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NATIONAL RALLY 2022
BRANSON, MISSOURI

1st Vice President

Hello NUMC members,

I am wishing you a very happy New Year. I think 2021 was a little better than 2020 and I pray that 2022 will be better than 2021. We are working on a location for the 2023 NUMC rally. We are looking at the fall, but don't have even an estimate of a date. Please pray for our organization and the leadership that works hard to lead with God's Will in mind. Please mark your calendars for late September 2022 for the next rally. The location will be Branson but the rally person at the park is on vacation and therefore we are waiting for a call-back. They told Terry that she checks in periodically and will call him. He also calls them periodically so they won't forget him. Remember to be safe and aware of others around you.

Bless all of you,

Dixie Hines





Dear Friends,

I trust that this letter finds you well. God is blessing us again with the changing of the seasons. We are enjoying the change of colors in the trees even here in Texas. This is a constant reminder that God is still in control. You and I are still called into his service as we share with the example of our lives the love that God pours out on all.

It was a joy to see so many of you at the National Rally in Glen Rose Texas. Even though many of you were unable to be there, your absence was felt and you were missed. We hope to see you at future rallies.

We are coming into the season of Advent and Christmas when we can share the joy of the season with family and friends. We can all look forward to 2022 with hope, renewal and faith that times will be brighter and we can continue to be blessed in all that we do.

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Publicity Secretary

Happy New Year,

The months of the newsletters was changed at the Rally to January, April, July and October. I would like all the executive board and chapter news by the 15th of the month before. Also if you have any suggestions on improving the newsletter or you would like to put in a devotional or something special to share with everyone please feel free to send it to me as well.

NEXT DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2022

Crystal Jackson

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PAST PRESIDENT REPORT

This past year has really gone by fast from being hospitalized for a week in January to a warm sunny Christmas ending December. I was blessed to serve with dedicated hard working members of Chapter 16. The long planning period and multiple meetings quickly ended in one great week in Glen Rose. The Florida Chapter was very generous in sharing many of the things planned for the canceled National Rally, storing everything for over a year, bringing it all to Texas and even helping us set up!! Many thanks to Bryant and Carolyn Carter. Also from Florida were Jim and B.J. Ross. New York was represented by Clair and Betty Jones, Debbie Williams and David Houghtalen. The Texas chapters and At Large group were well represented.

We had 51 people: 22 rigs, 2 cabins, 3 offsite and 37 attended "The Promise" outside in perfect weather!

We had 3 cancellations shortly before the rally.

Thursday we enjoyed Hammond's BBQ and the Bobby Ray Band. Friday we had an Aldersgate Enrichment Center presentation by Mike Pinson from Chapter 16, Michelle Thomas from Aldersgate and musical presentation by the Promise Singers. Aldersgate is a resident and work place for adults with disabilities that Chapter 16 has been involved with for many years. Our love offering for Aldersgate was just under \$800! Friday we enjoyed a Los Primos Mexican dinner and the Michael Choate Band. They ended their program with a camping version of Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again".

Our Rally was smaller than usual, but that seems to be a sign of the times with the virus around and us aging a group. I was saddened to see that 3 chapters are closing at the end of the year. I have fond memories of Rally's past and wonderful people that I met. Hopefully the members will become members at large and we will continue to see them. We remembered many members that we lost since September 2019 and shared pictures and fond memories of them.

The Executive board is working on a National Rally in Branson, Missouri in 2022 so keep watch on the newsletter for upcoming details.

I have been blessed to serve this last year as president and have met many wonderful people during my time on the executive board. I hope to keep camping and enjoying many more National Rally's in different places.

Blessed to serve and "On the Road Again" soon camping!

Elaine B. Jackson

NATIONAL COORDINATOR

Our NUMC web-site is being moved from one host company to another, effective the end of December. More news regarding this move will be sent to chapter presidents as soon as complete.

I have been working on establishing a location for the 2022 National Rally. At this time it appears that will happen in September in Branson, Mo. The Rally Coordinator at the site selected is on leave until February 1st; so, more news on that will be forthcoming.

Chapter reports are due in January, so let's get those reports in.

Terry Hines

Membership Secretary

As a reminder dues are due for 2022. Please send the membership report and a check for \$8 per number. Life members should also be listed on the Membership Report. The check from the Chapter treasurer made out to NUMC should be mailed to the Membership Secretary by Jan 31,2022. I have reports from 2 Chapters now.

