

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches  
Conference Call  
July 19, 2018

1. Call to order: The Leadership Council of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by Moderator, Jim Waechter, at 7:30 EST by conference call.

- Roll Call: Secretary, Judy Campbell took roll.

LC Voting Members present: Moderator, Jim Waechter; Vice Moderator, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer; Joelle Sommers; Patrick Stewart; Carol Taylor; Rev. Dr. Irv Gammon; Mary Prendergast; Janet Wilson; Barb Dabul; Rev. Justin Nierer

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

LC Members absent:

Others present: DODC, Debra Fulton; Congregationalist Editor, Marianne King

2. Welcome and personal check-ins: Patrick Stewart related that there had been a tornado through the area of Marshalltown, IA this afternoon and he was leaving the call immediately to go check on family and friends in the area. Michael Chittum said he had spoken to the minister at the Marshalltown church and it appears that the building was okay.
3. Opening Devotion: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum offered prayer.
4. Approval of minutes: Minutes of pre-meeting, June 21 were e-mailed and are available on Trello. Short Post-meeting did not have a quorum, so no actions or minutes.

**2018/19 LC 001 Motion by Carol Taylor to approve Minutes of the pre-meeting minutes of June 21, 2018 meeting in San Diego. Motion seconded and adopted.**

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.

6. Elections and appointments:

**2018/19 LC 002 Motion by Cindy Bacon Hammer to elect Jim Waechter as Chairman of the Leadership Council for the 2018-2019 term. Motion seconded and adopted.**

**2018/19 LC 003 Motion by Irv Gammon to accept the resignations of Joelle Sommers and Sarah Gladstone from the Leadership Council and appoint Janet Wilson and Justin Neirer to those open positions on the LC representing MOMC and Vitality MC respectively. Motion seconded and adopted.**

**2018/19 LC 004 Motion by Janet Wilson to appoint Bob Smith to the Leadership Council as the Congregational Foundation Board of Governors Representative. Motion seconded and adopted.**

7. Monthly Meeting time: TBD. No consensus could be reached as to meeting date and time. Secretary Judy Campbell will send out a "Doodle" survey to collect possible dates.
8. Hopes and wishes for Ministry Councils: Moderator Jim Waechter expressed that he was excited about where we are as a national organization. We can now move forward with strength in helping local churches.

Mary Prendergast thought the new intern program was wonderful, but needs to be fine-tuned. At what point are they a youth intern taking info back to the youth groups, or just a non-voting member of an MC.

Justin Nierer and Irv Gammon expressed excitement over the expansion of regional ministers' convocations and the Lay Ministry training going forward.

Janet Wilson said that the Mission and Outreach MC may have the possibility of opening the door through the Warton Fund for more people to visit missions.

Carol Taylor agreed that the Interns were great – light years better than imagined! MC is making inroads to connect with isolated ministers and pastors.

Will Lange was excited that more candidates are coming into CFTS. The Plymouth 400 is geared up and sold all their caps and other merchandise at the AM&C.

Others had comments on their hopes for the year.

9. Implications of delegate approval of Mission and Vision Statements: Jim Waechter instructed each MC to spend time in each meeting to evaluate the new Mission and Vision Statements and determine how their goals are aligned with them.

10. Task Force for Center for Cong. Leadership: Jim Waechter proposed an LC Task Team to work on what the Center is to become. He sees the Center as a major tool in developing Clergy and future NA leaders. Laura Hamby has volunteered to chair the team. We need names and volunteers.

Some names were proposed including those who served on previous Center related task teams, but will need to contact them for agreement to serve.

11. For the Good of the Order:

12. Next call: Next call will be August 16, 2018 at 7:30 EDT, 6:30 CDT

13. Closing prayer: Jim Wachter offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm EST.

Judy Campbell

Secretary