

As read and approved by the Minutes Certification Committee

MINUTES
62nd ANNUAL MEETING and CONFERENCE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
Double Tree, Detroit/Dearborn, MI
JUNE 25 – June 28, 2016

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches convened on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the Michigan Room of the Double Tree Dearborn, Michigan.

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| Business Session 1 | Moderator, Jim DeLine, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to this 62nd meeting of the NACCC. |
| Constituting Prayer | The Constituting Prayer was offered by the Rev. Lottie Jones Hood. |
| Host Committee Welcome | Jim DeLine acknowledged members of the Annual Meeting and Conference Committee and then introduced the co-chairs of the Host Committee, Rev. Dr. Mary Biedron, Beth Borland, and Rev. Dr. Mark Jensen, who welcomed everyone to Detroit/Dearborn and acknowledged all the work of the local churches. |
| Introductions | Moderator Jim DeLine, then introduced the individuals on the platform: Vice Moderator Laura Hamby; Secretary Judy Campbell; and Parliamentarian Sherry Glab. |
| Quorum and Call to Order | The Credentials Committee reported that 101 delegates are present, which represents approximately 33% of active member churches. With more than 20% of our member churches represented, Moderator Jim DeLine declared a quorum existed and called the 62nd Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches to order. |
| Approval of Agenda
2016 AM 01
Adopted as amended | The Moderator referenced the published agenda on pages 4 through 7 of the Program Booklet. He announced a correction to the agenda removing the worship service listed on page 4 and asked if there were any other changes or corrections. He then entertained a motion to approve.
Motion by Ric Reed to approve the agenda as corrected was seconded and adopted. |
| Review of Standing Rules
2016 AM 02
Adopted as amended | Moderator Jim DeLine reviewed and explained the standing rules on page 16 with a correction to the date from June 20 to June 25.
Motion by Bobbie Chapman to adopt standing rules as corrected and amended by adding a bullet point "All votes that are not unanimous, shall require recount by standing count or written ballot". Seconded and amended. |
| Approval of Minutes
2016 AM 03
Adopted | Minutes of the 61st Annual Meeting held in Salt Lake City, UT, June 2015, were previously read and approved by the 2015 Minutes Certification Committee: Terry Bobzien, Garry Fisher and Marilyn Danielson.
Motion by Dave Welcome to accept the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. Seconded. |
| Minutes Certification Committee

2016 AM 04
Adopted | The Moderator announced three people he has asked to review this year's minutes and asked for other suggestions from the floor. There were no additional nominations.
Motion by Tom VanTassell to accept the appointment of three readers, Wendy VanTassell, Doug Loux, and Cindy Bacon Hammer, selected by the Moderator for the 2016 Minutes Certification Committee to review the Annual Meeting minutes before they are distributed. Seconded. |
| Introduction, Vote and | Rev. Patti Haaheim, chair of the Membership Task Team, reported that the |