The total membership has dropped to 121 with the closing of Chapters 3, 10 and 17. The executive committee is working on the 2022 National Rally, when the date and location are decided please make an effort to come. We always have a great time.

Harold Darling

3" Letters and Numbers (Black).....	\$1.50 each
Bumper stickers+++++	+\$2.50
NUMC Cloth Patches.....	\$2.00 each
NUMC 4" decals+++++	\$3.00 each
NUMC 8" decals.....	\$3.50 each
NUMC Cap (Royal w/embroidered logo)	\$10.00
NUMC Cap (Lt. blue w/mesh top).....	\$10.00
Visors (Lt. blue w/stamped logo)+++++	\$9.00
Visors (Royal w/embroidered logo).....	\$10.00
Chapter flag 3' X 5'+++++	\$45.00



Carolyn Carter—National Storekeeper

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**NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CAMPERS
NATIONAL RALLY AT GLEN ROSE, TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

Elaine Jackson, President, opened the meeting.

Members present were Elaine Jackson, Dixie Hines, Terry Hines, Betty Jones, Jim Westphal, Crystal Jackson, Carolyn Carter, Trish Rowe, Rev. Steve Rowe, and Bryant Carter.

Elaine reported the membership seems to be holding steady but she noted that our membership is getting older and younger people do not seem interested as they have work and family obligations so they prefer to camp on their schedule. According to the Membership Report filed, we have 139 memberships as of August 1, 2021.

The Presidents Committee recommends that a rally be held in 2022. They suggested that the Executive committee choose a centrally located place and report to the membership through the National Newsletter and to Chapter Presidents via e-mail.

The Executive Committee discussed holding the 2022 Rally in Memphis, TN, Nashville, TN, Kentucky and Branson, MO. The Committee voted to try for Branson, MO, in October of 2022. Terry Hines volunteered to locate a park and confirm dates to have the rally. The Committee approved changing the days of the rally from Wednesday through Sunday to Monday through Friday, to accommodate an RV Park and to get the best price. To keep it simple each membership family will make their own reservation; bring a snack to share at the rally and a door prize to cost about \$20. Entertainment will be up to attendees from all the choices at Branson. The group will attend a local restaurant for the meals. The required meetings can be at a facility at the campground or a restaurant or a local church. The details will be passed on to the membership through the Chapter Presidents and printed in the National Newsletter.

There was a discussion regarding the changes to the website and should we keep it or use Facebook. The vote was to keep the website. Currently the cost is \$300/year. Terry Hines will make the change to the new web site and he requested that the Chapters give him correct and current information to post, including chapter officers and meeting schedules.

Dixie Hines (Second Vice President) will become First Vice President in 2022 and hold the 2023 Rally in Texas as President. Currently we need to fill the President and Second Vice President positions for 2022 and the 2024 Directors position.

Crystal Jackson, Publicity Secretary, asked permission to change the National Newsletter publication dates to January, April, July, and October. All information will need to be into her by each preceding month. Changing the dates will coincide better with our Fiscal Year. A motion was made, seconded and approved to change the publication dates of the National Newsletter.

Crystal wants more Chapter information for the newsletter. She asked the Chapter Presidents to notify her of any information to be printed in each quarterly National Newsletter; one month prior to each publication date, including their upcoming campouts for that quarter.

Crystal, as National Historian, asked what to do with the paper records of the National Newsletter for years 2006 – 2021 after they have been recorded on an electronic format. After a discussion, Terry Hines made a motion to give the National Historian permission to maintain the Historians records electronically. The motion was seconded and approved.

Crystal has on display photos of past rallies. She does not have pictures of all of the rallies and asked for help to find those missing pictures so the records can be complete. It was suggested that she post her request in the National Newsletter to see if anyone has what she needs.

The President received boxes of items that she did not use and they have not been used at rallies for several years. There is no need to pass these items on to carry and store. She would like help sorting these items and keep what is useable to the NUMC and get rid of the rest. The Executive Committee agreed that Elaine should appoint a committee to sort through the items and decide which items should be kept, donated, or destroyed.

President, Elaine Jackson, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jones, National Secretary

2021 NUMC

**NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CAMPERS
NATIONAL RALLY AT GLEN ROSE, TEXAS
COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

Elaine Jackson, President, opened the meeting.

