structure, relative to the CPC, there is a Board of Trustees composed of members from both the CPC and CPCA, and relative to the CPCA, there is a committee composed of members from the CPCA.

II. PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

A. HISTORY INTERPRETATION AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. The 1810/1874 Circle

In order to enlist the financial support of interested members of our churches in the work of the Foundation, the 1810/1874 Circle was created. Membership is based on a financial contribution of \$25 or more per year. Income through such gifts enables the Foundation to meet expenditures and is vital to the continued work of the Foundation.

We appreciate the support given to the Foundation by all members of the 1810/1874 Circle and encourage other members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America to join this donor group.

2. Patrons

Persons who contribute \$100 or more to one of the endowments of the Historical Foundation become patron members and receive a certificate. Patron memberships may also be given in honor or in memory of an individual.

3. Heritage Churches

Congregations contributing a minimum of \$1,000 to an endowment of the Historical Foundation become Heritage Church. There are six categories of recognition and churches can move from one level to another.

Heritage Church \$1,000 - \$4,999
 Silver Heritage Church \$5,000 to \$9,999
 Golden Heritage Church \$10,000 to \$24,999
 Platinum Heritage Church \$25,000 to \$49,999
 Diamond Heritage Church \$50,000 to \$99,000
 Jubilee Heritage Church \$100,000 and up

4. Presbyterian Heritage Committees/Presbyterial Historians

To promote interest in the work of the Foundation and to nurture work in history on the presbyterial level, the Historical Foundation seeks to work cooperatively with the Presbyterian Heritage Committees/Presbyterial Historians of both general assemblies. The brochure, *Suggestions for Heritage Committees and Presbyterial Historians*, is available from the Foundation. The board expresses its appreciation to the presbyteries that have Heritage Committees/Presbyterial Historians.

5. Denomination Day Offering

The 2022 Denomination Day Offering was designated to fund the conversion of fragile and deteriorating analogue media to digital formats in order that it might better be preserved.

The Foundation expresses appreciation to congregations and others groups who received special offerings for the work of the Historical Foundation on Denomination Day. This special offering provides an opportunity for congregations to directly contribute to the support of the Historical Foundation as well as the Foundation supplying educational materials to each congregation.

B. PUBLICATIONS

1. Promotional Materials

The Historical Foundation provides promotional materials describing its purpose and work, the various means of financially supporting this work, and listings of available publications and prints for sale through the Foundation. These materials are available on the Foundation's website.

2. Publication Series

The Foundation has a number of titles and prints available for purchase. Income from the sale of these items goes into the Historical Foundation Trust, a permanent endowment supporting the Foundation's work. Titles available are:

1883 Confession of Faith.

1895 Cumberland Cook

Book

Cumberland Presbyterianism and Arminianism Compared/Contrasted on Selected Doctrines

by Joe Ben Irby.

Faith Once Delivered; Some Indispensable Doctrines of the Christian Faith by Joe Ben Irby.

Family of Faith: Cumberland Presbyterians in Harrison County [Texas], 1848-1998

by Rose Mary Magrill.

God So Loved by Roy Hall.

History of East Side Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, Memphis Tennessee: 1926-1986, by the Historical Committee.

History of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church by B. W. McDonnold.

Jerusalem Cumberland Presbyterian Church: A Documentary and Pictorial History
by Anne Elizabeth Swain Odom.

Legacy of Grace: Louisiana and Texas Cumberland Presbyterian People & Places of Trinity Presbytery

by Rose Mary Magrill.

Life and Thought of Finis Ewing by Joe Ben Irby. *Life and Thought of Milton Bird* by Joe Ben Irby. *Life and Thought of Reuben Burrow* by Joe Ben Irby.

Life and Thought of Robert Verrell Foster by Joe Ben Irby. *Life and Thought of Stanford Guthrie Burney* by Joe Ben Irby. *Life and Times of Finis Ewing* by F. R. Cossitt.

Soundings by Morris Pepper.

Theological Snippets by Joe Ben

Irby. *This They Believed* by Joe Ben Irby.

What Cumberland Presbyterians Believe by E. K. Reagin.

Women Shall Preach: Celebrating 125 Years of Ordained Women in Ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Prints of the *Samuel McAdow Home* and the *First Meeting of Cumberland Presbytery*. These items are available for sale from Cumberland Presbyterian Resources.

3. Denomination Day Resources

All the Past is but the Beginning of Beginning (Denomination Day resource) is available on the Foundation's web site under the Resources section:

<http://www.cumberland.org/hfcpc/resource/>

It includes eight dramas intended to present the birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. A hard copy may be requested from the Foundation office.

4. Online Promotion

Recognizing the increasing value of emerging social media, the Historical Foundation employs a Facebook group, "Historical Foundation of the CPC & CPCA," to engage an expanding audience of Cumberland Presbyterians in denominational history and heritage. By showcasing collection acquisitions, the Foundation expands the knowledge of those materials sought for preservation as well as the nature of archival development. The Foundation also employs a Facebook Page. The Facebook Page is somewhat more informal and is ideal for announcements.

C. HISTORICAL FOUNDATION AWARDS

1. Award in Cumberland Presbyterian History

The Foundation encourages the writing and publication of papers on all aspects of the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. One means of promoting such writing is the Historical Foundation Award in Cumberland Presbyterian History. A \$300 prize is awarded to the author entering the best paper on any CPC or CPCA history subject which meets in form and content the requirements set by the Board of Trustees and judged by the board appointed awards committee. All manuscripts submitted to the competition become property of the Foundation and are added to the Historical Library and Archives.

The contest follows the calendar year, and entries for the 2022 competition are encouraged. All entries will be accepted through December 2022 for this year's contest. Any entries received following the deadline of December 31st will be automatically entered in the 2023 competition.

Guidelines and entry forms for submitting manuscripts to the competition are available from the Foundation office as well as on the internet, <http://www.cumberland.org/hfcpc/Awards.htm>. The Historical Foundation appreciates the participation of past and future CPCA and CP historians in this program.

2. Awards of Recognition

Awards of recognition are certificates given to organizations or individuals in recognition of historic events or contributions to the preservation of our heritage as Cumberland Presbyterians. bAppropriate applications for the award are: particular churches celebrating anniversaries of their organization; any judicatory or agency celebrating publication of a written history; celebrations of history or historic event in a creative or unusual manner; individuals who have provided continued service for 50 years or more as members of a local congregation or presbytery; individuals who have served for 40 years or more in a continuing leadership role (including pastors) within a local church. Individuals, churches, or presbyterial heritage committees may make application for the issuing of an award by contacting the Foundation office. Application forms are supplied by the Foundation office as well as the internet,
<http://www.cumberland.org/hfcpc/Awards.htm>.

D. RELATIONSHIPS

Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest

The Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest is an agency of The Synod of the Sun, Presbyterian Church (USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. Members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church who serve on the board of this organization are Reverend Norlan Scrudder, Reverend Michael Qualls, and Reverend Perryn Rice.

IV. HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

A. RESEARCH SERVICE

The Foundation's main research commitment is to the agencies, local congregations, and members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches. Since the Historical Library and Archives of the Historical Foundation serves as the official repository for the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assemblies, this is our focus. Although the separation of research into two types designated by their mode of access has been rapid and dramatic, both the traditional and "cyber" mode contribute to and enhance the other.

1. Traditional/Physical Access

Hands on access to primary source material remains the vital heart of historic and theological research. Rather than being diminished by increased electronic resources, traditional research has broadened due to heightened awareness of primary sources in an expanding information age. The Foundation receives research requests by personal visitors, mail, e-mail, and telephone. As time permits, requests are researched. Responses are sent to the requestor, as well as pertinent information on ministers, congregations, presbyteries and synods being placed on our website for future researchers.

2. Electronic Access

The Foundation's website continues to expand in order to provide greater access to the materials in the Historical Library and Archives. As well as being a research tool, the internet provides an invaluable and inexpensive means of promotion for the physical collections of the Historical Library and Archives, the activities of the Historical Foundation, and for the greater community of faith called Cumberland Presbyterians. Information at the site includes: general information about the Foundation, entire texts of important historical documents, historical information on particular congregations, ministers, presbyteries, and synods. Beginning in 2018, the Foundation added a YouTube Channel for historic films documenting the faith-life of Cumberland Presbyterians. The gateway URL to the Foundation's website is
<http://www.cumberland.org/hfcpc/>.

The YouTube Channel can be accessed directly at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTk4Wnc8b1T96d0L8Vkt4lg>
 or through the gateway URL.

B. ACQUISITIONS

The Historical Library and Archives regularly receives items published by the two denominations, *Minutes of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church*, *Preliminary Minutes of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church*, *Yearbook of the General Assembly of the Cumberland*

Presbyterian Church, The Cumberland Presbyterian, Missionary Messenger, Minutes of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, Preliminary Minutes of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, and The Cumberland Flag. Synods and presbyteries deposit four copies of their printed minutes in the Historical Library and Archives. In addition, books, pamphlets, theses, dissertations, records and publications of general assembly, boards, agencies, institutions, and task forces; records and publications of synods and presbyteries, session records and other materials of particular churches, biographical material of Cumberland Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America ministers, photographs, audiovisual materials, and museum items were among the accessions received.

Some of the highlights added to the collection include:

Books Belfrage, Cedric. *A Faith to Free the People: An Answer to Religion's Fifth Column.* An

enlargement of the author's biography of Claude Williams, first published under the title: Let my people go. Signed by the author. People's Institute of Applied Religion, Inc., 1946.

Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, In the United States of America: Containing The Confession of Faith, The Catechism, and A Directory For the Worship of God: Together With The Form of Government and Discipline. As Revised and adopted by the General Assembly, at Princeton, Ky., May, 1829. Pittsburgh: Pennsylvania Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, on a grant given by the General Assembly, in 1833, to the original Penn. Presbytery. Forrester and Campbell, Printers, 1839.

Ewing, Finis. *A Series of Lectures, on the Most Important Subjects in Divinity.* Fayetteville, Tennessee: Printed for the Cumberland Presbyterian Synod by E. and J. B. Hill, 1827.

Psalms and Hymns Adapted to Social, Private, and Public Worship, in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Nashville, Tenn.: Committee of Publication, 1860.

Snead, Mrs. Grady, L. T. Sparks, Mrs. Ben Surber and Mrs. Will Wright. *History of the Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church 1822-1937.* **Institutions**

Trinity University: Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future. San Antonio, Texas: Maverick Books/ Trinity University Press, 2019.

Ward-Belmont College. Nashville, Tennessee.

Ward Seminary merged with Belmont College for Young Women in 1913.

Milestones. 1918.

Periodicals and Curriculum

Bone, Mrs. Martha H., Mrs. Matilda Frizzell and Mrs. Lou Henderson. *The Child's Scripture Questions No. 1 for Sabbath Schools or Private Families.* Nashville, Tenn.: Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House, no date.

The Cumberland Flag. Volume 27 Number 6. June 15, 1957.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women. Second Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Directory. 1983.

The Lesson Leaf. Fourth Quarter, Lesson 7, November 13, 1932.

Museum Items

Columbia, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Columbia, Tennessee.

Mug. Cottage Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Cream pitcher.

Fussell, Joseph Henry (1836-1915) Moderator of the General Assembly in 1910.

Member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Tennessee. Family Bible.

Gavel. Alabama-Florida-Mississippi Synod. Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Jim Hunter, Moderator. October 9-10, 1986. Huntsville, Alabama.

Landrith, Ira (1865-1941)

Political Pin. In 1916 J. Frank Hanley and Rev. Ira Landrith were the Prohibition Party nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States. In 1906 Rev Landrith was the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Shinar Cumberland Presbyterian Church. New London, Iowa. Commemorative Ribbon. 1839-1989.

Other Congregational Records

- Hubbard Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Hubbard, Texas. Files.
 Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Lebanon, Ohio. Funeral Invitation. Miss S. M. Monfort. November 17, 1856.
 Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Lebanon, Ohio.
 Program. Fiftieth Anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. March 20, 1886.
 Oak Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Ashdown, Arkansas.
 Treasurer's Book. 1950-1951.

Photographs

Birmingham, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Birmingham, Alabama.
 (Today this building is the McDowell Memorial (Norwood) Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Potts, Jeff D. (1862-1954)

Photograph of Rev. Potts standing in front of the Sandy Valley Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Lick community, Llano county, Texas in 1929.
 McAdoo School. Dickson County, Tennessee.

Many of the people in the photograph were members of the McAdow Memorial Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Postcards

- Bridgeport Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.
 Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House. Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Cover. October 16, 1906 to Rev. Tho. C. Johnson, U. T. Seminary, Richmond, Va. This was during the time the publishing house was in the hands of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. This lasted from May 1906-February 23, 1910.
 Dayton Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Dayton, Tennessee. Maxwell Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Maxwell, Iowa.
 Trinity University. Waxahachie, Texas.

Presbyterial Records

Elk River Presbytery. Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.
 Celebrating 150 Years 1869-2019, Elk River Presbytery. July 20, 2019 at Montgomery Bell State Park.

Session Records

- Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Algood, Tennessee.
 Abstract of session records. October 13, 1860-April 6, 1879.
 Bound with Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Cookeville, Tennessee. Abstract of session records 1827-March 24, 1866 and August 3, 1928-September 5, 1948. **Synods**

Kentucky States Synod. Second Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
 Program of the 84th Session of the Kentucky States Synod, Synodical Sunday School Convention, Synodical

C.P.W. August 11-16, 1986.

