

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
Conference Call Meeting
June 11, 2018

1. Call to order and Roll Call: The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by Chairman, Jim Waechter, at 5:00 PM ET by conference call. Secretary, Judy Campbell recorded the attendance.

BoD Members present Vice Moderator Jim Waechter, Chairman; Moderator, Laura Hamby; Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere; Rev. Dr. Martin Hall; Rev. Julie Johnson Staples.

BoD Members Absent: Miriam Bryant; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen

Also present: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director; Dan Drea, CFO; Marianne King, Editor, The Congregationalist; Debby Fulton, DODC.

2. Personal Check-ins: The Rev. Julie Johnson Staples related experiences from a research trip to Birmingham and Montgomery, AL where she discovered coincidences between that history, herself and a staff member. Rev. Marty Hall reported on the death at age 50 of the husband of an active member of his church.
3. Opening Prayer: Rev. Julie Johnson Staples offered the opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 14, 2018 conference call were reviewed.

2017/18 C 047 Motion by Rev. Ashley Cleere to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018 as corrected. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

2017/18 C 048 Motion by Judy Campbell to amend the minutes of June 12, 2017 and June 23, 2017 to add a letter designation to motions 2016/17 C 51 and 2016/17 C 52 whose numbers were duplicated in error. Motions in 6/12/17 minutes will have letter "a" and 6/23/17 minutes will have letter "b". Motion seconded and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus.
6. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum referred to his written report which included an update on the move from Olivet. He reported that the office in Olivet was now closed and all the files and pertinent items had now been physically moved to the Oak Creek office where he and the staff were sorting and filing. Michael was unable to meet with Dr. Steven Corey while he was there as the college office was closed. He has sent a letter of thanks and hopes to talk to Dr. Corey soon.

Dr. Chittum then reported on the expenses for the upcoming AM&C. Concern is that the cost of the general workshop at the AM&C may exceed the amount \$1400 available in restricted funds for workshops.

2017/18 C 049 Motion by Jim Waechter to authorize payments to Bill Wilson, the workshop presenter, for his speaking fees and travel expenses and request that Dr. Chittum release funds from the Center for Congregational Leadership in excess of workshop funds available if needed. Motion seconded and adopted.

7. Oak Creek Property: Dr. Chittum gave an update on the repairs to the Oak Creek building. The windows have been replaced as well as the front door. These improvements have already enhanced the heating and cooling. Next major improvement will be to repair the drive and parking lot. Bids have been received with the selected bid being \$28,000 depending on discoveries as they dig.

2017/18 C 050 Motion by Jeff Dillon to approve the expenditure of funds up to \$28,000 for the repair of the parking lot and drive at the Oak Creek building per the proposal as submitted. Motion seconded and adopted.

8. Budget, Report, updates and motions:

Treasurer, Jeff Dillon reported that the audit has been completed and everything is in good order. The Finance Committee will review and make its recommendations at their next meeting.

An amount of \$94,448 of surplus funds from the Shared Ministries Fund has been moved to the Building Expense fund for future repairs per BoD direction on April 9, 2018: 2017/18 C 042.

Dan Drea reported that a bequest of the proceeds of a life insurance policy has been received from the estate of Lois Heilmann to fund an existing CFTS scholarship in her parents' name. The insurance company has requested that we authorize a representative(s) to sign papers and receive the funds.

2017/18 C 051 Motion by Laura Hamby to authorize Dan Drea and Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum to handle the Lois Heilmann bequest on behalf of the Board of Directors. A letter will be sent to the Provident Life & Accident Company by the Secretary to confirm our action. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

9. Director of Development and Communication Report: Debby Fulton, DODC, referred to her written report on Trello. The "Case for Support" has been finalized and approved by the Board of Governors. They hope to present to the delegation at the AM&C if acceptable to the BoD and LC.

2017/18 C 052 Motion by Rev. Ashley Cleere to approve the proposed "Case for Support" as presented. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

10. San Diego Annual Meeting: Laura Hamby reported that the Host Committee and the AM&C committee have been working hard on last minute details and all is ready.

11. Leadership Council update: Laura Hamby reported that the LC had approved NACCC Mission and Vision Statements as proposed by the Vision Statement Committee.

2017/18 C 053 Motion by Laura Hamby that the Board of Directors approve the adoption of the proposed Mission Statement that reads:

"To nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches and support ministries of the local church in its community and to the world, all in the name of Christ."

Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

2017/18 C 054 Motion by Laura Hamby that the Board of Directors approve the proposed new NACCC Vision Statement that reads as follows:

"Vital and healthy Congregational churches, sharing the love of Jesus the Christ."

Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

12. NA Foundation Report: Ashley Cleere gave an update on the Board of Governors activities. They are gearing up for their meeting during the AM&C. In light of the organizational changes to the NACCC over the past 10-15 years, they are looking back at their organizational structure to determine needed changes.

13. For the Good of the Order: None

14. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be the pre-meeting before the AM&C on June 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm PDT in Salon F, San Diego.

15. Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Rev. Marty Hall. Call Adjourned at 6:35 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell
Secretary