

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Pre-meeting, Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego, CA
June 21, 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 9:00am PDT.

- Roll Call: Secretary, Judy Campbell took roll.

LC Voting Members present: Moderator, Laura Hamby; Vice Moderator, Jim Waechter; Joelle Sommers; Carol Taylor; Irv Gammon; Mary Prendergast; Janet Wilson

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

LC Members absent: Patrick Stewart; Sarah Gladstone

Others present: DODC, Debra Fulton; CFTS Dean, Rev. Dr. Charles Packer; Staff members: Dan Drea and Linda Miller; Members of the Foundation Board of Governors: Varn Philbrook, Ashley Cleere, Edith Bartley and Kevin Gromley.

2. Opening Devotion: Laura Hamby offered prayer to open the meeting.

Comments and concerns – Moderator Laura Hamby asked each around the table to relate their thoughts about the meaning to the conference name of “unleashed”.

3. Approval of minutes:

2017/18 LC 028 Motion by Judy Campbell to approve Minutes of the May 31, 2018 conference call. Motion seconded and adopted.

4. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.

5. Case for support: Bob Smith and other members of the BOG reported on the Case for Support document. It is a critical part of a fund raising “tool box”. It is intended to be a “living” document can be divided up and specific sections used for different fundraising efforts.

2017/18 LC 029 Motion by Bob Smith that the Leadership Council approve the Case for Support as presented. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

6. Committee vs task team: Laura Hamby lead a conversation on the difference between “committee” and “task team”. Consensus is to use “committee” when referring to an appointed group that will continue beyond a single assignment. “Task team” would be used for a group that is assigned a single task and would be disbanded when that task was complete.

7. Reports:

Growth – Pastor Carol Taylor and Mary Prendergast reported that they were in a good place on setting and achieving their goals. Their workshops are set. Main focus this year has been assisting “Hurting Churches” and reaching out to remote churches and ministers. Mary reported that the NAPF meeting has 75 attendees. Rev. Emily Miller-Todd will be the speaker at the HOPE meeting.

Missions & Outreach – Joelle Sommers and Janet Wilson reported that this has been a very busy week. They have 10 missionaries present at this meeting and need to spend time with them. They will be presenting a workshop on planning a mission trip. This past year the MOMC has handled funds for 4 major world disasters through OGHOS. Many thanks to the Missionary Alumni and others who help out.

Vitality – Irv Gammon reported the MC organized 2 Ministers' Convocations this year - one in the Midwest and another in the East. Both were well attended. They hope to add a third convocation in a western location next year. They will be collaborating with the Growth MC on church revitalization.

Board of Directors – Jim Waechter listed the major actions of the BoD over the past year: approved upgrades to the Oak Creek facility; approved staff job descriptions; approved the 2018-19 proposed Budget for presentation to the delegates; accepted the invitation to hold the 2020 AM&C in Portland, ME; approved a change in the drawdown rate from 5 to 4 1/2%; approved changes in the Building and Loan agreement and available funds.

Treasurer Jeff Dillon reported that with just 2 months into the new fiscal year, that revenues are up. The Finance Committee has received the Auditor's report.

Board of Governors – Bob Smith reported that they have completed the Case for Support that has been a focus this year. They continue to work of consolidating Foundation funds and drafting policies and procedures for accepting gifts. They will be working on branding and volunteer guidelines.

The Congregationalist - Marianne King, Editor – was not in attendance.

Dean of CFTS - Rev. Dr. Charles Packer, reported CFTS will be presenting a workshop at this meeting. There are 4 students in the CFTS program. There are no graduates this year. The Boston Seminar will be presented July 29 – Aug. 3. CFTS students, ministers from other traditions and others are encouraged to attend. Approximately 20 have registered. A Symposium "Awakenings" with Rev. Erik Elnes presenting, will be held this fall in Marshalltown, IA planned to coordinate with the church's 150th anniversary.

DODC Debby Fulton – Most things covered under the BoG report. Focus of Case for Support is to communicate to churches and donors.

Executive Director Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum – He has been busy, moving, traveling to meet with churches, preaching, etc. Marie Steele retired May 31. Laura Wright was hired and trained with Marie to take over much of the duties of that job working out of Oak Creek. P&A is developing a job description of the balance of the work. Michael traveled to Olivet to ensure that all NACCC assets were brought back to Oak Creek, personally bringing back a truck load. The Steece library will remain in the Olivet College library. While he and much of the staff are working at the AM&C, the Oak Creek office is being attended by Laura Wright and the finance assistant, Janice Power.

8. Goal/Vision Discussion - Laura Hamby then referred to a list of priorities established at the June 2017 meeting and the suggestions made on an LC Round Table discussion in January 2018. She then walked through whether or not each had been accomplished.
9. Looking Forward - Much of our time in the past few years has been consumed with details of the reorganization, bylaws, etc. Now that reorg is behind us, we need to focus on our vision for the future of the NACCC and how we can best serve our churches.

Approved 7/19/18

10. Thank You: Laura Hamby thanked everyone on the Leadership Council and all others in leadership to the NACCC for all their dedication and assistance to her over the past 4 years.
11. Next meeting/call: The Leadership Council will meet for a “post meeting” following the close of Tuesday’s business meeting. The first conference call will be August 16, 2018 at 6:30 CDT.
12. Closing prayer: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum offered the closing prayer.
13. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am PDT.

Judy Campbell

Secretary