Tennessee Synod. Second Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Program of the Tennessee Synod and Synodical Societies. October 15-18, 1970.

In all judicatories, from the session of the congregation through presbytery, synod, and the General Assemblies of both the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, minutes form the legal record of the judicatory. Without these records there is often nothing to document persons joining the church, ordination as elder and clergy, disciplinary actions, etc. It is important to be aware that legally original minutes are always the property of the judicatory for which they are created. Should that judicatory cease to exist, the next higher judicatory becomes custodian responsible for securing and preserving the records of the extinct body. It can be difficult to convince persons that records kept by their relative are not family property but the General Assemblies of both denominations have ruled the only legal repository for the records of extinct judicatories is the Historical Foundation.

V. BIRTHPLACE SHRINE

The Birthplace Shrine located at Montgomery Bell State Park near Dickson, Tennessee was dedicated June 18, 1960. This site consists of the Memorial Chapel and a replica of the Reverend Samuel McAdow's log house. Since 1994, the Foundation has been responsible for the preservation and promotion of the Birthplace Shrine. Four endowments provide funds for

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maintenance and repairs: the Grace Johnson Beasley

Birthplace Shrine Fund, the Birthplace Shrine Fund, the Henry Evan Harper Endowment for Cumberland Presbyterian History, and the P.F. Johnson Memorial Endowment. Gifts to these endowments provide for the continued preservation of the Birthplace Shrine. Interested donors are encouraged to contact the Foundation office. Another means of support are the fees collected from couples who use the chapel for their wedding ceremony. These funds are added to the Birthplace Shrine Fund and earnings are used for maintenance and special projects. The Board encourages individuals and groups to visit the Birthplace Shrine as an act of remembering our heritage and envisioning our future as Cumberland Presbyterians.

Recognizing the recognition and visibility that the Birthplace Shrine provides for the Cumberland Presbyterian denominations, the Foundation both sponsors and regularly participates in three activities at the Birthplace: Denomination Day, Easter Sunrise Service, and Christmas at the Bell. Both the Denomination Day and Christmas at the Bell events are costume re-enactments which interactively interpret denominational history for both Cumberland Presbyterians and other park visitors.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to contact the Foundation to set up work days and special projects. The Foundation thanks the Heritage Committee of Nashville Presbytery and the Charlotte Cumberland Presbyterian Church for their continuing volunteer upkeep of the property.

VII. FINANCIAL CONCERNS AND 2023 BUDGET

A. BUDGETS

The 2023 line-item budget of the Historical Foundation has been filed with the CPC General Assembly Office.

B. ENDOWMENTS

Anne Elizabeth Knight Adams Heritage Fund
 Rosie Magrill Alexander Trust
 Paul H. and Ann M. Allen Heritage
 Fund Barnett Family Heritage Fund
 Grace Johnson Beasley Birthplace Shrine
 Fund Ethel Beal Benedict Heritage Fund
 Birthplace Shrine Fund
 James L. and Louise M. Bridges Heritage
 Fund Mark and Elinor Swindle Brown Heritage
 Fund Sydney and Elinor Brown Heritage Fund
 Centennial Heritage Endowment
 Walter Chesnut Heritage Fund
 Lavenia Campbell Cole Heritage
 Fund
 Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America Heritage Fund
 Cumberland Presbyterian Women Archival Supplies
 Endowment Bettye Jean Loggins McCaffrey Ellis Heritage
 Fund
 Samuel Russell & Mary Grace (Barefoot) Estes
 Endowment Family of Faith Endowment
 Gam Family Heritage Fund
 Gettis and Delia Snyder Gilbert Heritage
 Fund James C. and Freda M. Gilbert
 Heritage Fund James C. and Freda M.
 Gilbert Trust
 Mamie A. Gilbert Trust
 Henry Evan Harper Endowment for Cumberland Presbyterian History
 Ronald Wilson and Virginia Tosh Harper Endowment
 Historical Foundation Trust
 Donald and Jane Hubbard Heritage
 Fund Cliff and Jill Hudson Heritage
 Fund Robert and Kathy Hull
 Endowment
 Into the Nineties Endowment
 Joe Ben Irby Heritage Fund
 P. F. Johnson Memorial Endowment Irene A. Kiefer Endowment

Chow King Leong Endowment
Dennis Lawrence & Elmira Castleberry Magrill Trust
J. Richard Magrill Heritage Fund
Joe Richard and Mary Belle Magrill Trust
Gwendolyn McCaffrey McReynolds Heritage
Fund Jimmie Joe McKinley Heritage Fund
Edith Louise Mitchell Heritage Fund
Lloyd Freeman Mitchell Heritage Fund
Snowdy Clifton and Lillian Walkup Mitchell Heritage Fund
Rev. Charles and Paulette Morrow Endowment
Virginia Sue Williamson Morrow Heritage Fund
Anne Elizabeth Swain Odom Heritage Fund
Martha Sue Parr Heritage Fund
Florence Pennewill Heritage Fund
Morris and Ruth Pepper
Endowment Publishing House
Endowment Mable Magrill Rundell
Trust
Samuel Callaway Rundell Heritage
Fund Paul and Mary Jo Schnorbus
Heritage Fund
Roy and Mary Seawright Shelton Heritage
Fund Shiloh CPC Ellis County Texas
Endowment Hinkley and Vista Smartt Heritage
Fund
John William Sparks Heritage Fund
Irvin Scott and Annie Mary Draper Swain Heritage Fund
F. P. Waits Historical Trust

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Ward, President
Susan Knight Gore, Archivist

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS/HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

I. REFERRALS

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation and The Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Ms. Susan Knight Gore, Archivist, Historical Foundation; Ashley Lindsey, Historical Foundation Board Representative; Navy Chaplain Lyman M. Smith (CAPT, CHC, USN), Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel, and Mr. Tommy Craig, representative, General Assembly Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND PERSONNEL

The Chaplains/Historical Foundation Committee recognizes this has been a very trying time to be a chaplain. We appreciate Chaplain Smith meeting with this committee and the insights he shared regarding the ministry opportunities being laid before the chaplaincy.

As with previous presentations to the committee, Chaplain Lyman Smith shared the great need our service communities have for people to answer the call to the chaplaincy. There are many opportunities to serve, and unlike some times in the past there are more resources dedicated to training and supporting for those endorsed to serve as chaplains. The need for dedicated spiritual guidance is being recognized on a broader scale. Many of the federal agencies within the USA are incorporating endorsed chaplains in the field. We encourage those called to ministry to consider the chaplaincy as it benefits their pastoral calling and financial resources may be available to help complete training.

1. SUPPORT OF THE PCCMP

This committee recognizes the authority of the presbytery at the local level and presents the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, "that each USA Cumberland Presbyterian Church provide an opportunity for their congregations to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May, or another special day, to support our ministry through the PFC," be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That presbyteries encourage each USA Cumberland Presbyterian Church to provide an opportunity for their congregations to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May, or another special day, to support our ministry through the PFC.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, "that individual congregations of both the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America encourage their individual churches and members to designate special days through the year to engage in prayer to hold up the chaplains and their families in the service to which they have been endorsed," be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That presbyteries encourage their individual churches and members to designate special days through the year to engage in prayer to hold up the chaplains and their families in the service to which they have been endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, "that the 190th General Assembly change its bylaws in Article 10.01.03 and 10.08 to rename the Commission to Commission on Federal Chaplaincies," be adopted.

B. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

The Chaplains/Historical Foundation Committee recognizes the unending task of archiving our vital church history. We are very appreciative of the dedication and passion Mrs. Susan Knight Gore and Ms. Ashley Lindsey have for this ministry. Preservation of our collective history for future generations is often a less than glorious and underappreciated calling.

1. SUPPORT OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
Regarding Section III, A5, Denomination Day Offering.

The committee felt there needs to be an understanding of the scope and cost of digitizing historical records.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That the Historical Foundation obtain budgetary estimates for the conversion of fragile and deteriorating analogue media to digital formats in order that it might be preserved. This estimate is to be presented to the 191st general assembly.

Respectively submitted,
The Chaplains/Historical Foundation Committee

**Report of the Historian
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**

June 25, 2022

Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly

I respectfully request to submit the following report for your consideration and action. The 2019 meeting of general Assembly “Approved that CPCA to become very active in preserving our history in the achieves to accomplish this the Moderator was asked for a volunteer or to appoint a person to lead this project throughout the denomination. Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua volunteered and was appointed. The responsibility of the Historian[is] formation of a plan of action to include but not limited to making contact with all agencies and persons in the denomination to assist them in providing the historical facts on persons and organization to gather additional history of the CPCA denominations and families. The approved budget was \$ 300.00, which the Historical Foundation will provide a matching grant. Information taken from minutes of the 2019 meeting of General Assembly. Also, there was not much that was accomplished because the GA approved that a full report is forwarded to the GAEB regarding the progress of this project.” Sent a report to the stated clerk (2019), but no response. This will be the first time reporting to the GA. As a result of this assignment, I have been able to accomplish the following:

Items collected for the CPC/CPCA Historical Foundation Achieves

1. 200 cassettes on denomination church history that recorded the History book of CPCA
2. 25 Ordained Ministers Obituaries
3. 1 Legal Counsel Obituary
4. School of Continuing Beginning History
5. Florence Presbytery Minutes of various years
6. Lone Star Church (Closed) Records
7. Alabama Synod Original Minutes
8. Alabama Synod Printed Minutes of various years
9. 1965 General Assembly Minute
10. Summary of Actions of various meetings of the General Assembly
11. Unification Plan of Action
12. Copies of the Cumberland Flag
13. Current activity - in the process of possibly retrieving information on churches and presbyteries that have closed for various reason (i.e., Mt. Olive CPCA, Kansouri Presbytery)
14. Also, these items that have been collected have been cataloged and ready for delivery to the Historical Foundation in Memphis in Mid-August 2022

Recommendation 1: That a room be set aside for historical data to be deposited for the archives and that the historian have access to that space when needed at the denomination center for

purposes of cataloging and preserving of documents and other materials which relate to the life and history of the church and to prepare for delivery to the Historical Foundation Archives.

Recommendation 2. That a \$ budget of \$ 600.00 be approved (~~\$300.00~~ for 2022 and the 2019 budget be carried over since it was not provided) Bringing the total to \$600.00


Recommendation 3. That the historian (s) sends a letter to individuals, Congregations, Presbyteries and Synod asking for contact person (s) to assist in collecting historical documents and that they receive information that will assist in spreading the word of why this is important to preserving our history as an African-America denomination.

According to the standing rules of the General Assembly there is a Historical committee with functions as those of the appointed historian "... oversee the receiving, cataloging, and preserving of documents and other materials which relate to the life and history of the church" (GA Standing Rules Section 5. Historical Foundation pg. 13 attached). There seems to be some confusion.

Recommendation 4: That the historian (if the denomination is planning to keep this appointment) hold a Meeting with those persons who are elected to serve on this committee to accomplish the task by bringing them up to speed and they accomplish the task in recommendation 3 since we have representation from every synod.

Recommendation 5: To encourage persons to write the history of a person or persons who were instrumental in the building of their churches, presbyteries, and synods. The historian will send the required information request to be submitted.

Humbly submitted


Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Fuqua
CPCA Historian

Attachment

THEOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

(CPC 189th and 190th Reports Included)

THE REPORT OF THE UNIFIED COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

I. MEETING AND OFFICERS

Due to continued concerns and safety precautions related to the COVID virus, the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (UCTSC) met only once this past year, on November 6, 2021, by Zoom. The following officers were elected: Reverend Edmund Cox (CPCA) and Reverend Mitch Boulton (CPC) Co-Chairs; and Reverend Nancy Fuqua (CPCA), Secretary.

II. GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE

The Committee elected John Talbott (CPC) to serve as the representative at the meeting of the CPC General Assembly in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Reverend Lisa Scott will be the alternate. Reverend Nancy Fuqua was elected as the representative to the CPCA General Assembly meeting in Huntsville, AL and Elder Edmund Cox was elected as the alternate.

III. STUDY PAPERS

The Committee does not have any study papers before them at this time. A compilation of study papers previously approved by the General Assemblies (CPC and CPCA) are available online, as well as a *Guide to the Process of Writing Study Papers* for those interested in submitting papers to the Committee for consideration (www.cumberland.org).

IV. WORKS IN PROGRESS

The 189th General Assembly instructed the UCTSC to propose a report for the 190th General Assembly on how the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the can better teach, practice, and hold ministers and sessions accountable for following our theology of baptism. The UCTSC, rather than bringing yet another position paper on Baptism, is working with the Discipleship Ministry Team of the Ministry Council, to develop a blueprint (workshop design) on our theology of baptism for use by congregations and presbyteries. The design draws upon the Confession of Faith and other Cumberland Presbyterian writings as foundational elements for the content of the workshop.

The UCTSC also continues its work on developing guidelines for a theological/social concerns panel made up of representatives of the CPC/CPCA to address emerging issues in a timelier way. Panel responses would not have the official sanction of the CPC or CPCA but would provide useful reflections for persons in our two churches

The Committee hopes to resume its work with an in person meeting this fall either in Huntsville, Alabama or possibly in the Nashville area.

