

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches  
Conference Call  
March 15, 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 EST by conference call.
  - a. Roll Call: Secretary, Judy Campbell took roll.  
LC Voting Members present: Moderator, Laura Hamby; Vice Moderator, Jim Waechter; Joelle Sommers; Patrick Stewart; Irv Gammon; Sarah Gladstone; Mary Prendergast; Janet Wilson  
NonVoting Members present: Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Historian, Will Lange; Foundation Board of Governor's Rep, Bob Smith; Executive Director, Michael Chittum  
LC Members absent: Carol Taylor  
Others present: Congregationalist Editor, Marianne King
2. Opening Devotion: Mary Prendergast offered prayer to open the meeting.  
Comments and concerns – participants inquired about the health of Sharon Dillon who had surgery this week.
3. Approval of minutes:

**2017/18 LC 021 Motion by Judy Campbell to approve Minutes of the February 15, 2018 conference call as printed. Motion seconded and adopted.**

4. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.
5. Staff Reports:
  - a. Michael Chittum reported we should all plan to attend the symposium in Marshalltown, IA; the Easter Appeal is being mailed this week; he, Dan Drea and Debby Fulton are continuing to call churches that have not yet given to the SMF or have given less than last year. He is planning to conduct final interviews next week for the part-time admin position for the CCL with hopes of having the position filled soon. His report is on Trello.
  - b. Charles Packer – not on call.
  - c. Marianne King reported that the March issue has a link to a survey and a survey included in the hard copy of the magazine. She has received much positive feedback about the issue.
  - d. Debby Fulton – not on call. Written report on Trello. Bob Smith reported that the Appeal for the Congregationalist that was sent to members of the Editor's Round Table has exceeded its goal of \$5,000. Michael Chittum believes the figure now exceeds \$8,000.
6. Task Teams
  - a. Plymouth Landing 400<sup>th</sup> – see Historian report.
7. NACCC Updates:
  - Youth: Patrick Stewart reported that today was the deadline for regular registration for NAPF/HOPE meeting. Participants can register on line or mail in their registration and

payment. Payment on line is also available. No other updates. Mary Prendergast reported that there are currently about 36 or 37 registrations.

- Board of Directors: Vice Moderator, Jim Waechter reported that the BoD call was last Monday. The board accepted the invitation from the CCC-ME and the MACCC to host the 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference in the Portland, Maine area. They are in the process of selecting a candidate for the Citation. Debby Fulton is taking the lead in getting information on how the new tax law will impact giving.
- Board of Governors: Bob Smith, BOG rep. reported they met last Monday. They are developing policies and procedures for gift acceptance and also naming of endowments. Voted on Leadership.
- Historian: Will Lange reported on the Plymouth 400<sup>th</sup>. Plans for AM&C include sale of books by Margaret Bendroth, materials from the Congregational Library and other materials at their display. First Thanksgiving prints are still available for sale. About 30 sold at Piedmont meeting which helped defray the costs of framing their display samples.
- Treasurer: Jeff Dillon reported that financial reports are on Trello. Revenue to the MC's is good.
- Moderator: Laura Hamby reviewed progress toward 2018 Goals.
  - MC Interns – all three MC's now have interns. (see Vitality report)
  - AMC Attendance
  - Vision statement – still need volunteers to serve on vision team.
  - 300 Churches – working to redistribute list for calling.

#### **Business Updates**

- Providence Endowment – Office staff will be contacting Growth and Vitality to assist them in understanding and administrating the Providence and John Richard funds.
- John Richard Endowment – see above.
- CCL Moving Forward – Secretary drafting thank yous. We need to determine status of new group going forward. Should it be a standing committee or a task team?
- LC/BoD Honoree – The current Citation (formerly the EC Citation) by its definition awards the recipient for many years of participation. It was suggested at the BoD call last Monday that we should consider an “encouragement” award. Need to give thought to that.

#### **8. Ministry Council News since February:**

Growth MC – Mary Prendergast reported they meet next week. She and Dawn Carlson are working on Social Media guidelines especially when communicating with young people.

Missions & Outreach MC– Joelle Sommers and Janet Wilson reported on news from the missions. Sad news – the Gossetts will be discontinuing the Indian Trails Mission due to health reasons, however, it appears another mission organization may take over administration. Other missions are reaching out to help those outside: Fishers of Men in Mexico and Mission Mazoua sending assistance with earthquakes in Mexico. Other NA missions are reaching out to other missions to help. This is very encouraging. MOMC is still supporting

efforts in Puerto Rico, Huston and Florida. Mike Fales leading a mission trip of Olivet students to Puerto Rico. Irv Gammon reported on the success of local mission efforts.

Vitality MC– Irv Gammon, Sara Gladstone reported they received a report from Doug Grey who had interview Meghan Webster and invited her to serve as an intern to their MC. She will be joining them on their next call and attending the AM&C in San Diego. Sara Gladstone reported they have 32 clergy registered for the Michigan Convocation. She did not have numbers for the Northeast Convocation. They are working on awards for the AM&C.

9. For the Good of the Order: Laura Hamby reminded all that the Quarterly Reports are due next month. She has a goal to “visit” the Ministry Council meetings, so would like to receive information on the next scheduled calls. Mary Prendergast had questions about the 1 year terms for the MC interns. As the program is new, most have not been on board for a year. Consensus is to leave it up to the MC’s to reappoint or seek a new intern.
10. Take Aways & To Do’s:
11. Next call: Next call will be April 19, 2018 at 7:30 EDT, 6:30 CDT
12. Closing prayer: Irv Gammon gave the closing prayer.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm EST.

Judy Campbell  
Secretary