Members present were Mike Stumbaugh, Martin Reynolds, Jim Westphal, Trish Rowe, David Houghtalen, Dixie Hines, Terry Hines, Elaine Jackson, Betty Jones, and Bryant Carter.

President, Elaine, asked how the Chapter membership was doing. Chapter 16 is going good. Some of the others only have 4 to 5 rigs at a meeting.

Because Missouri cannot hold the 2022 National rally, Elaine asked if we wanted to hold a rally in 2022 or not. The consensus of the Presidents Committee is we should recommend to the Executive Committee that we should hold a rally in 2022.

A discussion followed as to where to hold it and what the particulars of the rally should be recommended to the Executive committee.

1. It should be held at a central location for the majority of the chapters; i.e. Branson, MO, Gadsden, AL, Nashville, TN
2. Keep it as simple as possible.
3. Meals could be at local restaurants.
4. Entertainment could be provided by local churches.
5. Door prizes and snacks should be provided by those attending.

Dixie Hines, noted that the current web site is going to change in December and Terry Hines, National Coordinator, will have to change over all the information. She questioned if we should continue with the web site, the current cost is \$300/year. We discussed using Facebook instead. After a discussion the Committee voted to inform the Executive Committee to keep the web site.

President, Elaine Jackson, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jones, Recording Secretary

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**NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CAMPERS
NATIONAL RALLY AT GLEN ROSE, TEXAS
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2021**

Elaine Jackson, President, opened the meeting.

Invocation was given by Rally Chaplain, Rev. Steve Rowe.

President Jackson recognized the past presidents in attendance, Bryant Carter, Dixie Hines, David Houghtalen, and Terry Dykman.

The National President gave her report. We have 51 members attending, 22 rigs on site, 2 cabins rented and 3 members staying off the campground. Six members could not make it.

The New York Chapter (Dave Houghtalen and Debbie Williams and Clair and Betty Jones) traveled 1610, the most miles to come to the rally.

The donation to Aldersgate Enrichment Center, the 2021 Mission Project, was just under \$800.

The following reports were printed in the Rally Booklet for the members to review prior to the meeting, 2019 Annual Membership Report, 2021 Treasures Report, 2021 Member Secretary Report and 2021 Store Keepers Report. The President asked for a motion to accept the reports as printed in the booklet. A motion made by Bill Marsh, seconded by Trish Rowe and approved by those present.

Membership Secretary, Harold Darling, reported that better communications are needed between the Chapter Officers and the web management. The official NUMC reports are on the website in PDF format for preferred use by the membership.

For clarity, Harold Darling went through the steps to disband a chapter. The chapter must hold a meeting with their membership. The chapter must vote to disband and to turn in their Charter. This must be recorded in the minutes. The chapter decides how to dispose of any funds still in the treasury as they must have a "0" balance in their treasury when they disband. The meeting minutes and the "0" balance Treasurers Report are to be forwarded to the Membership Secretary. The members have a choice of just dropping out of the NUMC or join another chapter (notify Member Secretary) or be a member at large where they send in their own dues.

National Secretary, Betty Jones read the 2021 Executive Committee minutes. A needed correction was asked by Terry Hines. His motion should read "I make a motion to give the National Historian permission to maintain the Historians records electronically."

Dixie Hines commented that the Executive Committee minutes indicated that the national rallies are held 5 days, but actually it is only 3. There was not a motion to correct that.

A motion to approve the 2021 Executive Committee minutes, with the correction was made by David Houghtalen, and seconded by Dixie Hines. The motion carried.

To clear up Newsletter information, Crystal Jackson, Publicity Secretary, said the next National Newsletter will be out the first week in January. She must receive all information by the 15th of the previous month, December. She will have the next deadline for information in bold as a reminder.

The completed newsletter is sent electronically to Terry Hines, who sends it to the Executive Board and Chapter Presidents. The Chapter Presidents are to distribute the newsletter to their membership.

The National Historian, Crystal Jackson, reminded everyone that she has photographs of the rallies for everyone to look at. Contact Crystal if you have pictures to add to the collection.