Respectfully Submitted,
Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns

THE REPORT OF THE UNIFIED COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

I. MEETING AND OFFICERS

The Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (UCTSC) met in Memphis, Tennessee on October 25-26, 2019 and in Nashville, Tennessee February 27-28, 2020. The following officers were elected: Reverend Edmund Cox (CPCA) and Reverend Mitch Boulton (CPC) Co-Chairs; and Reverend Nancy Fuqua (CPCA), Secretary. The UCTSC also met on October 22, 2020 and on Feb. 27, 2021 via zoom, due to COVID-19 safety protocols.

II. GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE

The Committee elected Reverend Lisa Scott (CPC) to serve as the representative to the meeting of the CPC/CPCA General Assemblies in Louisville, Kentucky.)

III. GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFERRALS

The 188th CPC General Assembly requested that the UCTSC to work jointly with the Permanent Judiciary Committee and Ministry Council to develop a position statement on the issues of human sexuality and to present the statement to the 189th General Assembly. The UCTSC requested and was granted more time to from the 189th General Assembly to complete the task of crafting a statement on human sexuality.

The UCTSC would like to thank both the CPCA and CPC denominations for their prayers, concerns, and input on the task that was referred to the UCTSC (from 2019 G. A. - *RECOMMENDATION 13: That the Permanent Judiciary Committee and the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns work jointly to develop a position statement on issues of human sexuality to be presented to the 190th General Assembly for its consideration*).

Thank you as well, to all the committee members that have served and put in much prayer, study, and discussion. The UCTSC has spent much effort to make sure we heard from both denominations. The UCTSC would like to thank every layperson, minister, church, session, and presbytery for their submissions.

The committee invited and received input from across the church. Many availed themselves of the opportunities to make their voices known. We heard Cumberland Presbyterian voices through study papers, resolutions, written communications, emails, in-person, and video conferencing-from individual clergy and laity, congregations, and presbyteries. These voices represent the sincere, committed convictions of the members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for each one. The breakdown is as follows: four resolutions referred to the Committee from the 2019 GA (three presbyteries and one commissioner). The UCTSC also have received position papers, life experience correspondents, and a understanding of scripture, from 8 presbyteries, 8 churches or sessions, 20 ministers and 22 layperson or elders submitted from both the CPCA and CPC. In addition, we received 21 additional correspondents from individuals on the listening day.

Statement on Human Sexuality

In a time when views of human sexuality are rapidly changing, the 188th General Assembly found it necessary and helpful to state clearly and compassionately to the Church about God's design for human sexuality. The Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns has undertaken to provide a statement on Human Sexuality, and we wish to do so with love toward all as we attempt to imitate God's love for us. In keeping with the heart of the Confession of Faith our ultimate desire is that, through the gospel, all may come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives and receive His gift of eternal life (John 3:16

The Introduction to the 1984 Confession states:

"The purpose of a confession of faith is two-fold: (1) to provide a means whereby those who have been saved, redeemed, and reconciled by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit understand and

affirm their faith; and (2) to bear witness to God's saving activity in such a way that those who have not been saved, redeemed, and reconciled might believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and experience salvation."

As those that have experienced God's grace through salvation, redemption, and reconciliation, we affirm in faith that God's words and actions are reflected in scripture and that our COF contains the essential doctrines taught in them. We affirm in faith that God inspired persons of the covenant community to write the scriptures. *"In and through the scriptures God speaks about creation, sin, judgment, salvation, the church and the growth of believers. The scriptures are the infallible rule of faith and practice, the authoritative guide for Christian living."* (COF 1.05) We affirm in faith that the truths of scripture taught in our COF hold the greatest prospects for human happiness and well-being. We affirm in faith that the truths of scripture taught in our COF guide us as we strive and long for a time when God will make all things new.

The Divine Origin: Meaning and Purpose of Human Sexuality

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America affirms, unequivocally, the Bible's definition that every person is made in the very image of God the Creator and therefore purposed for good and the glory of God (Genesis 1:26-28). We also affirm that in the likeness of God, God created male and female (Gen. 1:26-27, 2:7, 5:1-2; Job 33:4; Ps 8:3-8, 100:3; and Gal 3:27-28). These truths are affirmed as essential doctrines within our Confession of Faith. 1.11 of the COF 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."* It is in the creation of male and female that God gives humanity the gift of human sexuality.

In the truth of scripture, we discover God's good purposes for our human sexuality and God's will for how we are to express our human sexuality. However, as a result of the fall we have failed to show that reflection and purpose. As did our first parents, we have become inclined toward sin in all aspects of our being. (COF 2.03, 2.04) We have distorted that design and gone our own way. The Church sorrowfully confesses our manifold violations of God's word and actions recorded in scripture.

Both before and after coming to faith in Christ we have been guilty of misusing our freedom and the gift of human sexuality (i.e. through fornication, infidelity, adultery, sexual lusts, exploitation or other egocentric behavior which fails to honor God or value the full humanity of others created in the image of God). In all the brokenness of our human sexuality, the church has often failed to recognize, understand, or show compassion to those wrestling with these realities. Specifically, the church has struggled to walk in a redemptive manner with those who experience same-sex attraction and/or question their created and gendered identity. As believers, we sometimes have self-righteously condemned others for their sexual sins while committing our own. We stand in need of God's forgiveness and of God's power to live holy lives (1 Corinthians 6:20)

We also believe that there is no place for any form of cruelty, hate or denigration of those who either disagree with these positions or hold to other positions. We unequivocally condemn all injustices, unkind confrontation, and/or physical violence perpetrated against anyone. The role of the Church is not to shame or shun anyone outside of the Rules of Discipline. (Matthew 7:4-5)

In conclusion, the UTSC believe Scriptures and the 1813, 1883, and 1984 Cumberland Presbyterian Church Confession of Faith have been essentially consistent on human sexuality from the beginning until now.

**"We acknowledge that within both Cumberland Presbyterian denominations there is a wide range of biblical understanding and interpretation. With that said, we should resolve – first and foremost – to love one another, and as an expression of that love to listen to each other, affirming the even greater common ground we enjoy and embrace as Cumberland Presbyterians. Our goal need not be one hundred percent agreement on biblical interpretation, but rather a mature awareness and consideration of the diversity of theological perspectives that a global and multi-ethnic denomination manifests."*

It would be helpful to lay aside the labels intended to diminish the faithfulness and motives of our brothers and sisters in Christ – conservative and liberal, evangelical and traditional, right and left wing, along with the "isms" and "phobias" in currency today. If we agree that our calling is to serve God's mission in the world, then a healthy dialog about strategies, ideologies, and emphases is more attainable, and genuine unity in Christ can grow."

*Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns Study Paper: A Question of Hermeneutics Adopted in 2017 by the 187th General Assembly (CPC) and the 145th General Assembly (CPCA).

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the General Assembly adopt the statement of human sexuality.

REFERRAL ON BAPTISM

The 189th General Assembly instructed the UCTSC to propose a report for the 190th General Assembly on how the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the can better teach, practice and hold ministers and sessions accountable for following our theology of baptism. The UCTSC, rather than bring yet another position paper on Baptism, is working with the Discipleship Ministry Team of the Ministry Council, to develop a blueprint (workshop design) on our theology of baptism for use by congregations and presbyteries. The design draws upon the Confession of Faith and other Cumberland Presbyterian writings as foundational elements for as the content for the workshop design.

IV. STUDY PAPERS

The Committee is currently holding all study papers until the General Assembly acts on the issue of Human Sexuality.

V. WORKS IN PROGRESS

The UCTSC continues its work on developing guidelines for a theological/social concerns panel made up of representatives of the CPC/CPCA to address emerging issues in a timelier way. Panel responses would not have the official sanction of the CPC or CPCA but would provide useful reflections for persons in our two churches

Respectfully Submitted,
Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns

**COMMISSION
ON MILITARY
CHAPLAINS
AND
PERSONNEL**

(CPC 189th and 190th Reports Included)

II. MEETINGS, DIRECTORS, AND PFC ACTIVITIES

The PFC held its annual meeting of the Board of Directors on September 28, 2021, at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Denver, Colorado, with ten members physically present and five additional members present via Zoom. Captain Lyman M. Smith, CHC, USN, Retired, (PCUSA), serves as the Executive Director. Captain Mark W. Smith, CHC, USN, Retired (PCUSA), serves as western United States Co-Director and Chaplain, Colonel Douglas J. Slater, USAF, Retired (PCUSA), serves as eastern United States Co-Director.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, much of the personal contact with chaplains was restricted in 2020 and 2021. Travel to various areas of the country and to seminaries across the country likewise was limited. There is encouragement that 2022 will allow more contacts as the pandemic appears to be lessening. The co-directors are committed to meeting with seminaries of all denominations and all other agencies who provide candidates for chaplaincy. With more opportunities outside the military service, the need for chaplains is rapidly increasing. Future needs for chaplains could be in the following agencies: FEMA, NTSB, Border Patrol, and the Coast Guard/Homeland Security.

The annual Chaplain Training and Credentialing events for 2021 were held simultaneously on August 8 – August 13, in two locations: Calvin Crest Conference Center, California, with Co-Director Mark Smith coordinating and Montreat Conference Center, North Carolina, with Co-Director Doug Slater coordinating. Virtual participation was available for both events. Attendance was slightly lower than anticipated due to the pandemic. In 2022, the events will be held at each of the conference centers above, but on consecutive weeks in August. The general consensus was that the retreats are very valuable and should be held annually.

Having incorporated in 2020, the structure of the PFC was adjusted to reflect a corporate entity. Formal by-laws were adopted and members of the PFC were elected as members of the Board of Directors. Lyman Smith was elected Executive Director. The current officers of the PFC were elected as corporate officers.

As of March 2022, the following is an approximate list of CPC and CPCA Chaplains within the PFC:

CPCA: 2 Retired
 CPC: 4 Military Active Duty
 4 Military Reserves
 1 Military Chaplain Candidate
 4 Veteran Affairs (VA)
 1 Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP)
 13 Retired

Chaplain names and addresses are included in the yearbook of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Information concerning the process of becoming a chaplain may be obtained by visiting the PFC website: www.presfedchap.org.

Your commission encourages Cumberland Presbyterians to visit the above website to gain information about the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies and its work and mission.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That clergy and Presbyterial Committees on Probationer Care, in their discussions of a call for a ministerial candidate, be encouraged to include the call to chaplaincy as a call to pastoral ministry.

III. SEARCH FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the PFC meeting in September, Executive Director Lyman Smith gave his intention to retire in the first half of 2022. With regrets, the PFC accepted his intended resignation and appointed a Search Committee for a replacement. The Search Committee met on March 4, 2022, and adopted guidelines and a timeline for the selection of the new director. Mr. Tommy Craig was named chair of the search committee and with Director Smith's oversight and counsel, the committee will seek to interview candidates and select three as finalists. If the process goes well, the new director will be introduced at the CPC General Assembly, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 19-24, 2022.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PRESBYTERIAN FEDERAL CHAPLAINCIES

The 190th General Assembly renamed the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel to the Commission on Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies. The Commission is composed of three members, each serving terms of three years. A total of three terms can be served. Currently, those members are Reverend Shelia O'Mara (2022), Mr. Tommy Craig (2023), and Reverend Garrett Burns (2024).

The Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies (PFC) is composed of members from the following denominations: Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA), and the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad. The three members of our commission along with the Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Reverend Michael Sharpe, serve as members on the Board of Directors of PFC. In addition, Reverend William (Bill) Montague and the Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, Elder Vanessa Midgett, serve on the PFC Board of Directors as representatives of our sister denomination.

The Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies office is located at 4125 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The PFC is an incorporated entity in the State of Tennessee and the members of the PFC are also the Board of Directors for the corporation. The oversight of the PFC has expanded beyond the traditional approach of serving military chaplains. While active and retired Presbyterian military chaplains remain the largest focus for the PFC, any Presbyterian chaplain endorsed and serving a federal agency can have a relationship with the PFC. Additional entities include but are not limited to Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Civil Air Patrol. The PFC also approves seminary students of the member denominations for participation in the Chaplain Candidate programs of the United States military branches.

I. SUPPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN FEDERAL CHAPLAINCIES

Financial support for the PFC is received from the four member denominations, church judicatories, individual churches, and individuals. Because of decreasing financial support, the PFC is constantly dealing with fundraising. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church and individual CPC churches have traditionally received an offering on Memorial Day Sunday (USA only churches) with those offerings being given directly to the PFC for its budget. Other special days may be considered to receive this special offering in the individual USA churches the Sunday nearest Veterans Day, "Four Chaplain's Sunday" (the first Sunday in February), the Sunday nearest the 4th of July, or some other Sunday, as a witness to support the men and women called to the Chaplaincy. These offerings should be sent to the General Assembly Stated Clerk and are forwarded to the PFC for outreach, mission, training and pastoral care.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That each USA Cumberland Presbyterian Church provide an opportunity for their congregations to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May, or another special day, to support our ministry through the PFC.