Welcome to New Churches	Leadership Council had recommended that 8 new churches be accepted into membership and that we welcome back 2 churches that had completed the requirements for reinstatement.
Churches accepted into Membership 2016 AM 05 Adopted	Motion by Rev. Patti Haaheim for the Membership Task Team that the following churches be accepted into full membership in the NACCC: Shandon Congregational Church, Shandon, OH; Congregational Church of Canton, Canton, MA; New Pilgrims Fellowship, Rio Vista, CA; Congregational Church of Menifee, Menifee, CA; Union Congregational Church of Oakville, Oakville, CT; Enterprise Community Congregational Church, Enterprise, OR; First Congregational Church of Stanton, Stanton, MI; Congregational Church of Kinsley, Kinsley, OH; and that the Gridley Congregational Church, Beloit, WI and Second Congregational Church, Ashtabula, OH be reinstated to full membership in the NACCC as recommended by the Leadership Council.
Installation of New Churches	A member from each church or a representative came forward. The Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum performed the installation ceremony.
Vanguard Investments	Moderator Jim DeLine introduced Andy Maslick, a representative from Vanguard who spoke to the group about how our investments were handled.
Executive Director Report	Executive Director Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum summarized activities from his written report and recognized staff from both the Oak Creek and Center for Congregational Leadership locations.
Host Committee	“Who is My Neighbor?” The host committee introduced three members of “Wisdom” (Women’s Interfaith Solutions and Dialogue of Metro Detroit) a group of women from different backgrounds and faiths who spoke of their individual and collective journeys that have brought them to mutual understanding and friendship.
Break	Vice Moderator Laura Hamby gave announcements. Meeting reconvened at 3:30 pm.
Reports	<u>Leadership/Ministry Councils:</u> Leadership Council – Moderator, Jim DeLine, reviewed his written report explaining the Vision and Goals that were the focus this year and the Leadership Task Teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Ministry Council – Chair Dawn Carlson reviewed the accomplishments of the GMC this year which included work on policies and procedures, development of devotional booklets and publication of the YRD Line communication for the Year Round Delegates. They have also worked on procedures for church planting, financed a Hurting Churches Fund and developed many online resources for local churches. • Mission and Outreach Ministry Council – Chair Greg Jurewicz reviewed his written report, highlighting the passing of Missionaries and mission supporters this past year. Members of MOMC visited the Indian Trails Mission this year. He thanked everyone for their support to missions. • Vitality Ministry Council – Chair Michael Fales reported on activities and accomplishments this past year including the Minister’s Convocation and the work of the CFTS task team and new CFTS Director. Two CFTS students will graduate this year.

Board of Directors – Vice Moderator and Chair of the Board of Directors Laura Hamby reported on the work of the Board over the past year. Much time and energy was expended in development of proposed Articles and Bylaws to complete our organization’s transition to a single entity. She invited everyone to attend the town hall meeting to be held that evening to introduce and discuss the documents.

Congregational Foundation: Carolyn Sundquist, President of the Congregational Foundation Board of Governors, explained that the Foundation was responsible for raising funds for the NACCC and that most funds were held in accounts to be distributed to the NACCC Shared Ministries Fund. The Foundation has hired Debby Fulton as Director of Development and Communication.

“The Congregationalist”: Editor Marianne King reported on her activities since taking over the magazine from former editor Larry Sommers. She expressed thanks to Larry and everyone who has helped her become familiar with the ins and outs of getting the magazine out on time.

New Business

Moderator Jim DeLine asked if there was any new business to come before the assembly. Per standing rules, new business must be introduced from the floor today and submitted in writing by 7:00 Saturday evening to be considered on Tuesday.

There was no new business introduced.

Congregational Lecturer

Rev. Will Lange delivered the Congregational Lecture.

4:55 PM

Business Meeting in Recess until Monday morning.

6:45 PM

Town Hall meeting held to discuss proposed Articles and Bylaws.

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Morning Worship

Worship Services were held at local Southeast Michigan Churches which also provided lunch for participants.

Afternoon/evening

Bus tour of Detroit sites, arriving at First Congregational Church of Detroit for worship, communion and dinner.

Monday, June 27, 2016

Business Session 2

Jim DeLine called the meeting to order at 8:30AM following the opening prayer by Rev. Dr. Thomas Richard.

Former Past Moderator, Mr. Bill Ahrens, asked for a few minutes to address the assembly.

Nominating
Committee Report

Rev. Seth Jones gave the report of the Nominating Committee, reading the list of nominees for each position and adding the name of Rev. Dr. Peter Smith to the printed nominations list for a 2 yr term on the Missions and Outreach Ministry Council. He then moved that the entire slate of candidates as announced be accepted.