Harold Darling, Membership Secretary, needs correct contact information for each chapter. The list, in chapter order, is there for you to verify or to correct the information.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Board will plan the 2022 Rally, but a Second Vice President is needed for 2022. President Jackson asked for a volunteer, there were none

The President read the list of proposed 2022 National Officers and Directors for 2022. They are:

1st Vice President – Dixie Hines

Recording Secretary – Betty Jones

National Treasurer – Jim Westphal

Publicity Secretary – Crystal Jackson

Membership Secretary – Harold Darling

Store Keeper – Carolyn Carter

National Chaplain – Rev. Steve Rowe

National Coordinator – Terry Hines

National Historian – Crystal Jackson

DIRECTORS

2022 - John Potter

2023 – Bryant Carter

2024 – Clair Jones

President Jackson asked for a motion to accept the proposed list of 2022 NUMC Officers and Directors. The motion was made by David Houghtalen, seconded by Gloria Essler. The motion passed.

President Jackson presented the newly elected 2022 NUMC Officers and Directors to Rev. Steve Rowe, to conduct the Officers and Directors Installation Ceremony.

After the Installation Ceremony, Elaine Jackson thanked everyone who helped make the rally a success. The membership thanked Elaine and Crystal Jackson for all their planning and work for the rally.

With no further business, President, Elaine Jackson, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jones, National Secretary

2021 NUMC

CHAPTER 3 - WEST MISSOURI

During the final meeting of the year many things were decided:

1. Treasurer, Walter Gunn will close out the West MO 3 bank account. The donations to the LUC Boys Ranch and PET Projects have cleared the bank and the remaining sum will purchase fleece for our Linus Blanket project.
2. West MO 3 will turn in our charter to NUMC by Dec. 31, 2021. (This was voted on at the August 2021 meeting). Anyone that wishes to remain a member of the NUMC may become a Member At Large.

Joe Robertson

President, Chapter 3



CHAPTER 10 - MISSOURI OZARK

We had our last camp out in October.

For a whole lot of years our chapter had many memberships. We had lots of fun times, food, fellowship, worship. Over the last few years, we have been dwindling down. Not being able to recruit any new members has us down to 2 memberships and 1 associate to camp. So that being said brings us to the conclusion it is time to disband our chapter. Time to turn in our charter. Lots of memories and friendships over the years are still being talked about. All the places we went and new things we saw are not forgotten. Thanks for all the memories.

Sandra Shouse, Secretary/Treasurer

CHAPTER 13 - KYMETH KAMPERS - KENTUCKY

2022 CAMPING SCHEDULE

January 21-22 (Camp In) ————— Bardstown UMC
January 28-29 in case of bad weather
April 29-May 1 ————— Lake Malone
May 20-22 ————— Kentucky Horse Park
June 24-26 ————— Canal, Land Between the Lakes
July 22-24 ————— Spring Mills, IN
August 26-28 ————— The Narrows, Barron River
September 23-25 ————— Taylorsville Lake
October 21-23 ————— Kendall Campground, Cumberland Lake

CHAPTER 16 - SOJOURNERS

October brought many campers to Glen Rose, Texas for our NUMC National Rally at Oakdale Park. What fun we had!

See President Elaine Jackson's article for more info on the Rally. Our Chapter #16 joined Chapter #21 at Oakwood RV Resort in

Fredericksburg, TX in November. Combining with another club provided a great time with more people! We enjoyed wonderful fellowship, food, and fun!

Christmastime brought us to our favorite December gathering place, The National United Methodist Church in Burleson TX. We enjoyed a delicious meal along with great fellowship with our other Chapter #16 members.

We welcome new members to our flock: Bob & Diane Crane, and David & Gail Donley. We look forward to many campouts with them.

We were saddened by the loss during 2021 of several members and former members including: Jim Beard, Mary Cook, Jerry Dickson, Bill Hood, Maureen Mathias, Teri Munke, Joan Knight, and Charles Wright. They will always be in our hearts. Please remember the families with your prayers.

We look forward to a happy and healthy 2022.

Travel safely, everyone!

Rae Byington, Secretary, Chapter #16

CHAPTER 17 - ALABAMA

National U. M. Campers, Alabama Chapter 17 was established in 1985. We have greatly enjoyed this great organization and all it has meant to be a part of such a dedicated group of Christian brothers and sisters who enjoy the fellowship of the outdoors and all of God's creations. We have hosted three national rallies and provided three National Presidents, Tad Smith, Dave Stein and Sherfae Ansley and have had numerous attendees at many of our national gatherings over these years.

Supporting the goals of this great organization over the years has been an honor and privilege and an enjoyable experience at all levels.