The PFC provides ecclesiastical endorsement for chaplains of the United States Armed Forces from the four member denominations who are serving on active duty or serving in the Reserves or National Guard. The PFC also endorses Ministers of Word and Sacrament who serve as chaplains in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Civil Air Patrol. The PFC provides special training to chaplains and pastoral support to chaplains and their families who are endorsed for those positions from the four member denominations. The PFC provides a strong voice for the member denominations to the National Council on Ministry to the Armed Forces in matters relating to the ministry and welfare of the endorsed chaplains. The PFC also promotes a closer communication between chaplains and their denominations.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That congregations of both the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America encourage their individual churches and members to designate special days through the year to engage in prayer to hold up the chaplains and their families in the service to which they have been endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That the Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church convey the denomination's gratitude to Captain Lyman M. Smith, CHC, USN, Retired, for his outstanding service to the former Presbyterian Council on Chaplains and Military Personnel and currently the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies. In addition, the Stated Clerk is asked to extend a commendation to Executive Director Smith for his dedicated and faithful service not only as an executive of the agencies but as a Pastor to the Chaplains.

Respectfully Submitted,
Members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Commission on Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies
Mr. Tommy Craig
Reverend Garrett Burns
Reverend Sheila O'Mara

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND PERSONNEL

The General Assembly Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel is composed of three members, each serving terms of three years on the Commission A total of three terms can be served. Those members are Reverend Charles McCaskey (2020-declined to serve another term), Reverend Tony Janner (2021-deceased), Reverend Shelia O'Mara (2022) and Mr. Tommy Craig (2023). These three members, along with the Stated Clerk of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Reverend Michael Sharpe, are also members of the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies (PFC), whose office is located at 4125 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The PFC represents the following denominations: Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in all matters relative to member chaplains who serve in all branches of the Armed Forces, Veterans Affairs, Federal Bureau of Prisons, FBI, Secret Service, and the Civil Air Patrol. The PFC also approves seminary students of the member denominations for participation in the Chaplain Candidacy programs of the military services.

I. SUPPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN FEDERAL CHAPLAINCIES

Financial support for the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies (PFC) is received from the four member denominations and individuals, church judicatories and individual churches. Because of decreasing financial support, the PFC is constantly dealing with fund raising. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the individual churches have traditionally received an offering on Memorial Day Sunday (USA only churches) with those offerings being given directly to the PFC for its budget. Other special days may be considered to receive this special offering in the individual USA churches – the Sunday nearest Veterans day, “Four Chaplain’s Sunday” (the first Sunday in February), the Sunday nearest the 4th of July, or some other Sunday as a witness to support the men and women who have or are serving in the military, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Veterans Affairs, FBI, Secret Service, and the Civil Air Patrol. These offerings should be sent to the General Assembly Stated Clerk and are forwarded to the PFC for outreach, mission, and maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That each USA Cumberland Presbyterian Church provide an opportunity for their congregations to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May, or another special day, to support our ministry through the PFC.

The PFC provides ecclesiastical endorsement for chaplains of the United States Armed Forces from the four member denominations who are serving on active duty or serving the Reserves and National Guard. The PFC also endorses Ministers of Word and Sacrament who serve as chaplains in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Veteran Affairs, FBI, Secret Service, and the Civil Air Patrol. The PFC provides special training to chaplains and pastoral support to chaplains and their families who are endorsed for those positions from the four member denominations. The PFC provides a strong voice for the member denominations to the National Council on Ministry to the Armed Forces in matters relating to the ministry and welfare of the endorsed chaplains. The PFC also promotes a closer communication between chaplains and their denominational bodies.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That individual congregations of both the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America encourage their individual churches and members to designate special days through the year to engage in prayer to hold up the chaplains and their families in the service to which they have been endorsed.

II. MEETINGS, DIRECTOR, AND CPC/CPA MEMBERS NOTES

The PFC and the representatives of the member denominations normally meet at least once a year. In 2019 the Cumberland Presbyterian Church hosted the meeting in Memphis, Tennessee at the Denominational Center October 1-2, 2019. At that meeting members were introduced to the two new co-directors, Chaplain Mark Smith, and Chaplain Doug Slater, who began their work August 1, 2019. Both co-directors will work ½ time. Chaplain Lyman Smith will work ¾ time and serve as the Lead Co-Director.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the annual in person meeting for 2020 was held virtually on Sep 29-30, 2020. The year 2021 was announced as the “Year to Plant”. The co-directors committed to engaging seminaries and others who provide candidates for chaplaincy to increase the number of chaplains who serve the various federal agencies.

One CP candidate, Justin Westfall, was interviewed and endorsed for the Army Reserves. Justin was a candidate for ordination in Red River presbytery.

The annual Chaplain Training and Credentialing events for 2019 were held in two locations: Arrowhead Ranch in July 2019 and Montreat NC Conference center from August 5-9, 2019. In 2020 only one event was held at the Montreat NC Conference center from August 11-13, 2020. The event was held as a hybrid of in person as well as virtual attendance.

Beginning in April 2020, the co-directors began offering a monthly virtual meeting for chaplains endorsed by the PFC. The meetings were offered as a means of support to chaplains during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as an opportunity to get denominational updates.

The 2019 audit was completed in the fall of 2020.

On December 7, 2020, The Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies was incorporated in the state of Tennessee.

The co-directors of the PFC provide excellent leadership and endorsement abilities to chaplains and chaplain candidates. They work with federal agencies, chaplain organizations, denominational leaders and council members and stabilize the council and its influence in multiple spheres. Their leadership is invaluable.

The following is an approximate list of CPC and CPCA Chaplains within the PFC as of March 2021:

CPCA: 1 Retired

CPC: 4 Military Active Duty

4 Military Reserves

1 Military Chaplain Candidate

4 Veteran Affairs (VA)

1 Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP)

16 Retired

Chaplain names and addresses are included in the yearbook of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and information concerning the process of becoming a chaplain may be obtained by visiting the PFC website: www.pccmp.org.

III. NAME CHANGE OF COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

At its Spring 2021 meeting on April 14, 2021, the Council approved the following changes: Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies is the corporate identity; Presbyterian Council for Federal Chaplaincies is the ecclesiastical identity; and The Board of Directors, Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies is the Board identity. In order to be aligned with the PFC and more accurately reflect chaplains who are endorsed to serve in federal agencies, the following recommendation is made:

RECOMMENDATION 3: that the 190th General Assembly change its bylaws in Article 10.01.03 and 10.08 to rename the Commission to Commission on Federal Chaplaincies.

The Commission wishes to thank Reverend Charles McCaskey and Reverend Tony Janner for their faithful service as members of the PFC. We are saddened at the death of Reverend Janner and continue to lift up his family in prayer.

Submitted:

Members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel – Reverend Shelia O'Mara and Mr. Tommy Craig.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS/HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

I. REFERRALS

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation and The Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Ms. Susan Knight Gore, Archivist, Historical Foundation; Ashley Lindsey, Historical Foundation Board Representative; Navy Chaplain Lyman M. Smith (CAPT, CHC, USN), Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel, and Mr. Tommy Craig, representative, General Assembly Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND PERSONNEL

The Chaplains/Historical Foundation Committee recognizes this has been a very trying time to be a chaplain. We appreciate Chaplain Smith meeting with this committee and the insights he shared regarding the ministry opportunities being laid before the chaplaincy.

As with previous presentations to the committee, Chaplain Lyman Smith shared the great need our service communities have for people to answer the call to the chaplaincy. There are many opportunities to serve, and unlike some times in the past there are more resources dedicated to training and supporting for those endorsed to serve as chaplains. The need for dedicated spiritual guidance is being recognized on a broader scale. Many of the federal agencies within the USA are incorporating endorsed chaplains in the field. We encourage those called to ministry to consider the chaplaincy as it benefits their pastoral calling and financial resources may be available to help complete training.

1. SUPPORT OF THE PCCMP

This committee recognizes the authority of the presbytery at the local level and presents the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, "that each USA Cumberland Presbyterian Church provide an opportunity for their congregations to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May, or another special day, to support our ministry through the PFC," be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That presbyteries encourage each USA Cumberland Presbyterian Church to provide an opportunity for their congregations to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May, or another special day, to support our ministry through the PFC.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, "that individual congregations of both the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America encourage their individual churches and members to designate special days through the year to engage in prayer to hold up the chaplains and their families in the service to which they have been endorsed," be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That presbyteries encourage their individual churches and members to designate special days through the year to engage in prayer to hold up the chaplains and their families in the service to which they have been endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, "that the 190th General Assembly change its bylaws in Article 10.01.03 and 10.08 to rename the Commission to Commission on Federal Chaplaincies," be adopted.

B. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

The Chaplains/Historical Foundation Committee recognizes the unending task of archiving our vital church history. We are very appreciative of the dedication and passion Mrs. Susan Knight Gore and Ms. Ashley Lindsey have for this ministry. Preservation of our collective history for future generations is often a less than glorious and underappreciated calling.

1. SUPPORT OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
Regarding Section III, A5, Denomination Day Offering.

The committee felt there needs to be an understanding of the scope and cost of digitizing historical records.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That the Historical Foundation obtain budgetary estimates for the conversion of fragile and deteriorating analogue media to digital formats in order that it might be preserved. This estimate is to be presented to the 191st general assembly.

Respectively submitted,
The Chaplains/Historical Foundation Committee

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UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

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THE REPORT OF THE UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

I. MEETING AND OFFICERS

The The Unification Task Force of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC) has met once since the last meeting of the General Assemblies, on February 27 in Nashville, Tennessee. Officers previously elected continued to serve: Elton Hall and Steve Mosley - co-chairs; and Craig White and Jay Earheart-Brown – co-secretaries.

Other members of the UTF from the CPCA are: Leon Cole, Lynne Herring, William Robinson, and Mitchell Walker. Other members from the CPC are: Perryn Rice, Robert Rush, Gloria Villa-Diaz, Joy Warren, and Mike Sharpe. Moderator Sheila Robertson of the CPC attended our February 2020 meeting as an ex-officio member.

Steve Mosley and Elton Hall were elected to serve as representatives of the UTF to the meetings of the General Assemblies in Louisville, Kentucky, June 7-12, 2020.

II. WORK OF THE TASK FORCE

Members of the UTF have traveled widely in our two churches, and spoken to many different gatherings of Cumberland Presbyterians, answering questions and providing educational sessions about the Plan of Union. We have also written articles for the church magazines and worked to advocate for Unification at every opportunity. Members of our Task Force have covenanted to pray for unity between our churches at noon each day, and we continue to seek God's will for our churches.

We have consulted with the attorneys for our two churches and continue to seek the best way to bring about the proposed unification - the way that will be least disruptive, most cost effective, and honoring to the traditions of both denominations.

Since the Plan was approved for submission to the Presbyteries of the CPCA and CPC at the 2019 General Assemblies, the work of the UTF has focused on visiting as many presbyteries as possible to help answer questions and advocate for adoption at the meetings of all our presbyteries.

III. PLAN OF UNION

The Plan of Union approved by both General Assemblies and voted on by each Presbytery of the two churches is here set forth:

Proposed Plan for Union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

"There is one, holy, universal, apostolic church. She is the body of Christ, who is her Head and Lord" (*Confession of Faith* 5.01). "The church is one because her head and Lord is one, Jesus Christ. Her oneness under her Lord is manifested in the one ministry of word and sacrament, not in any uniformity of covenantal expression, organization, or system of doctrine" (5.02). "The church, as the covenant community of believers who are redeemed, includes all people in all ages, past, present, and future, who respond in faith to God's covenant of grace, and all who are unable to respond, for reasons known to God, but who are saved by his grace" (5.06). It is on this belief that the Unification Task Force recommends the union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC). We are one in Christ by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit! We believe that becoming one will strengthen our witness as Christian believers in the world, and that together we will be able to accomplish more for the glory of God. United together in Christ by faith, we are united to one another in love. In this communion we share the grace of Christ with one another, bear one another's burdens, and reach out to all other persons (*Confession of Faith* 5.10).

1.00 Mission Statement for the New Church

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church United affirms the great commission of Christ: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). We celebrate our oneness in faith. As disciples, we seek through worship, global witness, and service to be the hands and feet of Christ and to live out the love of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

2.1 *The Confession of Faith and Government*

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church United will use the *Confession of Faith and Government* of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, approved by both General Assemblies of the former denominations in 1984 as its system of faith and government.

2.2 The Cumberland Presbyterian Church United will use the *Catechism for Cumberland Presbyterians* (2008) for instruction in the faith and will include it in an updated edition of the *Confession of Faith and Government of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United*.

2.3 The CP *Digest* (CPC) and Summaries of Actions (for both denominations) will continue to serve as resource tools. A new *Digest* will begin with the formation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United.

3.1 The Presbyteries and Synods

3.2 In an effort to make union something more than just an idea on paper, and to engage the grassroots in creating the new church, we recommend a restructure of the synod boundaries to create eight synods for the new church, with the following presbyteries in each –

Synod A*	Synod B*	Synod C	Synod D
Brazos River	Angelina	Covenant	Cleveland, Ohio
Del Christo	Arkansas	Missouri	Cumberland
Red River	East Texas	New Hopewell	North Central
Hong Kong	Trinity	Purchase	Ohio Valley
Japan	Andes	West Tennessee	
Choctaw	Cauca Valley		
	Emaus		
Synod E	Synod F	Synod G	Synod H
Columbia	East Tennessee	Florence	Birmingham
Elk River	Hiawasse	Hope	Grace
Murfreesboro	Tennessee-Georgia	Huntsville	South Alabama
Nashville	East Coast Korean	Robert Donnell	Tuscaloosa
		Tennessee Valley	

For relationship building during the first six years, all synods will be encouraged to hold an annual general meeting (*Constitution* 8.2) as opposed to a delegated meeting. Synods may petition General Assembly at any point for a change in boundaries.