All nominees elected

Moderator – Laura Hamby, Soquel, CA 2 yr term

Vice Moderator – Jim Waechter, Brooklyn, NY 2 yr term

Secretary – Judy Campbell, Farmington Hills, MI 1 yr term

Treasurer – Jeffrey H. Dillon, Franklin, WI 1 yr term

Historian – Rev. Norm Erlendson, Middletown, CT, 1 yr term

Youth Representative to the Leadership Council

Patrick Stewart, Marshalltown, IA – 1 yr term

Ministry Council Representatives to the Leadership Council – 1 yr terms

Growth Ministry Council: Rev. Dawn Carlson, Rev. Carol Taylor

Mission and Outreach Ministry Council: Rev. Patti Haaheim, Greg Jurewicz

Vitality Ministry Council: Rev. Mike Fales, one open position

Annual Meeting and Conference Committee – Member-at-large

Colleen Murray, Gahanna, OH – 3 yr term

Corp Board of Directors

Rev. Dr. Don Olsen, Wichita, KS – 4 yr term

Growth Ministry Council

Curt Schmidt, Bound Brook, NJ – 3 yr term

Carol P. Taylor, Beloit, WI – 3 yr term

Mission & Outreach Ministry Council

Joelle Sommers, Madison, WI – 3 yr term

Janet Wilson, Greenville, IA – 3 yr term

Greg Jurewicz, Maywood, IL - 1yr term replacement

Rev. Dr. Peter Smith, Hanson, MA – 2 yr term replacement *(Verbally added by Nominating Committee)*

Vitality Ministry Council

Rev. Irven Gammon, Florence, MA – 3 yr term

Rev. Doug Gray, Squantum, MA – 3 yr term

Moderator, Jim DeLine, asked for any additional nominations for these positions.

Hearing no other nominations, Moderator Jim DeLine **declared the nominations closed and all nominees elected to these uncontested positions.**

Election of Nominating
Committee

Nominees Elected

Moderator, Jim DeLine, requested nominations for 2 open 3-year positions on the Nominating Committee. The following names were placed in nomination from the floor for the **Nominating Committee:**

Rev. Dr. Thomas Richard, Marshfield, MA

Rev. Linda Anderson, Livonia, MI

Moderator, Jim DeLine, asked for any additional nominations for these positions.

Hearing no other nominations, Moderator Jim DeLine **declared the nominations closed and both nominees elected to these uncontested positions.**

Ratify Board of Directors
Actions
2016 AM 06
Adopted

Laura Hamby presented the list of Actions of the Board of Directors from June 2015 to June 2016 that require ratification. The Board of Directors actions appear on pages 1 - 4 of the delegate packet. Other pages in the packet (5 & 6) list procedural motions by the Board of Directors that do not require ratification in regular type, and those motions being presented for consideration separately are in Italics.

Motion by Laura Hamby that the Association delegates ratify the actions of the Board of Directors from June 2015 through June 2016 (motions 2014/15 C 076 – 078; 2015/16 C 002, C 004 – 007, C 011 & 012, C 014, C 016 - 020, C 022 – 024, C 027, C 029 – 031, C 033, C 034, C 041, C 042, C 044 & 045) which require ratification and are not being presented separately.

Ratify Leadership
Council Actions
2016 AM 07
Adopted

Jim DeLine presented the list of Actions of the Leadership Council requiring ratification. Those actions appear on page 1 & 2 of the Leadership Report in the delegate packet. The following pages (3 & 4) list procedural motions that do not require ratification in regular type, and those motions being presented for consideration separately are in Italics.

Motion made that the Association delegates ratify the actions of the Leadership Council from June 2015 through June 2016, (motions 2014/15 LC 037, 2015/16 LC 001, LC 004, LC 006, LC 008, LC 014, LC 018, & LC 021) which require ratification but are not being presented separately.

Introduction of Resolutions
and Motions by the Board
of Directors and Leadership
Council

The Moderator then read the proposed motions and resolutions, placing them on the floor to be discussed and voted during Business Session 3.
(Full text of the proposals are included in the minutes of Business Session 3.)

- Motion to adopt amendment to Association Articles by adding Article X as proposed at 2015 AM&C.
- Motion to adopt the restated Articles of Incorporation.
- Motion to adopt the new Bylaws of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.
- Resolution to dissolve the Association.