However, in today's world change has taken place that causes our hearts to think through some changes. With the drastic change now occurring in the United Methodist Church and this chapter's greatly reduced membership (with five having passed away this past year 2020/21) and now with just six units, we find ourselves necessarily following that change. Effective with the new membership year, Alabama Chapter 17 of National U. M. Campers does submit its Charter for resignation. While this is a regretful decision, we find it necessary.

We wish nothing but future success and goodwill to the National U. M. Campers. May God speed be with you in the future.

God bless,

Bob Smith, President Chapter 17

CHAPTER 18 - NEW YORK

2022 Camping Schedule

JANUARY – No meeting

FEBRUARY 8, 2022 - First United Methodist Church, 38635 5th Ave, Zephyrhills, FL - Dan Schall in concert

MARCH – No meeting

APRIL 29, 2022 Friday, 10:00 AM at **Broadway Diner**

MAY 16 - 19, 2022 - Oquaga Lake - More information to follow

JUNE 13 – 17, 2022 - Pope Haven Camp, 11948 Pope Road, Randolph, NY - (NY Amish Country)

JULY 11 – 14, 2022 - Bowman Lake State Park, 745 Bliven Sherman Rd, Oxford, NY

AUGUST 5 – 7, 2022 - Al Rood's, 1879 Pierce Creek, Binghamton, NY

AUGUST 22 – 27, 2022 - Rock Mt. Bible Camp, 1156 Rock Mountain Drive, Susquehanna, PA

SEPTEMBER 19 - 24, 2022 - Albany, NY - More information to follow

OCTOBER 3 – 6, 2022 - Pine Valley Campground, 600 Boswell Hill Rd, Endicott, NY

NOVEMBER 4, 2022 - Jane's Diner, 591 Conklin Road, Binghamton, NY

DECEMBER - No meeting

2022 Chapter 18 officers

President – David Houghtalen

Vice President – Clair Jones

Secretary – Betty Jones

Treasurer – Debbie Williams

Chaplain – David Snitchler

Chaplain Emeritus - Leland Moses

Wagon Master – Betty Jones

CHAPTER 19 - HILL COUNTRY ROADRUNNERS

Chapter 19 is continuing to be active. Four of our members were able to attend the National Rally in Glen Rose Texas. It was truly a blessed time for all who attended. In November our club met at the Buena Vista RV and Safari Park in Evant Texas where we continued a tradition of sharing a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday evening. We had an incredible spread of traditional Thanksgiving foods and still had plenty to share for the following night's dinner. We took the time to share what each of us were thankful for and it truly felt like God was present with us at the table. We also had the pleasure of driving through the game area of the park and seeing new baby buffalo, camels, inquisitive emus and ostriches and countless other specimens of wildlife. If you haven't been there, we highly recommend this park. The staff is very helpful and friendly also.

On January 8 th , we are meeting at Billy Jean's Restaurant in Kerrville for our annual Christmas luncheon. This is a much anticipated gathering when members, who no longer are able to camp with us, come to share how the past year has been treating them and we come together as a family once more.

We trust that this coming holiday season will bring blessings to you and yours and that 2022 will be met with hope that all the previous clouds will give way to sunshine both in the world and in our hearts.

Trish Rowe, newsletter editor

CHAPTER 21 - TRINITY TRAVELERS

Our chapter met in November at Oakwood RV Park in Fredericksburg, TX. We had ten out of our 20 rig families present as well as former members and visitors. Everyone enjoyed the shopping in Fredericksburg as well as the fine eating. We adopted our 2022 camping schedule.

Our 2022 Officers slate was adopted with the following:

President:	Kenny Anderson, Jr.
Wagon Master:	Byra Anderson
Secretary:	Anthony Anderson
Treasurer:	Terry Hines
Chaplain:	Gloria Essler

In December, we celebrated our Christmas season with a meet-n-eat at Cedar Creek UMC.

Terry Hines

CHAPTER 22 - NORTH FLORIDA

Chapter 22 returned to our camping schedule on a limited basis for the second half of the year. We did not camp in August and September due to so many conflicting schedules with our members. However, two of our members attended the National Rally in Texas and came home with reports of a great time with old friends.

Our group did get together in November at Crooked River State Park at St. Mary's, GA. We had 5 rigs attend and another member stayed at local accommodations. We visited the St. Mary's Submarine Museum not far from our campground. We had our traditional Thanksgiving dinner together in an open-air pavilion. The weather was great, and we had many laughs together after such an uncommon year. We finalized our camping schedule for 2022 so come join us, you'll find some interesting places to watch the sunsets!