* *NOTE: There are dreams for organizing a third presbytery in Asia. As soon as it is practical to do so, whether before or after union, two additional synods could be constituted. Synod I would include Andes, Cauca Valley, Emaus and any other presbyteries organized in Latin America. Synod J would include Hong Kong, Japan, and any other presbyteries organized in Asia.*

3.3 Presbyteries will remain as they are constituted at the time of union. During the first six years of the new church's life, synods will be encouraged to study the most beneficial presbyterial boundaries within their jurisdiction to fulfill of the mission of the church. Presbyteries may petition their synod at any time for a change in boundaries.

4.1 Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegates to the General Assembly

4.2 Commissioners to General Assembly - Each Presbytery will be entitled to send 2 minister commissioners and 2 elder commissioners to the General Assembly.

NOTE: If presbytery boundaries remain as currently constituted at the time of unification, this will allow for a total possible membership in the General Assembly of 152 commissioners. Of these potential commissioners, 60 would come from former presbyteries of the CPCA, and 92 would come from the former CPC.

4.3 Youth Advisory Delegates - Each presbytery will be entitled to send up to two Youth Advisory delegates to the General Assembly.

5.1 Moderator and Vice Moderator of General Assembly

5.2 The moderator/vice moderator will be elected each year during the first six years with the two offices alternating between persons from the two former denominations.

5.3 The moderator and vice moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United will reflect its diverse nature, to include international representatives. The church expects the moderator and vice moderator to travel within the denomination, sharing and gathering information among its local churches. Expenses and particular duties will be detailed in the Bylaws of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United.

6.1 Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

6.2 The new church shall employ a Stated Clerk and an Associate Stated Clerk. Both positions will be full-time jobs. During the first six years of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United, the Stated Clerk will serve six years and the Associate Stated Clerk will serve four years, after which each would be elected for a four-year period. One position will be filled by a former CPCA and the other position filled by a former CPC during their first terms. The subsequent election of each position will allow for continuity during transitions. Particular duties and responsibilities of the Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk will be detailed in the Bylaws of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United.

7.1 Boards and Agencies of the General Assembly

7.2 Each church has programs in various stages of planning and implementation that are the result of commitment to ministry through the church. Insofar as possible, these plans and programs will be continued without interruption for a period of three years. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has covenantal relationships with the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, Texas and Bethel University in McKenzie, Tennessee. These covenantal relationships will remain in effect as they exist at the time of Unification, to be renewed every four years. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church United will continue ecumenical partnerships, such as with the World Communion of Reformed Churches

7.3 Institutional Boards

The General Assembly shall have the following institutional boards: Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary to include the Program of Alternate Studies and School of Continuing Education Committee, and Trustees of the Historical Foundation. Representation on each Board of Trustees will remain as they are constituted at the time of union.

7.4 Administrative Boards

The General Assembly shall have the following administrative Boards: The Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits and The Board of Directors of the General Assembly Corporation. During the transition period, each of these boards will have equal number of members from each of the former denominations.

7.5 Commission

The General Assembly shall have the following commission: Chaplains and Military Personnel. Representation on the commission will be merged as they are constituted at the time of union until natural rotation occurs.

7.6 Standing Committees

The General Assembly shall have the following standing committees: Theology and Social Concerns, Judiciary, Our United Outreach, Nominating, and Multi-Cultural Ministry.

Committee representation on the Theology and Social Concerns Committee will remain as constituted at the time of union until natural rotations occurs.

Judiciary and Nominating committees in both denominations will each be merged at the time of union.

Committee representation for Our United Outreach will be expanded to include two elected representatives from each new synod (one voting representative from each of the former denominations until natural rotation occurs).

The Committee on Multi-Cultural Ministry is a new committee that will reflect the diversity of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United. This committee will be comprised of eight (8) elected persons that will reflect the celebrative understanding of humanity in the areas of culture, language, heritage, and experience in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United. Believing that all have been created in God's image, this committee works to answer the question of our sameness in God's image lived out in diverse ways.

7.7 Program Board

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church United will have a Mission and Ministry Program Board to provide coordination and oversight for those ministries formally planned and implemented by the two former denominations. After the three-year period, the new programming and denominational structure will consist of the following ministry teams and auxiliaries:

- Christian Education & Nurture (Youth Convention & National Sunday School Convention, Discipleship Ministry Team)
- Missions (Evangelism, Missionary Auxiliary, Women's Ministry, Missions Ministry Team)
- Clergy Care & Development (Pastoral Development Ministry Team)
- Communications (Cumberland Flag, Cumberland Presbyterian Magazine, Missionary Messenger, Ministry Council website, Communications Ministry Team)

Composition of each ministry team will include equal number of persons from each of the former denominations in the new church at the time of union. Composition of the new Missions and Ministry Program Board will include one staff person (serving as an advisory member) and one elected member from each ministry team, along with one elected member representing each of the synods. The elected members will be equally representative of the two former denominations for the first six years. A Ministry Coordinator would provide executive leadership for the Mission and Ministry Program Board.

8. Denominational Staff & Personnel

The current breakdown of the number of denominational staff by the employing entities housed at each Denominational Center is as follows:

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America Center in Huntsville, AL

General Assembly Office – 2.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church Center in Memphis, TN

General Assembly Office – 2, Board of Stewardship – 3, Central Accounting – 1,

Historical Foundation – 2, Ministry Council – 17 (5 of which have distant office locations).

8.1 The new organizational structure will discontinue the positions of Administrative Director (CPCA) and the Director of Ministries (CPC) and will create the positions of Associate Stated Clerk and Mission and Ministry Program Coordinator. The Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk will be elected during the General Assembly of 2021. The Mission and Ministry Program Coordinator will be employed by the Mission and Ministry Program Board.

8.2 Staffing for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United will reflect the diversity of the new church. As new staff positions become available, equal opportunity employment practices will prevail.

8.3 Denominational Offices – During the first six years, steps are to be taken to assure that regional sites be located in a minimum of three and a maximum of five locations. Thus, neither the Center in Huntsville nor the Center in Memphis will be designated as “the denominational center.” By placing regional sites in a variety of locations this will assure that all areas of the church will be served equally. These regional sites can make use of offices in existing churches, or in homes of regional staff persons. Possible regional locations could be Memphis, Huntsville, Louisville, Texas, South America, Asia, etc.

8.4 Global Staff - There will be endorsed missionaries, mission liaisons, and partner missionaries in the new church. The new church will continue to support current and future missionaries and global work. Current missionaries include – Patrick and Jessica Wilkerson (Colombia, South America), Beth Wallace missionary emeritus (Colombia, South America), Fhanor and Socorro Pejendino (Guatemala), Daniel & Kay Jang (Philippines), Kenneth & Delight Hopson (Uganda), Josue and Sara Guerrero (Brazil), Wilson and Diana Lopez (Spain), David and Sarah Lee (Cambodia), Missionaries in undisclosed countries (2), CP

missionaries supported by their presbyteries – Iwao Satoh, Mission liaisons working in Haiti and Brazil. Undisclosed (yet to be announced) missionary couple to be deployed to Guatemala.

9.1 Stewardship and Finance

9.2 Legal control of assets of both churches will be transferred to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United through appropriate legal transaction. The intent of all designated gifts and endowments will be honored.

9.3 The Cumberland Presbyterian Church United will develop an approach to the financing of the programs of the church that reflects the stewardship understanding of the new constituency. Such a unitary approach will be developed as soon as possible after formation and no later than the end of the first six years.

10.00 Recognition of Ordination

All ordinations, both clergy and lay (elders and deacons), of both denominations will be recognized by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United. All future ordinations will be governed by the conditions specified in the Constitution. Persons who are recognized by their respective presbyteries as candidates and licentiates at the time the new church is formed will fulfill the requirements as specified by presbytery at the time they became probationers.

11.00 The Name of the New Denomination

The name of the denomination shall be the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United.

12.1 The Logo of the New Church

A new logo will be fashioned by the new church.

IV. VOTING ON THE PLAN OF UNION

As of the time of the Unification Task Force's meeting at the end of February, the following numbers had been reported through various communication channels in the two churches. These numbers are not official votes submitted to the two General Assembly offices, and so they do not reflect final vote tallies. Many presbyteries had not met for their spring sessions, and even those that voted in the fall could possibly reconsider their votes until their official votes are submitted to the Stated Clerks in the General Assembly offices.

CPC Presbyteries voting "YES" on the Plan of Union – 15

CPC Presbyteries voting "NO" on the Plan of Union – 2

CPC Presbyteries who deferred the vote to spring – 7

CPCA Presbyteries voting "YES" on the Plan of Union – 3

CPCA Presbyteries voting "NO" on the Plan of Union – 6

CPCA Presbyteries who deferred the vote to spring – 6

If current trends hold, the vote will be favorable in the CPC and will be unfavorable in the CPCA, though there is still a possibility that the Plan could be approved. It would require five of the six CPCA Presbyteries who have not yet voted to vote in favor of the proposal, and while we still hope for that outcome, we think it unlikely. Therefore, we have prepared two sets of recommendations, the first to be voted on in the event that the Plan of Union is approved by a majority of both denominations, and the second to be voted on in the event that the Plan is not approved by a majority of both denominations.

V. IF THE VOTE ON THE PLAN IS FAVORABLE

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the Unification Task Force be dissolved, and that the two General Assemblies elect an Implementation Task Force, to be made up of six members, three members of each former denomination, at least one of whom served on the UTF, plus the stated clerks of the two churches as ex-officio members (eight members total).

The Implementation Task Force would be charged with leading the two denominations toward the consummation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church United at its first General Assembly in 2021. This would include preparing amendments to our Bylaws, Constitution, and other governing documents to effect the union of our two churches. In addition, the Implementation Task Force would continue its work until the new officers, boards and agencies, and legal issues arising from the union are settled.

VI. IF THE VOTE ON THE PLAN FAILS

The task force spent much of our February 2020 meeting talking about the reasons why the vote may fail, if it does. We have been deeply affected, personally, by the work we have done together over the past seven years and are grateful to God for the depth and quality of relationships we have developed in this work together. We wish that all members of our churches could have the same kind of experience working with men and women from the opposite denomination.

Our deepest fear is not the failure of this particular plan, but that its failure may lead to a loss of our connection as Cumberland Presbyterians, and so our recommendations will be intended to help us continue the good work begun long before us, and that may under our children's leadership bring us under one denominational roof as brothers and sisters in Christ. If the plan is not approved that is an indication that the time is not yet right for us to trust each other fully. It does not mean that anyone who opposed the plan is any less committed to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, or any less committed to our equality before God.

In looking honestly at our situation, we believe the following were the main issues that led to the failure of this effort to unify our two denominations:

1. **The racial climate in the United States of America**
The last few years have been marked by increasing tension between Americans on racial issues. The focus by many activists on disparate effects of policing, criminal justice, health care, and educational outcomes have led to heightened racial tension and growing reactions from white supremacist groups who have grown significantly in recent years. We lament these social conditions and call members of our churches to actively work to address the causes of these tensions in the communities where we live and work.
2. **Lack of trust in each other**
As members of the UTF traveled throughout our churches over the past few years, we continued to hear expressions of lack of trust that members of the other denomination would have the best interests of all members at heart. While the Plan of Union sought to make sure that all voices and interests would be protected in the new church, there were many in both denominations who worried that their voice would not carry the same weight that it has in our current church life. Any new structure would depend on trust of each other and trust of our leaders, and that trust, and the relationships on which it depends were too often absent.
3. **Fears about control of property**
One of the key factors that hurt our work toward unity was a fear about control of property, both at the denominational level, and for local churches. From both denominations we heard questions about losing control of church property and its use.
4. **Fears about the cost**
There will be costs to unification. We have always admitted as much, even though we thought the possible costs could be significantly outweighed by the benefits. We also were careful in designing the plan to keep direct costs to a minimum. But others were much more fearful about the costs to two denominations that are already financially fragile, to one degree or another. People worried about legal costs, cost to change signage and office supplies, costs of attending realigned judicatories, and costs of operating a new structure with regional offices.

Despite these reasons for opposition, we saw many signs of progress in attitudes within our churches and celebrate the fact that this effort brought us closer to organizational unity than any other attempt in our history. Though the time is not right now, we believe that our two churches are closer to one another than

ever. We have many reasons to continue our cooperative work for God's kingdom. Our prayer is that we will continue that work for our mutual benefit and God's glory.

If the Plan of Union is not adopted at this time, it will most likely be because the CPCA is not ready for such a move. We want the members of both denominations to know that we understand why it would be more difficult for the Plan to pass in the CPCA. The reasons for this include the following:

1. The CPCA is much smaller in size than the CPC. Any union between our two churches could result in the larger church simply swallowing up the smaller church, and the smaller church's traditions, leadership, and identity not being respected.
2. The CPC has much less to fear about not having a voice in the new church, since it is eight to ten times the size of the CPC.
3. The history of racial discrimination against African Americans in our nation makes the importance of the Black Church as a locus for independence from domination by the dominant white culture even more crucial for churches like the CPCA. To give up that independence feels to many like a betrayal of one of the most vital institutions for African Americans.