Announcements and Short Break

Bible Lecture 10:30 AM

Bible Lecture 1 – Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, President of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, MI, presented part one of the Bible Lecture.

Missionaries Presentation

Greg Jurewicz introduced the Missionaries.

Break for Lunch

Business meeting broke for lunch.

Speakers

Piedmont College - Dr. James F. Mellichamp, President, addressed the conference, bringing greetings from the college and expressing joy in preparing for our conference there in 2017.

Olivet College - Dr. Steven M Corey, President, thanked the membership for ongoing support of Olivet College and how much they benefit from having the Center for Congregational Leadership there.

Bible Lecture 2:30PM

Part 2 of the Bible Lecture by Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray.

11:30 AM

Missionary presentation

Business Meeting in recess until Tuesday AM.

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Business Session 3	Business Meeting reconvened at 8:30 AM following prayer by Miriam Bryant.
Credentials Report	Laura Francisco reported for the Credentials Committee that there were 116 delegates, 76 alternate delegates in attendance representing 119 churches from 24 states. In addition, there were 18 missionaries, 65 attendees, 7 Observers, 9 others (speakers and staff) and 43 host workers. She submitted a written report.
Vote on Nominations If needed:	No outstanding nominations from the Nominating Committee. Open positions still remain and will be brought forth later in the meeting.
Vote on Amendment to the Articles of Association as presented in 2015 2016 AM 08 Adopted	Jim DeLine, Moderator, read into record the Leadership Council motion 2015/16 LC 015 to amend the Articles of Association as announced at the 2015 Annual Meeting for vote at this year's meeting in accordance with Article IX of the Articles of Association. Motion by the Leadership Council to amend the <u>Articles of Association</u> as presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting by adding Article X which shall read: ARTICLE X. OTHER PROVISIONS Upon dissolution, any assets remaining may be distributed to the Corporation of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches of the United States or another organization recognized as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code identified in a plan of dissolution approved by the Members.
Vote on Corporate Articles and Bylaws 2016 AM 09 Restatement of Articles of Incorporation Adopted as amended <i>(Amendment from the floor to text of the proposed Restated Articles)</i>	Proposed restated Corporation Articles and new Bylaws had been sent with the call to meeting and presented in Business Session 2 on Saturday, with informal discussion at a town hall session on Saturday evening. Motion by Laura Hamby on behalf of the Board of Directors in agreement with the Leadership Council that the Members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches represented at this 62nd meeting of the Association, in order to complete the transition to a single entity, adopt the <u>restated Articles of Incorporation</u> as presented and amended effective at the close of this meeting. (09a) Motion by Ric Reed, to amend Article II of the Restated Articles of Incorporation by correcting the referenced paragraph from VI to VIII in the second sentence. The sentence to read: "However, such intent is precatory in the manner set forth in VIII". Adopted
2016 AM 010 New Bylaws of the Corporation to move To single entity Adopted as amended <i>(Amending motions to the Corporate Bylaws)</i>	Motion by Laura Hamby, on behalf of the Board of Directors in agreement with the Leadership Council that the members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches represented at this 62nd meeting of the Association, in order to complete the transition to a single entity, adopt the <u>new Bylaws of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.</u> as presented and amended effective at the close of this meeting. (10a) Motion by Laura Hamby, on behalf of the Board of Directors, that the delegates adopt the (10) ten proposed amendments to the text of the proposed bylaws document. All amendments adopted. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Motion to amend entire proposed bylaws document to correct inconsistencies in numbering, bolding and underlining, and to make de minimis corrections to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.2. Motion to amend proposed bylaws document by inserting a paragraph following the Preamble and immediately preceding ARTICLE I that reads: <u>PLEASE NOTE: Consistent with the autonomy of each congregation in the NACCC, no individual, either elected or appointed, serving the NACCC, may speak for</u>

the member churches, nor may any person express opinions on matters on behalf of the NACCC as a whole unless authorized and directed by the Board of Directors or the delegates assembled in annual or special meeting.

