

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Conference Call
February 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; Carol Taylor; Irv Gammon; Sarah Gladstone; Mary Prendergast;
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: Janet Wilson
Others present: DODC, Debra Fulton; CFTS Director, Charles Packer; Congregationalist Editor, Marianne King
2. Opening Devotion: Moderator Laura Hamby asked for a moment of silence for the students and staff that were killed or injured yesterday in the school shooting in Broward County, Fla. Rev. Michael Chittum then offered prayer to open the meeting.
3. Approval of minutes:

2017/18 LC 019 Motion by Judy Campbell to approve Minutes of the January 18, 2018 conference call as corrected. Motion seconded and adopted.

4. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.
5. Staff Reports:
 - a. Michael Chittum reported that they are moving ahead with three projects at Oak Creek and are putting out for bids. He has received 20 resumes for the new part time administrative assistant and will begin interviewing. He, Dan Drea and Debra Fuller are making contact with churches that have not yet given to the SMF. Written report on Trello
 - b. Charles Packer reported he is working on the Boston Seminar. He expects 12 or 13 participants including the 3 CFTS students. This is the first time in a number of years that the Seminar has been open to those outside CFTS. Plans for the Symposium in Iowa are falling into place. Also preparing for the Ministers Convocation. Written report on Trello.
 - c. Marianne King reported the magazine is at the printer. Written report on Trello.
 - d. Debby Fulton reported she is working on solicitation for the Editors Round Table Donor event at the AM&C. She will be attending a seminar for fund raisers regarding the new tax rules that may affect donations. His written report is on Trello.
6. New Business: Moderator Laura Hamby presented a number of new issues that need to be addressed.

- Providence Endowment – This fund is to assist churches in attending the AM&C. Currently managed by the Congregational Foundation, but it is felt that it needs a more appropriate sponsor. The Growth MC will take over administration and granting of the funds.
- John Richard Endowment - This fund is a grant to churches to assist in funding activities related to the arts. Currently managed by the Congregational Foundation, but it is felt that it needs a more appropriate sponsor. The Vitality MC will take over administration and granting of the funds.
- CCL Moving Forward – The CCL task team that that reviewed the status of the Center for Congregational Leadership at Olivet College has reported its analysis and made recommendations. Their work is now finished. The Secretary will draft letter to each.

2017/18 LC 020 Motion by Will Lange that the CCL task team be dismissed with sincere thanks for their service. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

- Vision Team – Task team needed to draft new Vision statement. All are asked to bring names of potential candidates for the team. The goal is to have a statement to present at the Plenary session at the AM&C.
- LC/BoD Honoree – Since the change to Board of Directors and Leadership Council, the previous Executive Committee Citation has been awarded by the Board of Directors. It is hoped that others would make nominations to the list to be considered. Several names were presented.

7. Task Teams

- a. Plymouth Landing 400th - Will Lange reported on the plans for presentation at the AM&C
 - Tom Richard is working on Worship resources.
 - At AM&C we will have both a Workshop and Table with resources available
 - Margaret Bendroth will have her book "The Last Puritans" available at our table.
 - The Congregational Library will create an annotated list of books, films, videos, etc for the anniversary
 - The 400 Task Team will produce Bulletin Inserts profiling Congregationalists. We hope to do 52-104.
 - Format will be 1/2" borders, landscape, two columns with 1" between, 12 point type, Submissions from everywhere and everyone are welcome. We expect to do both famous in the nation and world and also significant locally known persons. We will apply logos at top and end.

8. NACCC Updates:

- Youth: Patrick Stewart NAPF and HOPE materials have been sent to churches. Speakers finalized. Report on Trello.
- Board of Directors: Vice Moderator, Jim Waechter reported the BoD approved the budgets submitted for the MC's. They are exploring why some churches give and some don't.
- Board of Governors: Bob Smith, BOG rep. reported the leadership giving to the SMF is now 92%. The Christmas appeal total is \$50,400. The fund consolidation team has made a lot of progress. Their next meeting is in March. The "Case for Support" is complete. They are now trimming the material down to fit on a tri-fold pamphlet. Also working on policies and procedures for accepting gifts.

- Historian: Will Lange had nothing to add.
- Treasurer: Jeff Dillon – financial reports on Trello.
- Moderator: Laura Hamby reviewed the 2018 Goals that were set following the 2017 AM&C. Where do we stand?
 - MC Interns – 3 on board. How are they working with the MC's?
 - AM&C Attendance – goal is to double attendance. Sending letters to Regional associations to encourage participation. Reminder of funds available from the Providence Fund.
 - Vision Statement - previously discussed
 - Report from CCL – Task Team reported. Decisions made and action going forward.
 - 300 Church Contacts – Get acquainted calls started, but less progress than hoped. Laura Hamby is to distribute list to members of leadership to continue the calls. Remainder of list will be turned over the Ambassadors in the area to make contact.

9. Ministry Council Input:

Growth MC– Carol Taylor, Mary Prendergast – Carol Taylor reported they will meet on Tuesday. They have decided to follow new member churches for 2 years. Working on identifying remote churches and pastors to stay in touch and possibly connect them together for mutual support.

Missions & Outreach MC – Joelle Sommers reported they had great meeting at Echo. Intern Carrissa Mengle is marvelous. Although they have been relying on support from mission's alumni, they would like to have more members of the council.

Motion by Joelle Sommers for MOMC to amend the bylaws to increase the number of members on MOMC from 5 to 6. After much discussion a voice vote was taken. As there was not a clear division of votes it was necessary to have a roll call vote. Time being late, it was decided to use e-mail to request a vote. Motion failed by a vote of 5 no and 4 yes.

Vitality MC – Irv Gammon, Sara Gladstone - Charles Packer reported that the group is working on plans for 2 Minister's Convocations, one in the Midwest and the other in the Northeast which will run concurrently April 9-12. Information has been sent out to churches.

10. LC Round Table from January – Moving Forward:

11. For the Good of the Order:

12. Take Aways & To Do's:

13. Next call: Next call will be March 15, 2018 at 7:30

14. Closing prayer: Jeff Dillon gave the closing prayer.

15. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm EST.

Judy Campbell

Secretary