

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
Conference Call Meeting  
March 12, 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; Miriam Bryant; Rev. Martin Hall; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen; Rev. Julie Johnson Staples; Rev. Ashley Cleere.

BoD Members Absent: Treasurer, Jeff Dillon

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

2. Personal Check-ins: Rev. Dr. Don Olsen spoke of dealing with a recent crisis at the church day care center and the importance of having a child protection guide.
3. Opening Prayer: Miriam Bryant offered the opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 12, 2018 conference call were reviewed.

**2017/18 C 034 Motion by Ashley Cleere to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as printed. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.**

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.
6. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum reported April and May will be busy months – Convocation and visiting churches on both coasts.

An invitation has been received from the CCC-ME and the MACCC to host the 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference in New England with a preference to the Portland, Maine area. After a site visit and based on research, the Meeting Planner for the NACCC, Carrie Dahm, recommends that the NACCC hold our 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine which is offering the best overall value.

**2017/18 C 035 Motion by Laura Hamby to accept the invitation of the CCC-ME and the MACCC to hold the 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference in New England at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland, Maine. Dates are to be clarified. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.**

Questions on new tax law: Michael Chittum referred to Debby Fulton who has been researching how the changes will affect fund raising. She is planning to prepare a page that will simply explain the implications.

7. Staffing Plan: Michael Chittum has reviewed resumes for part-time administrative assistant for the CCL and he will begin in person interviews week after next. Debby Fulton will sit in on the interviews. He hopes to have new hire in place by end of March so they can work with Marie before she retires in the end of May. New job description for the position for the other half of the job has not been completed.

8. Oak Creek Property: They are getting firm bids on some major projects before going forward. List includes: windows, insulation, parking lot and HVAC.

9. Budget, Report, updates and motions:

Dan Drea reviewed the current financial reports and the information collected from calls placed to churches that have not yet given this year. He then explained items on the SMF balance sheet.

The finance committee is suggesting another change to the proposed budget that was adopted last month. The Individual Income should be increased from 50,000 to 60,000 thus leaving a deficit of (\$48,800) rather than (\$58,800).

**2017/18 C 036 Motion by Rev. Dr. Don Olsen to revise 2018-19 Budget by increasing the Individual Income line to 60,000 and present a deficit budget of (\$48,800) to the membership at the AM&C for approval. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.**

10. Director of Development and Communication Report: Debby Fulton reported on the current appeals:

Fair Share – Goal \$295,000, currently \$236,246

Editors Round Table – Goal \$5,000, currently \$7,030

Easter Appeal – will go out tomorrow

Leadership giving is still lagging expectation.

11. San Diego AM&C: Laura Hamby had no new updates. Leadership should check their sheets for pre-meeting activities and get registered. All are expected to be at the Plenary session. SOLE project is on track. Great connection with the youth meeting who will be with us Sunday for worship and the mission project.

12. Leadership Council update: Laura Hamby continued with the LC report. At last meeting the LC dismissed the Center for Congregational Leadership Task Team with many thanks. A new team will be organized that will support the “new” CCL.

The goal of reaching out to 300 churches never happened. List was sorted and parsed, but few calls were completed. We reviewed the project and will try again.

13. Foundation update: Ashley Cleere reported the Foundation is anticipating a campaign to raise funds to update the Oak Creek offices. She thanked all for their thoughts and prayers for her upon the death of her husband Ray Cleere and to Michael Chittum for representing us at the memorial service.

14. 2018 BOD Citation: Secretary Judy Campbell had sent out recent lists of possible candidates. Jim Waechter asked everyone to review and send their top three picks (not necessarily on these lists) of candidates to the secretary by e-mail. The selections would then be combined and sent out for final review. Julie Johnson Staples suggested that we should be uplifting some younger candidates. As the Citation is considered to be more of a “lifetime” award, suggestion was made to create a second award with younger candidates in mind. Laura Hamby will take on the task.

15. For the Good of the Order: Jim Waechter brought up “why churches give, or don’t”. Michael Chittum, Dan Drea and Debby Fulton have been making calls and will create a report.

16. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call on April 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm EDT.

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

Judy Campbell  
Secretary