3. Motion to amend ARTICLE I-Purpose of the proposed bylaws by striking the last sentence of the paragraph beginning “No individual, either...”
4. Motion to amend ARTICLE II of the proposed bylaws as follows:
 - II.1. Membership.** Insert the words “Part of the” at the beginning and “as referred to in the Preamble” in the middle of the second sentence to read: “Part of the Covenant responsibility of membership referred to in the Preamble includes sympathy.....”;
And insert the words “of the NACCC” and “be expected to” into the last sentence of section paragraph to read: “All members of the NACCC shall be expected to contribute to...”
 - II.1.a.** Add “a body of Christians” following “defined as” to read: “...shall be defined as a body of Christians”
 - II.1.a.i.** Strike “a body of Christians” and insert “which is” at beginning of subparagraph to read: “i. which is complete under God...”
 - II.1.a.ii.** Strike “whose” and replace with “with its” and strike “is” and “the” and replace “who” with “which” to read: “ii. with its governance vested in its members, which, while independent...”
 - II.1.a.iii.** Add the word “which” at the beginning to read “iii. which is recognized...”
 - II.1.b.ii.** Strike last sentence of subparagraph beginning “In the interim...”
 - II.2.a. An active member Church.** Strike “to the general fund of the NACCC (also referred to as....)”. Sentence to read: “An active member Church is one which makes a yearly financial contribution to the Shared Ministries Fund.”
 - II.2.a.ii.** Strike first sentence beginning: “A Voting Member of the NACCC is an active member.....” and combine balance of subparagraph into subparagraph “i”.
 - II.2.a.iii.** Change iii to ii.
 - II.2.b.i.** Insert words “or to receive any additional services of the NACCC.” at the end of subparagraph to read: “....not be eligible to vote as a member on any matters brought before the membership or to receive any additional services of the NACCC.”
 - II.2.b.ii.** Insert “immediately” between “shall be and restored” to read: “An inactive Church shall be immediately restored ...”
 - II.3.b.** Insert the words “from the NACCC” between “withdrawn and by” in first sentence to read: “b. Membership may be withdrawn from the NACCC by any member...”
 - II.3.d.ii.** Strike last sentence starting with “In the interim...”
 - II.4. Provisional Membership.** Insert “or reinstate” in first sentence to read: “Churches that have expressed intent to pursue or reinstate membership in the NACCC....”
5. Motion to amend ARTICLE III-Meetings of Member Churches of proposed bylaws as follows:
 - III.1. Annual Meeting:** Strike the word “given” in the second sentence and replace with the word “sent” to read: “A written notice shall be sent to each member Church...”
 - III.4. Official Meeting Delegates:** Insert the words “and alternate delegates” in last sentence between Delegates and shall, to read: “All Official Meeting Delegates and alternate delegates shall have equal...”
6. Motion to amend ARTICLE IV-The Board of Directors of proposed bylaws as follows:
 - IV.1.c.** Strike last 2 sentences beginning “In the event...”
 - IV.2.b.** Strike “that are not being presented separately for vote” and “by the active member Churches” from the second sentence to read: “Minutes...between meetings shall be presented for ratification at the next annual meeting.”, and strike all sentences after “...next annual meeting.”
 - IV.2.c.** Insert the words “and responsibilities” after “relationships” in the third sentence of the paragraph to read: “....without infringing on the other relationships and responsibilities of the Executive....”

IV.3. Committees: Strike end of first sentence beginning at “made up from Board and/or members...” to read: **“The Board of Directors shall have the authority to provide for and delegate authority to appropriate committees and/or teams.”**

IV.4. Meetings of the Board of Directors: Strike the word “Vice” from the first sentence to read: **“...for the purpose of electing a Chairperson and such other officers they deem necessary.”**

IV.7. Vacancies: Strike the words “the majority vote of” in the middle of the first sentence, to read: **“... the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors...”**;

And strike by the majority vote of the active members present” in the middle of the last sentence to read: **“...shall be nominated and elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.”**

7. Motion to amend ARTICLE V-Leadership Council of proposed bylaws as follows:

V.1.c. Strike last 2 sentences beginning “In the event...”