Neither denomination should feel superior to the other, no matter the final tally. We are both striving to serve the living God to the best of our ability. We are both flawed and sin-marred institutions, who are dependent on the grace of God for our identity. Therefore, we should celebrate the good that has come out of these efforts to consider whether or not we should come together as one. We celebrate the following:

1. Local churches in several states have developed new relationships with churches from the other denomination, leading to joint worship, joint fellowship, and joint mission work.
2. Presbyteries have held joint meetings, and women's ministry groups have joined together to engage in ministry side by side.
3. Our General Assemblies have enjoyed several concurrent meetings, allowing for joint worship and fellowship, and enabling many new friendships to be formed.
4. The CPC General Assembly passed a Resolution of Repentance, Apology, and Resolve to confess its complicity in racial discrimination as a church, to which the CPCA responded formally in an acceptance of the apology and commitment to continue our work together.

Jesus Christ is head of the church. Each of our denominations is but a small expression of that universal church to which all believers belong. We are one in Christ, made brothers and sisters by the blood of his cross, and by our commitment to be his disciples. Our prayer as a Task Force is that we may continue as Cumberland Presbyterians to experience and express our oneness with all who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

In light of our given unity, and our desire to continue to work together, the UTF makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the Unification Task Force be dissolved.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That CPC and CPCA Presbyteries and Synods be encouraged to seek out opportunities for developing union churches and presbyteries that would relate to both denominations

RECOMMENDATION 4: That the CPC and CPCA General Assemblies elect a new Joint Committee on Multi-cultural Ministries to be composed of four members of each denomination, encouraging the General Assemblies to include adults of all age groups, especially younger adults, to be supported by the General Assembly offices of both denominations.

The purpose of this Joint Committee will be to help our two churches celebrate the cultural heritage of all people in our churches, and identify ministries through which we can, both together and separately, work to fulfill our calling, identified in COF 6.30-6.32:

6.30 The covenant community, governed by the Lord Christ, opposes, resists, and seeks to change all circumstances of oppression--political, economic, cultural, racial--by which persons are denied the essential dignity God intends for them in the work of creation.

6.31 The covenant community affirms the lordship of Christ who sought out the poor, the oppressed, the sick, and the helpless. In her corporate life and through her individual members, the church is an advocate for all victims of violence and all those whom the law or society treats as less than persons for whom Christ died. Such advocacy involves not only opposition to all unjust laws and forms of injustice but even more support for those attitudes and actions which embody the way of Christ, which is to overcome evil with good.

6.32 God gives the message and ministry of reconciliation to the church. The church, corporately and through her individual members, seeks to promote reconciliation, love, and justice among all persons, classes, races, and nations.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That \$12,000 from the allocation that had been given to the UTF be allocated to this new Joint Committee on Multi-cultural Ministries for its first year of work.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That the General Assembly offices of the CPCA and CPC be charged to study the desirability and feasibility of periodic concurrent meetings of our two General Assemblies so that we can continue to work and worship together as Cumberland Presbyterians. We request that a joint report be made to both Assemblies in 2022.

VII. UNITY SUNDAY

Both denominations have added unity Sunday to our calendars for the fourth Sunday in June. We encourage presbyteries to encourage their churches to observe this day as a time to give thanks to God for the unity we have in Christ, and to pray for greater unity among all Cumberland Presbyterians.

Members of this Task Force are deeply grateful for the trust placed in us, and the opportunity afforded us to work on this task over the past several years. Our lives have been enriched by new and deepened relationships, and our knowledge of and appreciation for our two denominations has been increased immeasurably.

Respectfully submitted,
Unification Task Force
Elton Hall and Steve Mosley, co-chairs

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REPORT NUMBER ONE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS/ UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

I. REFERRAL

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, The Report of the Unification Task Force and a Resolution presented to the 190th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Reverend Lisa Scott, representative, of Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns; and Reverend Steve Mosley, representative, of the Unification Task Force.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

The committee considered the report and wishes to commend the task force members for their hard work and many hours spent these last years on unification with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. After consultation with the representative of the Unification Task Force, the committee makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that the Unification Task Force be dissolved, and that the two General Assemblies elect an Implementation Task Force, to be made up of six members, three members of each former denomination, at least one of whom served on the UTF, plus the stated clerks of the two churches as ex-officio members (eight members total)”, be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that the Unification Task Force be dissolved,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that CPC and CPCA Presbyteries and Synods be encouraged to seek out opportunities for developing union churches and presbyteries that would relate to both denominations,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That Recommendation 4 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that the CPC and CPCA General Assemblies elect a new Joint Committee on Multi-cultural Ministries to be composed of four members of each denomination, encouraging the General Assemblies to include adults of all age groups, especially younger adults, to be supported by the General Assembly offices of both denominations,” be adopted contingent upon approval by CPCA.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That Recommendation 5 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that \$12,000 from the allocation that had been given to the UTF be allocated to this new Joint Committee on Multi-cultural Ministries for its first year of work,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That Recommendation 6 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that the General Assembly offices of the CPCA and CPC be charged to study the desirability and feasibility of periodic concurrent meetings of our two General Assemblies so that we can continue to work and worship together as Cumberland Presbyterians. We request that a joint report be made to both Assemblies in 2022,” be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Committee on Theological and Social Concerns/Unification Task Force

REPORT NUMBER TWO OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS/ UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

I. REFERRAL

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, The Report of the Unification Task Force and a Resolution presented to the 190th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Reverend Lisa Scott, representative, of Theology and Social Concerns; and Reverend Steve Mosley, representative, of the Unification Task Force.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. REPORT OF THE UNIFIED COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

The committee considered the report and the resolution and wishes to commend the committee for their diligent work and many hours spent these last three years on developing a position statement on the issues of human sexuality. After consultation with the representative of the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, the committee makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, "that the General Assembly adopt the statement of human sexuality," be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That General Assembly affirm what the Confession of Faith states on human sexuality, with specific regard to section 1.11 that 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."

RECOMMENDATION 3: That a Statement of Opposition to Oppression based on Sexual Identity: "We affirm the Confession of Faith 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." Be affirmed and referred to the Permanent Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns for development of resources.

At the close of the committee meeting prayer was offered for Hong Kong presbytery.

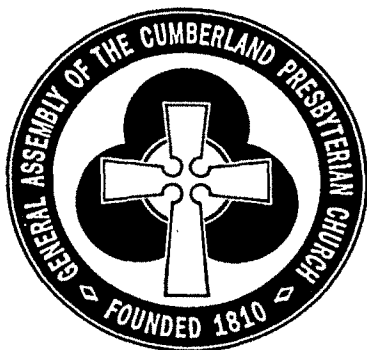
Respectfully Submitted,
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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS
190th General Assembly
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk

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

ORGANIZATION

1. Elected the Reverend Duawn Mearns, Red River Presbytery, as the Moderator.
Elected the Reverend Alan Meinzer, Arkansas Presbytery, as the Vice Moderator.
2. Elected thirty-seven people to serve on denominational boards and entities.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

3. The opening worship/communion service was held on Monday evening. Retiring Moderator (CPC) Reverend Shelia O'Mara, Presbytery del Cristo, delivered a sermon entitled, "Rise Up" based on Isaiah 40:31. The Reverends Shelia O'Mara and Neal Wilkinson (GA Worship Director, Missouri Presbytery) served as co-celebrants of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. A brief service of installation of the newly elected moderator was part of the worship service.
4. Youth Advisory Delegate, Ms. Avery Stence, Youth Advisory Delegate from North Central Presbytery, brought the devotional on Thursday morning.

5. Reverend Neal Wilkinson, worship director for General Assembly, delivered the closing homily based on

OUR UNITED OUTREACH

6. Approved a goal of \$2,500,000 for Our United Outreach (OUO) for 2022.
7. Authorized the GA Corporate Board to adjust the allocation previously designated for Unification, and apply to any future funding needs related to unification efforts (e.g. proposed new Joint Multi-Culture Committee).
8. Authorized the GA Corporate Board to re-allocate any remaining balance of UTF funds to cover any outstanding GA expenses due to the impact of COVID-19 (e.g., cancellation of CPCA GA concurrent meeting, lower attendance/room reservations, reduced meeting and meal functions demand).

MINISTRY COUNCIL

9. Adopted the Affirmation of Faith and Commitment to Witness for Cumberland Presbyterians and encouraged all presbyteries to include it into their worship service on Worldwide Communion Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021.
10. Encouraged each presbytery to form a critical situation response team (CSRT) to include strategies, contingency plans and persons tasked to coordinate risk assessment, management, and communications related to crises that may occur within the bounds of their presbytery.
11. The Ministry Council to distribute the example of a Critical Situation Response Team to the stated clerks of each presbyter and guide implementation of #10 (see above).

**COMMISSION ON MILITARY
CHAPLAINS AND PERSONNEL**

12. Changed the GA bylaws Articles 10.01.03 and 10.08 to rename the Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel to *Commission on Federal Chaplains*.
13. Instructed presbyteries in the United States to encourage each congregation to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May, or another special day, to support our ministry through Presbyterian Council for Federal Chaplains.
14. Requested all CPC and CPCA presbyteries to encourage congregations and their members

to determine and designate special days through the year to hold up the chaplains and their families in the service to which they have been endorsed.

MEMPHIS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

15. Encouraged CPs to pray that God will continue to call men and women to the office of ministry, and that they be well prepared through our educational institutions to lead growing and vibrant congregations in the ministry of Jesus Christ to the world.

16. Called on Cumberland Presbyterians to offer a prayer of thanksgiving that MTS's accreditation has been reaffirmed by both of its accrediting bodies with no stipulations.

17. Approved the MTS Trustees' desire to sell some or all of the MTS rental properties and/or vacant lots in an effort to reduce or eliminate MTS's \$2.3 million property debt, and the seminary's dependence upon their \$1 million line of credit loan for operational purposes.

MTS EVALUATION COMMITTEE

18. Requested that MTS, as a component of its short and long-term strategic plan, develop procedures to address the communication and relationship needs identified in the MTS Evaluation Committee Report to GA.

19. That Presbyteries affirm the importance of section 6.34 of the Constitution, which states: *"No licentiate shall be ordained who has not completed a degree in a graduate school of theology approved by the presbytery. Exceptions may be made only of persons possessing suitable gifts and abilities for a fruitful ministry, but who, because of reasons considered valid in the judgment of the presbytery, cannot be expected to complete the regular course of study in a graduate school of theology. In such cases a licentiate shall not be ordained until he or she has satisfactorily completed under the direction of the presbytery a two-year program of alternate studies approved by the General Assembly,"*

20. Dissolved the MTS Evaluation Committee.

BETHEL UNIVERSITY

21. Urged presbyteries worldwide to support Bethel University in prayers, financial support and in recommending students.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

22. Commended the CPCH and staff for their continued work in the care, support and transformation of lives of children and families in all walks of life. Their work to enrich the lives of children and families in crisis situations deserves our continued prayer and financial support.

HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

23. Recognized the unending task of archiving our vital church history and expressed appreciation of the dedication and passion Mrs. Susan Knight Gore and Ms. Ashley Lindsey have for this ministry.

24. Requested that the Historical Foundation obtain budgetary estimates for the conversion of fragile and deteriorating analogue media to digital formats in order that it might be preserved. This estimate is to be presented to the 191st General Assembly.

JUDICIARY

25. Approved sending the following proposed changes to the Constitution to the presbyteries for ratification:

a. That Constitution 3.071 be amended to read: *"The following persons shall be seated by a judicatory as advisory members with full privilege of speaking to any issue before the judicatory, but no vote:*

a. In sessions, assistant and associate pastors approved and installed by the presbytery,

b. In middle judicatories, elected officers of the judicatory, (for example, stated clerk, engrossing clerk, and treasurer), and official representatives from the judicatory's standing committees or boards."

b. That Constitution 3.072 be amended to read: *"A particular church shall not sell, nor lease its real property used for purposes of worship, nurture or ministry, without the written permission of the presbytery in which the particular church is located, transmitted through the session of the particular church."* to read *"A particular church shall not sell, convey, lease, pledge, mortgage, or encumber its real property used for purposes of worship, nurture, or ministry without the written permission of the presbytery in which the particular church is*

39. A Joint Banquet and Program, sponsored by the Children's Home, Bethel University and Memphis Theological Seminary was held on Wednesday evening. Ms. Courtney Banatoski, Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Walter Butler, Bethel University President, Reverend Dr. Jody Memphis Theological Seminary President brought greetings, video presentations on their respective institutions, and their continuing appreciation for the prayers and mission support given by Cumberland Presbyterians. Reverend Dr. Michael Qualls, Director of the Program of Alternate Studies spoke briefly about the origins of the Program of Alternate Studies in 1983 and how it continues to meet the needs of individuals engaged in congregational ministry.

