

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
Conference Call
April 8, 2019

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 Chairwoman Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer at 5:00 PM EDT by conference call.

Secretary, Judy Campbell recorded the attendance.

BoD Members present Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chairwoman; Moderator, Jim Waechter; Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Miriam Bryant; Rev. Dr. Martin Hall; Jodee Lord; Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen

BoD Members Absent:

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

2. Personal Check-ins: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum reported he had been to Kansas to visit a new grandchild. Others reported on the flooding in Nebraska and Iowa.
3. Opening Prayer: Moderator Jim Waechter offered the opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 11, 2019 conference call were reviewed.

2018/19 C 038 Motion by Miriam Bryant to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019 conference call as corrected. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus as amended moving the discussion of Financial Sustainability from #9 to earlier in the agenda.
6. BOD Citation: Secretary Judy Campbell had sent out the final vote.

2018/19 C 039 Motion to approve the selection of candidate with the most votes to receive the Board of Directors Citation at the 2019 AM&C in Cleveland. Motion seconded and adopted.

New Task Team Proposal: Discussion regarding establishment of a task team to focus on subjects involving sexual abuse. Proposed Team has 4 perspective members. Looking for other volunteers. More discussion next meeting.

7. BoD Committee Reports:

- a. P&A: - Don Olsen reviewed the new job descriptions that were posted on Trello These positions are a realignment of duties predicated by the retirement of Linda Miller from the Oak Creek office.

2018/19 C 040 Motion by the Rev. Dr. Don Olsen for the P&A committee that the board approve two job description reporting to the Executive Director:

- **Administrative Assistant for the Center for Congregational Leadership, a full-time position working at the Oak Creek office**
- **Mission Administrator a part-time position working outside the Oak Creek office.**

Motion discussed and adopted.

- b. Liaison to Nominating: Jim Waechter reported that all nominations have been completed. The full slate has been posted on the website. He will check on why there are no candidates listed for the Vitality MC representative to the LC.
- c. Congregational Investment Trust & Finance Committee: Treasurer Jeff Dillon and CFO Dan Drea review the most recent financial statements. Dan, Debby Fulton and Michael Chittum have been calling churches who have not yet given to the Shared Ministries Fund. The books will remain open to the end of week to post any donations received in the mail. Our auditors will be presenting their audit findings on June 17. All are invited to attend.

Jeff Dillon spoke about the group of designated funds that the Consolidation Task Team had recommended by moved and proposed an amended motion. Original motion had been sent back to the task team in March.

2018/19 C 037 Motion by Jeff Dillon that the BOD approves a recommendation from the Consolidations Task Team for the consolidation of the Permanently Restricted Huntington Park Endowment (current value \$25,000) into the Permanently Restricted MOMC Administrative Endowment effective May 1, 2019. Motion adopted as amended.

Review of the Finance Committee minutes revealed that a member of that committee had resigned. Jeff volunteered to send a thank you and asked all for recommendations to fill the open position of Member-at-Large on the Finance Committee.

2018/19 C 041 Motion by Jeff Dillon that the Board of Directors accept the resignation of Rebecca Pniewski from the Member-at-large position on the Finance Committee with our thanks for her service. Motion adopted.

- d. Building and Loan: Jodee Lord reported that an application had been received but not yet reviewed.
- e. Rep for Congregationalist Editorial Advisory Team: Miriam Bryant said the team will be meeting later this month.

Financial Sustainability Discussion: Vice Moderator Cindy Bacon Hammer reviewed the updated document posted on Trello. Discussion ensued on each of the topics listed. We have a long way to go and will come back with more discussion next meeting and at the pre-meeting in June.

8. Other Reports

- a. Report of the DODC: Debby explained the results of the latest appeals for the Congregationalist Magazine.
- b. Report of BOG: Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere talked about new Board of Governors initiatives and workshop plans for the AM&C
- c. Leadership Council: Moderator Jim Waechter reported that the March meeting was a "visioning" meeting. Discussions will continue through the AM&C.
- d. AM&C: Jim Waechter said plans are rapidly coming together. Advance material for the premeeting will be sent out soon.

- 9. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum reported he had been making phone calls to churches that had yet to send a donation. He visited 5 churches in March, participated in 3 installations and a funeral.

10. Other Business: No new business.
11. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call on May 13 at 5:00 pm EDT.
12. Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer. Call Adjourned at 6:30 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell
Secretary