V.2.b. Strike “that are not being presented separately for vote” and “by the active member Churches” from the second sentence to read: **“Minutes...between meetings shall be presented for ratification at the next annual meeting.”**, and strike all sentences after “...next annual meeting.”

V.3. Committees: Strike end of first sentence beginning at “made up from Council and/or members...” to read: **“The Leadership Council shall have the authority to provide for and delegate authority to appropriate committees and/or teams.”**

V.5. Vacancies: Insert to words “any of the...Councils” after “Leadership Council or” in first sentence to read: **“If the office of any member of the Leadership Council or any of the Ministry Councils becomes vacant...”** and, strike the words “by majority vote of the active members present” from the last sentence to read: **“replacement person shall be nominated and elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.”**

8. Motion to amend ARTICLE VI- Officers of the proposed bylaws as follows:

VI. Vice-Moderator: Replace the word “shall” from the second sentence with “may” and the words “as well” with “and shall serve” in the second sentence to read: **“The Vice-Moderator may serve as Chair of the Board of Directors and shall serve as a voting member on the Leadership Council and the Annual Meeting and Conference Committee.”** And strike the sentence: “The Vice-Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the members of the Board of Directors.”

9. Motion to amend ARTICLE VII-Councils and Committees of proposed bylaws as follows:

VII.1.a. Strike “be subject to the direction and control” in first sentence and insert “function with the direction and guidance” to read: **“...which shall function with the direction and guidance of the Leadership Council”**

VII.1.b. Replace the words “the Leadership Council” in the third sentence with “a Ministry Council” to read: **“Each member of a Ministry Council must be...”** and, strike last 2 sentences of subparagraph beginning “In the event...”

VII.3.b. Strike words “by plurality vote of the active members of the NACCC” from the first sentence of the paragraph to read: **“...six (6) members, two of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting...”**.

Insert new paragraph : **VII.3.h. “All persons elected to any office, board, council, or committee must be, and remain, a member of an active member Church. In the event such person fails to maintain membership in an active member church, such person shall rectify their status or resign from the position within 90 days.”**

10. Motion to amend ARTICLE XI-Amendments of proposed bylaws as follows:

XI. Insert “or designated alternate” in sentence following “Official Meeting Delegates” and strike the words “printed and” to read: **“... at such meeting by their Official Meeting Delegate or designated alternate, provided that the full text.....shall be distributed with the call...”**.

Resolution of the
Leadership Council to
Dissolve the Association

Following the adoption of the new documents that combined the Association and Corporation into a single entity, the following resolution 2015/16 LC 016 was presented.

Whereas the delegates of the active member churches gathered in annual meetings have expressed through resolution to continue implementation of the strategic plan adopted in 2011, and

Whereas those delegates have adopted a resolution to move to a single entity in the form of a corporation, and

Whereas the delegates have adopted a resolution to move all assets to the existing corporation, and

Whereas the Corporation Board of Directors in cooperation with Leadership Council of the Association have developed Restated Articles of Incorporation and Corporation Bylaws that consolidate the two entities of the existing bicameral structure, and

Whereas the delegates assembled at this 62nd Annual Meeting of the National Association have embraced and adopted the proposed Articles and bylaws for the consolidated structure,

Therefore, the Leadership Council of the Association and the Board of Directors of the Corporation unanimously recommend the dissolution of the Association known as the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches of the United States, and transfer of any assets that may remain to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc. pursuant to Article X of the Articles of Association, and effective upon implementation of the proposed Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

All members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches of the United States will be members of same standing in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