40. The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Convention Luncheon was held on Thursday. Ms. Sierra Keenan was awarded the 2020-2021 Bethel University Scholarship. During the program, Mrs. Betty Jacob was presented with a Silver Patron pin from the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Convention and Missions Ministry Team plaque, recognizing her work as Director of Indian Ministries to Choctaw Presbytery, 1988-2020. Reverend Patrick and Mrs. Jessica Wilkerson, Missionaries to Colombia, South America made a presentation on their work and appreciation of prayers and support through the Scott-Wallace Missionary Fund. Ms. Judy-Miller-McGee, 2021-2022 President, gave the benediction.

41. Adopted a *Resolution of Thanks* presented by Rev. Tera Sisco, Red River Presbytery.

42. Affirmed the invitation from Presbytery del Cristo to host the 191st General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

NEXT MEETING

43. The General Assembly adjourned to meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 19-24, 2022.

Copies of the General Assembly Minutes when completed will be made available in the following formats:

- *Online: www.cumberland.org/gao*
- *A limited supply of printed copies will be made available through the Cumberland Presbyterian Resource Center (901-276-4581)*
- *Copies of the Minutes on CD format will also be available from the General Assembly Office. Contact Elizabeth Vaughn at: 901-276-4572 or eav@cumberland.org*



*"...but they who wait upon the Lord shall renew
Their strength, they shall mount up with wings like
Eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall
Walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

APPENDIX C

Select Committee Reports

**Report of the Select Committee on Christian Education to the
145th General Assembly of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
July 10-14, 2022
The Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel and Spa
800 Monroe Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
July 12, 2022**

Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly.

The select committee on Christian Education opened with prayer. All members were present. The select committee submits the following report. We concur with the recommendation from GAEB which is:

1. Recommendation: that each CPCA Synod appoint a CPCA School of Continuing Education (SCE) Coordinator from within their respective Synod.

Note: The SCE Coordinators will serve as advisors to the Presbytery/Presbytery Committee(s) on Ministry and ministerial candidates regarding Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) Education requirements for Ministerial Candidates. The coordinators will comprise the Staff and Faculty for the restructure SCE.

2. Due to the seriousness of the information contained in the recommendations from the Florence Presbytery on ordaining ministers from another Denomination seeking membership in C.P.C.A, we propose that those recommendations be referred to GAEB for further study, coordination and given to the School of Continuing Education (SEC) coordinators for implementation.

Humbly submitted,

Rev. Robert Rice

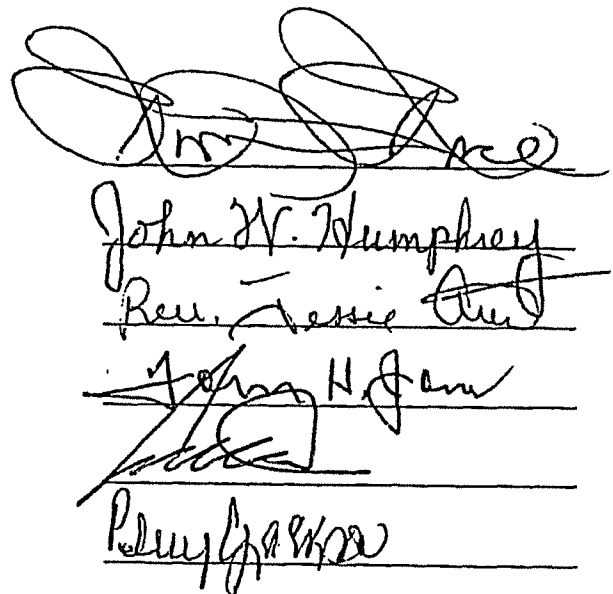
Elder Dr. John Humphrey

Rev. Jessie Austin

Elder Tom H. Jones

Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson

Rev. Perry Jackson



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**Report of the Committee on Ecumenical Relations/Committee on
Theology and Social Concerns (CTSC) to the
145th General Assembly of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
July 10-14, 2022
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July 12, 2022**

Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly.

The Committee on Ecumenical Relations/Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (CTSC) submits the following report.

Recommendation 1: That the Unification Task Force be dissolved, and that the two General Assemblies elect an Implementation Task Force, to be made up of six members, three members of each former denomination, at least one of whom served on the UTF, plus the stated clerks of the two churches as ex-officio members (eight members total). **Do Not Concur.**

Recommendation 2: That the Unification Task Force be dissolved. **Concur.**

Recommendation 3. That the CPC and CPCA Presbyteries and Synods be encouraged to seek out opportunities for developing union churches and presbyteries that would relate to both denominations. **Do Not Concur.**

Recommendation 4: That the CPC and CPCA General Assemblies elect a new Joint Committee on Multi-cultural Ministries to be composed of four members of each denomination, encouraging the General Assemblies to include adults of all age groups, especially younger adults, to be supported by the General Assembly offices of both denominations. **Do Not Concur.**

Recommendation 5: That \$12,000 from the allocation that had been given to the UTF be allocated to this new Joint Committee on Multi-cultural Ministries for its first year of work (Note: No CPCA money in fund.) **Do Not Concur.**

Recommendation 6: That the General Assembly offices of the CPCA and CPC be charged to study the desirability and feasibility of periodic concurrent meetings of both our two General Assemblies so that we can continue to work and worship together as Cumberland Presbyterians. We request a joint report be made to both Assemblies in 2022. **Do Not Concur.**

Recommendation 7. **Concur with Item #36**

Recommendation 8: We refer item #37 for further review/interpretation by legal counsel.

Humbly Submitted,

Rev. Cedric Stanton

Elder Leo Carroll

Elder Leonard Skipworth

Elder Margaret^{Margarett} Smith

~~Rev. Dr. Nancy Luqua~~

Elder Greg Scruggs

Rev. Cedric C. Stanton

Leo Carroll

Leonard Skipworth

Margarett S. Smith

Greg Scruggs

Report of the Committee on Mission and Evangelism to the
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Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly,

The Select Committee on Mission and Evangelism of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) met and opened with prayer led by Dr. Michael Jones.

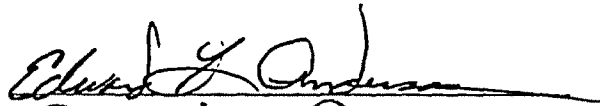
This Select Committee assessed the attendance of members and delegates to the National Sunday School during the 145th General Assembly. During this session, it was reported that attendance has improved. However, less than one dozen members attended this session including NSS officers. We concur that the National Sunday School needs improvement.

We recommend an effort to revitalize our Sunday School in the local church. Additionally, Presbyteries should be encouraged to send representatives to our National Sunday School Convention.

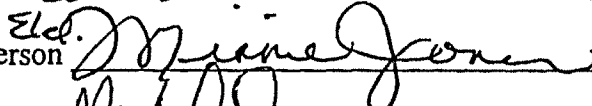
We concur with the Vice-Moderator recommendations. We ended with prayer by Elder Andy Hudgins.

Humbly Submitted,

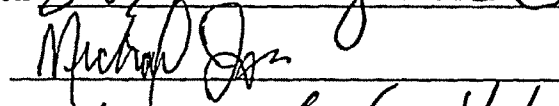
Rev. Dr. Edward Anderson



Elder Minnie Jones, Chairperson



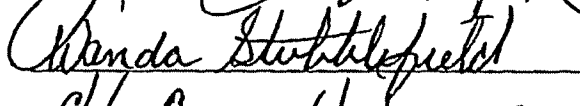
Rev. Dr. Michael Jones



Elder Joe Smith



Elder Wanda Stubblefield



Elder Andy Hudgins



JULY 12, 2022
145TH General Assembly of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
Select Committee on Executive Board

Opened with prayer from Reverend Christopher Martin, Committee Chairman

1. GAEB Report:
 - a. Recommendation 2—The committee concurs with the abolishment of the Administrative Director position and the duties will be the responsibility of the stated clerk. The committee recommends that the Stated Clerk should have a salary of \$24,000 and the \$1,000 stipend for the stated clerk will be used as travel and the total package will not exceed \$25,000.
 - b. Recommendation 3--The committee does not concur with the recommendation due to the absence a valid contract. All expenses to and for any legal advisor be stopped. The 146th General Assembly should approve or disapprove a legal counsel with a valid contract.
 - c. Recommendation 4--The committee concurs with the recommendation to hold the 146th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America in Chicago, Illinois in June of 2023. The body of the 145th General Assembly is asked to choose a committee of knowledgeable individuals from the CPCA to serve on the Committee—with haste.

2. Recommendation from the Stated Clerk
Recommendation denied.
Rationale and recommendation: Survey the churches through the Presbyteries to determine the current mission and evangelism ministries and report the results to the 146th General Assembly for further allocation of resources. Establish a website to provide and receive information to and from the body of the CPCA.

3. Administrative Director Report
The committee concurs.
Further the committee recommends the Flag dissemination through the CPCA website (to be established).

Closed with prayer from Reverend Clifford Malone Hollins

Committee:

Reverend Christopher Martin, Chairman

Reverend Phal Carter

Reverend Ann Jones Pierre

Reverend Moses Finch

Reverend Clifford Malone Hollins

Christopher Martin
Phal Carter
Ann J. Pierre
Moses Finch
Clifford Malone Hollins

**Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget Distribution to the
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Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly.

The Committee on Finance and Budget Distribution of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) submits the following report.

We concur with The Report of The General Assembly Executive Board CPCA Banking Committee.

Recommendation: Recommend that the request from the Historical Foundation asking for \$600.00 budget be approved.

Recommendation: Recommend that financial safeguards be established for financial accountability of the CPCA.

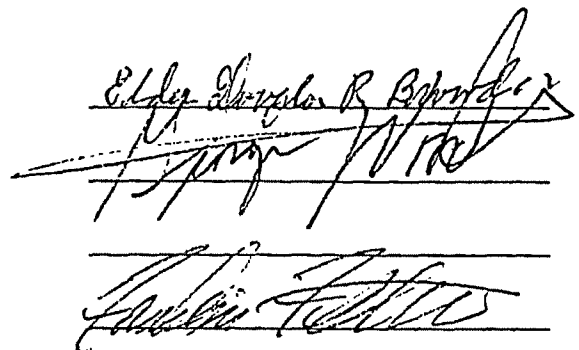
Humbly Submitted,

Elder. Douglas R. Browder

Elder. George Woods

Rev. Joe Howard III

Elder Franklin Fletcher



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**Report of the Select Committee on Historical Foundation/Military Chaplains
to the
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Mr. Moderator and Commissioners of the 145th General Assembly.

The meeting of the Select Committee on Historical Foundation/Military Chaplains was called to order by Rev. Dr. Barbara Clemons, Chairperson. We reviewed the reports given to us and would like to offer the following report:

Administrative Director Report

1. We concur with the recommendation that members of the foundation apply specific effort in cataloging, preserving, and locating/replacing missing CPCA meeting minutes.
2. We concur with the recommendation that the Historical Foundation devise plans and expand efforts towards the digitizing of all CPCA records and files. This plan should include finding resources or a company that have the capability to digitize records and files to include the cost of such an initiative.

Report of the Historian of the CPCA

1. We concur with the \$600.00 budget.
2. We concur with the recommendation that the historian send a letter to individuals, congregations, presbyteries, and synods asking for contact person(s) to assist in collecting historical documents.
3. Regarding recommendation 4: We encourage the CPCA Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation to meet to develop a plan to effectively capture the vibrant history of our churches.
4. We concur with the recommendation to encourage persons to write the history of a person or persons who were instrumental in the building of their churches, presbyteries, and synods.

Committee on Chaplains/Historical Foundation

1. We concur with the recommendation that the 190th General Assembly change its bylaws in article 10.01.03 and 10.08 to rename the Commission to Commission on Federal Chaplaincies be adopted.
2. We concur with the recommendation that the Historical Foundation obtain budgetary estimates for the conversion of fragile and deteriorating analog media to digital format in order that it might be preserved.
3. We concur with the recommendation that clergy and presbyterial committees on probationer care in their discussion of a call for a ministerial candidate be encouraged to include Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel the call to chaplaincy as a call of pastoral ministry (commission on military chaplains and personnel).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Humbly Submitted,

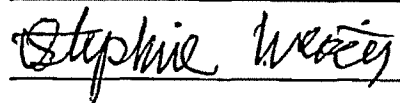
Rev. Dr. Barbara Clemons

Elder George Lockett

Elder Otis Johnson

Rev. Stephanie Martin





Memorial Committee
Embassy Suites Hotel
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July 12, 2022

Mr. Moderator and members of the 145th General Assembly,

We, your select committee on Memorial and Resolution of Thanks would like to submit the following report:

The meeting was called to order and opened with Prayer by Rev. Robert Jefferson. The following order of service was agreed upon by the members of the committee:

Order of Service

Scripture		Elder Deborah Montague
Hymn/Song		Rev. Endia Scruggs
The Invocation		Rev. Robert Jefferson
Scripture Reading		
Old Testament	Psalm 23:4-6	Elder Shirley Rice
New Testament	1 st Thessalonians 4:13-18	Elder Charles Bradley
Memorial Service		Rev. Dr. Nancy Fuqua
Closing Scripture – Revelations 14:13		Elder Deborah Montague

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

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

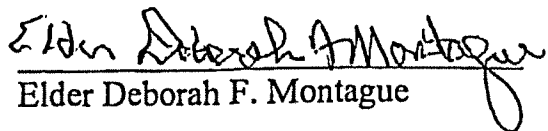
Hiwassee Presbytery
Rev. Harris Toney
Rev. Anthony Hollis

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

Tennessee Valley Presbytery
Elder Woodrow Johnson, Jr.

