

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches  
Conference Call  
April 19, 2018

1. Call to order: The Leadership Council of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by Moderator, Laura Hamby, at 7:30 EDT by conference call.

- Roll Call: Secretary, Judy Campbell took roll.

LC Voting Members present: Moderator, Laura Hamby; Vice Moderator, Jim Waechter; Joelle Sommers; Patrick Stewart; Carol Taylor; Janet Wilson

NonVoting Members present: Secretary, Judy Campbell; Historian, Will Lange; Executive Director, Michael Chittum

LC Members absent: Irv Gammon; Sarah Gladstone; Mary Prendergast; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Foundation Board of Governor's Rep, Bob Smith

Others present: DODC, Debra Fulton; Congregationalist Editor, Marianne King

2. Opening Devotion: Joelle Sommers offered prayer to open the meeting and then left the call. Comments and concerns – participants related activities over the past weeks.

3. Approval of minutes:

**2017/18 LC 022 Motion by Judy Campbell to approve Minutes of the March 15, 2018 conference call as corrected. Motion seconded and adopted.**

4. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as edited adding two names to the attached list of members on the Plymouth 400 task team: Tom Van Tassel and Phyllis Merritt.

5. Staff Reports:

- Michael Chittum referred to his report on Trello. Earnest money has been placed with a construction company. Work on windows and doors should start by end of May. The lists of churches that have not given for 1 and 3 years are complete. Letters will be sent out soon.
- Charles Packer was not on the call.
- Marianne King reported that the magazine for June is at the designer and will include a print version of the readership survey that is out on the website.
- Debby Fulton said her report was on Trello. The Editor's Round Table appeal has raised over \$9,000. Leadership is on board with giving at 100%. She has attended conferences and made other contacts regarding what impact the new tax plan will have on charitable giving. The Board of Governors has finalized the Case for Support and is working on the Gift Policies and Procedures.

6. Goal/Vision Discussion

- LC meeting proposal: Laura Hamby referred to the post of the proposed LC Meeting Plan. The Leadership Council was established to be the visionary arm of the NACCC and the Board of Directors to handle the legal and financial business. However, much of the time on the current LC conference calls is consumed with reporting and little time is spent on

visioning. The proposed plan will dedicate quarterly meetings to “Business” which would include reporting by staff, task teams and MC’s. The other monthly meetings would be for setting goals and discussion of vision and strategy.

**2017/18 LC 023 Motion by Laura Hamby that the Leadership Council adopt the proposed LC meeting calendar with quarterly business meetings and the balance of meetings for visioning. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.**

7. Task Team and Committee reports as needed:

- Membership – Carol Taylor reported that team has approved another church to present for membership.

**2017/18 LC 024 Motion by Carol Taylor for the Membership Task Team that the LC recommends St. John’s Liberty Ridge Church, Lancaster WI for full membership in NACCC. Motion discussed and adopted.**

- Plymouth Landing 400<sup>th</sup> – Will Lange reported that the team will be meeting next week.

8. NACCC Updates since March:

- Youth: Patrick Stewart gave follow-up to NAPF/HOPE registration information on his written report posted on Trello.
- Board of Directors: Vice Moderator, Jim Waechter reported the BoD has allocated \$30,000 for windows and doors at the Oak Creek building and has voted to allocate any SMF operating surplus for the fiscal year toward expenses for the building. Looking at establishing a fund raiser to fund other updates.

The BoD has approved the proposed Building and Loan Committee Lending Guidelines which increases available loans to churches to up to \$100,000 and, with collateral, up to \$150,000 and to change in the method in calculating the interest rate.

A decision was made on the candidate to receive the BoD Citation.

- Board of Governors: Bob Smith, BOG rep. was not on the call.
- Historian: Will Lange reported he is compiling the necrology. Please let him know if you know of others.
- Treasurer: Jeff Dillon was not on the call. Michael Chittum and Debby Fulton reported that contributions to the SMF fell short of budget and prior year numbers, but savings in expenses have netted a possible surplus of an estimated \$80,000.

They also reported that there is one church on the “3 yr” non-contributing list which will be removed from membership and 31 churches now on the “1 yr” non-contributing list that will be considered inactive.

- Moderator: Laura Hamby.
  - MC Interns – note to MC’s to make sure the Interns are registered for the AM&C.
  - AMC Attendance – no update
  - Vision Statement/vision team – pulling the team together.
  - 300 Church Contacts – lists are being sent out.

**Business Updates**

- Providence Endowment – Growth MC - Carol Taylor reported they had one application approved for \$500. She inquired if requirements could be changed to allow more to qualify.
- John Richard Endowment – Vitality MC – Debby Fulton reported there were three applications being reviewed.

9. Ministry Council News since March:

**Growth** – Carol Taylor reported they were on task with the workshops for the AM&C.

**Missions & Outreach** – Janet Wilson reported they were on task with the workshops for the AM&C. All monies collected have been distributed through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Vitality** – Michael Chittum reported the group had rescheduled their meeting to next week. They have managed two Ministers' Convocations this year, one in the Midwest with 25 participants and one in the Northeast with 17 participants. Their goal is to work on one more for next year.

10. For the Good of the Order:

- Quarterly and Annual Reports – Quarterly reports will be due per new meeting schedule. Annual Reports due to the office for publication in the AM&C report packet for delegates.
- MC Visitations – Laura Hamby would like to be included in the MC e-mails for meetings so that she may attend when available

11. Take Aways & To Do's:

12. Next call: Next call will be May 17, 2018 at 7:30 EDT, 6:30 CDT

13. Closing prayer: Janet Wilson offered the closing prayer.

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell

Secretary