Dissolution of the Association	Motion made to dissolve the entity known as the National Association of Congregational Churches of the United States as recommended by resolution by the Leadership Council of the Association and Board of Directors of the Corporation.
2016 AM 11 Adopted	
Nominations for Remaining open positions	Moderator Jim DeLine requested nominations from the floor for positions that remained unfilled or had become open.
All nominees elected	Board of Governors Representative to the Board of Directors (new position created by adoption of new bylaws) - 1 yr term - Varn Philbrook nominated by Carolyn Sundquist. Nominating Committee - 1 yr bal. of term – Larry Sommers nominated by Terry Wing. Vitality MC Representative to Leadership Council - 1yr term – Phil Jackson nominated by Mike Fales. Hearing no additional nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and all nominees elected.
Financial Report	Association Treasurer Jeff Dillon presented a slide show of the Financial Reports, explained details and assumptions, and answered questions. Financial challenges remain great. The Financials for the year ending March 31, 2016 received a good report from an audit by Reilly, Penner and Benton, LLP.
Introduction of Budget	The proposed 2016 - 2017 Operating Budget of the Shared Ministries Fund and Ministry Proposal Council budgets were presented as recommended by Board of Directors action 2015/16 C 039. Proposed Budget shortfall is (\$43,801).
New Business	No items of new business had been proposed on Saturday.
Speaker	Short presentation by Butch Weigel of Church Mutual Insurance.
Announcements and short break	
Bible Lecture 10:30AM	Part 3 of the Bible Lecture by Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray.
11:30 AM	Business Meeting in recess following Missionary presentation until 4:15 PM.

Presentations 4:00 PM	Sharon Binger presented information on the 2017 ICF Meeting that will be held in Cape Town, South Africa. Joyce Acree and others from the 2017 Host committee presented information on the 2017 AM&C in Demorest, GA at Piedmont College. The College is celebrating its 120th Anniversary. The theme is Dreaming, Talking, Acting . June 24-27, 2017.
Business Session 4	Business Meeting reconvened at 4:15pm following prayer by Rev. Charles Hall.
Voting on Budget 2016 AM 12 Adopted	Motion by Jeff Dillon, to approve the Shared Ministries budget and the Ministry Council budgets as recommended by the Board of Directors and presented by the Treasurer in Business Session 3. Budget shortfall is (\$43,801).
Installation of Officers	All elected officers and Board members and Committee members were sworn into their positions.
CFTS Director Report	Rev. Dr. Charles Packer, Director of CFTS, reviewed his written report.
CFTS Graduates	The CFTS task team introduced the two graduates from the program this year, Kathy Farnum and Emily Miller-Todd, and presented each with certificates and their preferred Bible. Tom Van Tassell then presented two awards to Emily Miller-Todd, the A.D.Grey award and John W. Claxton Memorial Award.
Necrology	Historian Norm Erlendson presented the necrology listing the many members who have died since the last meeting.
Recognition and Awards	<p>Vitality Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marion Bradshaw Memorial Award – Rev. Don Mayberry, South Paris, ME • Harry R. Butman Award – Rev. Dr. Robin Carden, Suttons Bay, MI • Jannette R. Butman Award – Brenda Gammon, Florence, MA <p>MOMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Rush Award – Arturo Panama of Indian Trails (Kim Murphy accepted in his absence) <p>Board of Directors Citation presented to Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt, Punta Gorda, FL.</p> <p>Host committee recognition: Southeast Michigan team - Rev. Dr. Mary E. Biedron, Beth Borland and Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen</p> <p>Moderators award to Jim DeLine, Lansing MI</p>
Adjournment	The Moderator thanked all for their assistance in preparing and conducting the meeting and “passed the gavel” to incoming Moderator Laura Hamby. He then declared that the business meeting was ended and that the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches is adjourned following dinner and receptions this evening.

Judy Campbell
Secretary

Read and approved by the Minutes Certification Committee:

Wendy Van Tassell
Doug Loux
Cindy Bacon Hammer