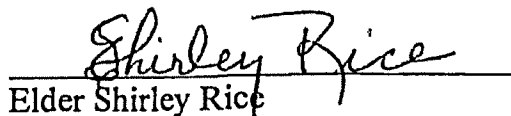
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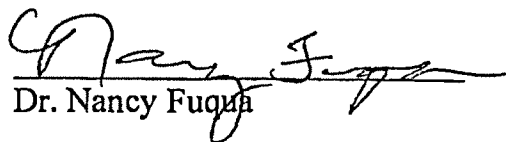

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Rev. Endia Scruggs

Elder Charles Bradley

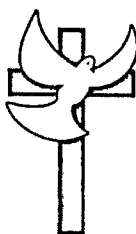

Elder Shirley Rice


Dr. Nancy Fuqua

**IN MEMORY OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS
OF THE
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA 2019-2022**

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13

BIRMINGHAM PREBSYTERY	Rev. Virginia Davis
	Elder Marvin Pullon
	Elder Lonnie Jones
	Elder Verna Eatmon
CLEVELAND OHIO PREBSYTERY	Elder Harriet Scruggs
FLORENCE PREBSYTERY	Rev. Mary Ross
	Elder Gary Smith
	Elder Richard Bates, Jr.
	Elder William "Buddy" Gilbert
	Elder Howard Robinson
HIWASSEE PREBSTYERY	Rev. Toney Harris
	Rev. Anthony Hollis
HUNTSVILLE PREBSYTERY	Rev. Marian Hayden
	Rev. Dr. Willie T. Brown
	Elder Jessie Edwards
	Elder James Baker, Sr.
	Elder Joe Fletcher
	Elder Ronnie Wellington
	Elder Bobby Hereford
TENNESSEE VALLEY PREBSYTERY	Elder Woodrow Johnson, Jr.



Select Committee on Resolution of Thanks
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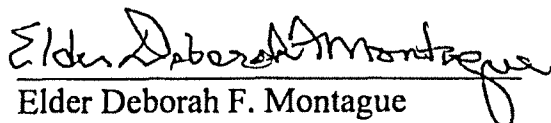
How good and pleasant it is for brethren to come together in love and fellowship after the previous two years we have had. Greetings in the name of our precious Lord Jesus the Christ.

We wish to thank Moderator Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin, the 145th General Assembly and Huntsville Moderator Rev. Dr. Barbara Clemons and the members of the Huntsville Presbytery for your warm and generous hospitality; beginning Sunday July 10th up to the present moment. We have been truly blessed by spiritual food, physical food, handshakes, smiles and much love.

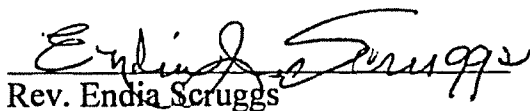
We thank God for all the blessings we have received during our fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We were blessed from the time we arrived on the grounds until the adjournment of this meeting.

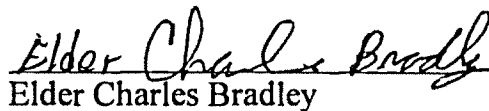
We remain respectfully yours in the name of our Lord and Savior

Yours in Christ,


Elder Deborah F. Montague


Rev. Robert Jefferson


Rev. Endia Scruggs


Elder Charles Bradley


Elder Shirley Ride


Rev. Dr. Nancy Fuqua

APPENDIX D

General Assembly Worship Services and Programmed Events

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

A Service of Worship

NATIONAL THEME:



"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11 KJV

Monday, July 11, 2022
8:30 A.M.

The 145th Meeting of the General Assembly

Moderator, Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Keynote Address
Vice Moderator, Reverend Dr. Michael Jones, Liturgist
Dr. John W. Humphrey,
The Huntsville Presbytery Celebration Choir Director

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The Order of Worship

*Liturgist, Reverend Dr. Michael L. Jones
Pastor, St. James CPCA, Tennessee Valley Presbytery*

The People Recognize God's Presence

Prelude and Period of Meditation

Opening Music....."Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"..... Huntsville Presbytery Celebration Choir

*"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus" by Aaron Neville
Jesus Jesus Jesus, there's just
something about that name.
Master, Saviour, Jesus, like the
fragrance after the rain
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and
earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will pass away
But there's something about that Name!*

Processional

Call to Worship

*Praise for Rescue from Enemies
A Song of Ascents of David
Psalm 124: 1-8*

If the LORD had not been on our side—let Israel say—if the LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us; the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away. Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Hymn of Praise Congregation

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*"The eternal God is your Refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."
Deuteronomy 33: 27*

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!*

CHORUS:

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!*

Welcome Reverend Dr. Barbara Clemons
Moderator, Huntsville Presbytery

Invocation..... Reverend Elton Hall
Pastor, Goshen CPCA
Brazos River Presbytery

*Responses of Praise
Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.*

The Hearing of God's Word

Scripture Reading Reverend Dr. Anthony Johnson
Pastor, Faith CPCA, Ohio Valley Presbytery

The People Affirm Their Faith

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sin; The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Music..... The Huntsville Presbytery Celebration
Choir

The People Present Themselves to God

The Presenting of the Gifts or Offering

- *Gathering of the Offering*
- *The Doxology*
- *The Offertory Prayer*

Our Informal Moment

Announcements and Recognition of Visitors Elder Vanessa K. Midgett
Stated Clerk



The People Talk and Listen to God

Presentation of the Speaker

Music The Huntsville Presbytery Celebration Choir

*The Address Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin
General Assembly Moderator*

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship
The Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

The Celebrants

*Reverend Dr. Ann J. Pierre
Hiwassee Presbytery*

*Reverend Perry C. Jackson
Pastor, Mt. Cumberland CPCA
Hiwassee Presbytery*

*Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Partaking of the Elements
Post Communion Prayer*

The Dismissal/Charge/Benediction

Postlude

Music The Huntsville Presbytery Celebration Choir

*“Victory is Mine!” by Dorothy Norwood
“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.”
I Corinthians 15:57*

*Victory Is Mine, Victory Is Mine,
Victory Today Is Mine.
I Told Satan To Get Behind,
Victory Today Is Mine.
Love Is Mine ...
Joy Is Mine ...
Peace Is Mine ...
Happiness Is Mine ...
When I Woke This Morning,
I Didn't Have No Doubt,
I Knew That The Lord Would Bring Me Out,
So I Got Down On My Knees,
I Said “Lord, Help Me Please”.
I Got Up Singing & Shouting The Victory.*



Presentation of the Preacher of God's Word

Sister Ruth Ingram-Davis

Tuscaloosa Presbytery

Hymn of Preparation

"Amazing Grace"

Sermon

Reverend Clint M. Scales

Pastor of Elmont Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

Elmont, Alabama

Tennessee Valley Presbytery

The People Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Christian Discipleship "Music" The Missionary Chorus

The President's Acknowledgements Sister Ruth Ingram-Davis

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Benediction

Reverend Clint M. Scales



Moderator: Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin

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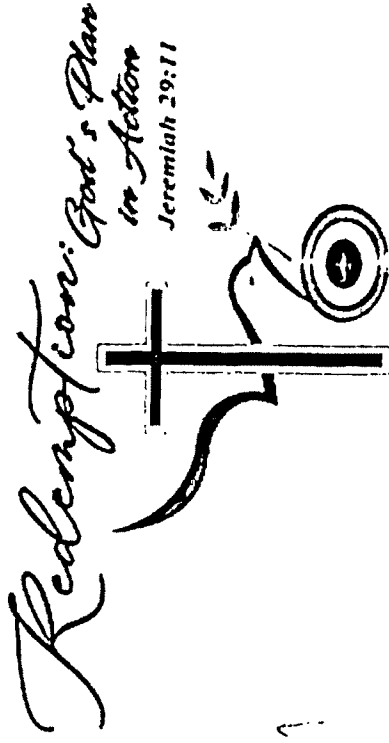
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Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

145TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America



The Worship Service of God

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Eight Thirty in the Morning

Embassy Suites

800 Monroe Street

Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Order of Worship

Worship Leader

Reverend Marcus Fuqua

Florence Presbytery

Prelude and Period of Meditation

Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Invocation

Sister Ann Buchanan

New Hopewell

Music

The Missionary Chorus

The People Affirm Their Faith

Litany of Praise

Leader: To Him who has power to open our hearts to the words of Christ:

Assembly: Be glory and praise for ever,

Leader: To Him who was crucified under Pontius Pilate to proclaim to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob the coming of resurrection:

Assembly: Be glory and praise for ever,

Leader: To Him who rose from the dead that we might rise with Him:

Assembly: Be glory and praise for ever,

Leader: To Him who ascended into heaven by the power of the Father and the Holy Spirit:

Assembly: Be glory and praise for ever,

Leader: To Him who sits on the right of the throne of the Almighty:

Assembly: Be glory and praise for ever,

Leader: To who is to come with power and glory to judge the dead and the living:

Assembly: Be glory and praise for ever,

All: Glory to God in the highest. We praise You. We bless You. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. May the heart of Jesus in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

Amen, Amen

Music

The Missionary Chorus

The People Present Themselves to God

Gathering of the Offering

The Finance Committee

Offertory Prayer

Sister Yvonne Friers

Cleveland, Ohio

Music

The Missionary Chorus

The People Communicate with God

Scripture Reading

Sister Mamie Hall

Brazos Presbytery

Prayer of Intercession

Reverend Moses D. Finch

Tuscaloosa Presbytery



National Youth Works

*145th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
8:30am*

*Theme: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord,
thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
Jeremiah 29:11*

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Greetings National Youth WorksBro. David Smith

Music.....National Youth Works

Scripture.....Sis. Zoey Engram

Prayer.....Bro. Jeremiah Harkins

Music.....National Youth Works

*Announcements.....Elder Vanessa Midgett
Stated Clerk*

Music.....National Youth Works

Informal Words.....Sis. Venessa Edmonds

Offering

Offertory Prayer

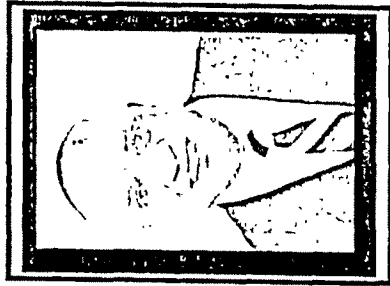
Music.....National Youth Works

Remarks

Benediction

“Blessings to each of you that worshipped with us on this day”

Dr. Reginald Jackson
Assistant Professor
Director of the UAB Gospel Choir



Reginald Jackson joins the UAB faculty as a highly accomplished music educator, speaker and performer from Madison, Alabama. Jackson's dynamic delivery and broad knowledgebase continuously creates global opportunities for him to venture throughout the world — bringing him before audiences in Turkey, France, Japan and the continental United states, teaching gospel keyboard improvisation and gospel vocal techniques.

Jackson's wealth of experience as an accomplished and multifaceted music educator offers performances on the soprano and alto saxophone, clarinet, flute, piano, and Hammond B-3 organ. Additionally, he has proficiency in pedagogical tips for playing by ear, Gospel music pedagogy, relevant aural and oral practices, and performance styles of sacred music.

In 2012, Dr. Jackson was bestowed the honor of being hailed 1st Place Winner of "The Homegrown Talent Competition" in Huntsville, Alabama as part of the Panoply of Arts Festival. He works at the state level and continues membership with the Music Educator's National Conference and the National Association of Jazz Educators.

Throughout Reginald's career he has had the privilege of working with Gospel Recording Artist Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Bishop Marvin Sapp in a featured artist capacity and has been a featured performer with the Florida State Jazz Ensemble at the Orange Bowl. Jackson has also been on the faculty of The University of North Alabama, Alabama A and M University, Calhoun Community College, and Oakwood University.



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MODERATOR'S RECEPTION PROGRAM

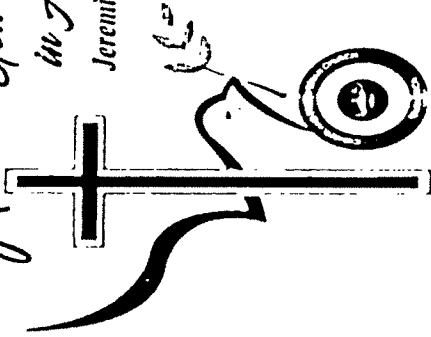
Mistress of Ceremony
Elder Betty Fletcher
St. Elizabeth
Huntsville Presbytery

Embassy Suites by Hilton
800 Monroe Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

July 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.

145TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church In America

*Redemption: God's Plan
in Action*
Jeremiah 29:11



For I know the thoughts that I think
toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of
peace, and not of evil, to give you an
expected end..

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

MODERATOR'S RECEPTION PROGRAM

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONALENTRANCE OF MODERATORS

WELCOME

INVOCATION

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Reginald Jackson
Assistant Professor

Director of the UAB Gospel Choir

REPAST

SPOKEN WORD..... MS. JASAMINE BYRD
Pleasant Grove Cumberland CPCA
Huntsville Presbytery

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST

CLOSING REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS