

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Conference Call
August 16, 2018

1. Call to order: The Leadership Council of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by Moderator, Jim Waechter, at 7:30 EST by conference call.
 - Roll Call: Secretary, Judy Campbell took roll.

LC Voting Members present: Moderator, Jim Waechter; Vice Moderator, Patrick Stewart; Carol Taylor; Rev. Dr. Irv Gammon; Barb Dabul; Rev. Justin Nierer; Mary Prendergast (joined at 8:00)

NonVoting Members present: Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Historian, Rev. William Lange; Foundation Board of Governor's Rep, Bob Smith; Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum

LC Members absent: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer; Janet Wilson

Others present: DODC, Debra Fulton; CFTS Dean, Rev. Dr. Charles Packer
2. Welcome and personal check-ins: Carol Taylor reported that her church, in partnership with another congregation will be distributing school supplies to about 1000 children. Patrick provided an update on the damage from last month's tornado in the Marshalltown area. Jim Waechter reported on a health issue being experienced by Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer that she was unable to attend the call.
3. Opening Devotion: Moderator Jim Waechter offered prayer.
4. Approval of minutes:

2018/19 LC 005 Motion by Barbara Dabul to approve Minutes of the of July 19, 2018 conference call as corrected. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus.
6. Monthly Meeting time: Since last meeting, an attempt through "Doodle" survey failed to find a single day where all can consistently attend the calls. A schedule of alternating days was proposed, but there was still a conflict with the meeting time of the Growth MC. Carol Taylor will check with the members of the Growth MC to see if they can move to another day. Based on her finding Jim Waechter will announce the date of the next call and a meeting schedule will be established.
7. Center for Congregational Leadership task force:

2018/19 LC 006 Motion by Carol Taylor to establish the Center for Congregational Leadership Task Team as a voluntary task team of the Leadership Council to show how the CCL can help create vital and healthy churches. Tasks include:

- **Envision the next 5-10 years of the Center for Congregational Leadership providing help to NACCC churches**
- **Review the original documents founding the CCL**
- **Review the work completed by the CCL**
- **Review the work of previous CCL task teams**

- **Talk with NA churches as needed**
- **Draft a long-term plan for the CCL to present to the Leadership Council, Board of Directors and Board of Governors**
- **The plan should consider how the CCL services would be delivered to local churches**
- **The plan should consider the staffing requirements and other potential costs involved**
- **Review the fundraising completed for the CCL**
- **Consider if the CCL plan could become a major unifying fundraising opportunity for the NA**

Appointed to the task team: Laura Hamby, Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Rev. Dawn Carlson, Rev. Justin Nierer, Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Jim Waechter. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

Jim Waechter asked that each MC report how the new vision statement is impacting their MC.

8. Growth Ministry Council: Carol Taylor reported that their next meeting is next Monday. They have not met since the AM&C.
9. Mission and Outreach Ministry Council: Barbara Dabul reported that they have not met since the AM&C. Next meeting is August 30.
10. Vitality Ministry Council: Justin Nierer reported that the Vitality MC met today. They are moving ahead with Lay Ministry Training ideas. Rev. Dr. Charles Packer has just finished the presenting the Boston Seminar. Justin attended and would recommend to everyone. MC is re-looking at church revitalization and working with the Growth MC. They will look at how their work aligns with the new Vision Statement.

Moderator Jim Waechter made an assignment for the September meeting. Each MC is to choose one specific aspect of what they are working on and bring it for discussion on the call next week. The full LC on the call will do brainstorming. Jim will bring concerns about the YRD program.

11. For the Good of the Order: Will Lange brought up publication of the Thanksgiving Proclamation. The Plymouth 400 team would like to publish it this year. **Request approved by consensus.** Jim Waechter spoke on the importance of leadership giving to the NACCC. Requests were sent out following the AM&C. We hope to have 100% participation by leadership by end of December. Charles Packer reminded that the Symposium in Marshalltown in Oct. 11-13. Early registration ends Sept. 10.
12. Next call: Next call in September will be announced by e-mail following review of survey results.
13. Closing prayer: Mary Prendergast offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm EST.

Judy Campbell
Secretary