

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches  
Conference Call  
August 15, 2019

1. Call to order: The Leadership Council of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by Moderator, Jim Waechter, at 7:30pm EDT by conference call.
  - Roll Call: Secretary, Judy Campbell took roll and confirmed a quorum was present.  
LC Voting Members present: Moderator, Jim Waechter; Vice Moderator, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer; Barb Dabul; Rev. Justin Nierer; Mary Prendergast; Patrick Stewart; Rev. Dr. John Tamilio III; Sarah Gladstone Terlouw; Janet Wilson  
Non-Voting Members present: Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Foundation Board of Governors' Rep, Bob Smith; Executive Director Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum;  
LC Members absent: Historian, Rev. William Lange  
Others present: DODC Debra Fulton

2. Welcome and personal check-ins: Moderator Jim Waechter welcomed new and returning members and thanked them for their hard work during the AM&C. Others recounted personal experiences.
3. Opening Devotion: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum offered the opening devotion and prayer.
4. Approval of minutes:

**2019/20 LC 002 Motion by Judy Campbell to approve minutes of the Pre-meeting June 20, 2019 as printed. Motion seconded and adopted.**

**2019/20 LC 003 Motion by Judy Campbell to approve minutes of the Post-meeting June 25, 2019 as printed. Motion seconded and adopted.**

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus as amended adding appointment of LC member.

**2019/20 LC 004 Motion by Cindy Bacon Hammer to appoint Bob Smith to the Leadership Council as the Congregational Foundation Board of Governors' Representative. Motion seconded and adopted.**

6. Proposed LC meeting schedule: Moderator Jim Waechter reviewed the proposed meeting schedule with dates for every other month. Switching to fewer meetings may mean that each call will be longer - 2 hours rather than 1 ½ hrs.

**2019/20 LC 005 Motion by Justin Nierer to approve LC proposed meeting schedule as amended with conference calls every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday beginning October 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm ET with the exception of April which will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, April 16, 2020. Motion seconded and adopted.**

7. Pre-Annual Meeting visioning assignments: Moderator Jim Waechter began a discussion of the items gathered during the leadership plenary session held during the premeeting. Michael Chittum will post the "Think Tank" list on Trello.

8. Growth Ministry Report: Mary Prendergast and Rev. Dr. John Tamilio reported that they are working on policies and procedures for NAPF/HOPE. They are in need of members for the Youth Leaders Task Team. Currently, the only continuing member is Ryan Prendergast.
9. Mission and Outreach Ministry Report: Barbara Dabul reported that their budget meeting in November will be held at Hosanna Industries. Request for scheduling at the 2020 AM&C would be to have the Alumnae meet earlier at a more convenient time in the meeting. This years' gathering was too late in the meeting. There are 2 trips coming up: Cuba trip, Oct. 14 - 12 – originally planned for 4 to go, now about 8 are planning – exploring what we can offer to churches in Cuba. Fishers of Men – Barbara is planning a trip August 26 to Fishers of Men to work with children and staff on English. MOMC is unable to financially support the trip, but she is going anyway. Funding for such activities will be discussed at the budget meeting.
10. Vitality Ministry Report: Justin Nierer and Sarah Terlouw reported that they met last Tuesday and have a new member, Cynthia Hardy. They are planning three convocations again this coming year. A task team continues to work on Lay Ministry training and another task team is working on establishing new criteria for awards.
11. Task teams: Moderator Jim Waechter listed the LC's current task teams and suggestions for new. Current teams are: YRD; CCL; Membership; Website; AM accessibilty. MC members have noted frustrations with the current Youth Intern program.

**2019/20 LC 006 Motion by John Tamilio to accept the resignation of Rev. Marijke Rossi from the Membership Task Team. Motion seconded and adopted.**

**2019/20 LC 007 Motion by Justin Nierer to appoint Rev. Scott Hardy to the Membership Task Team joining existing members Ed Backell, Rev. Dawn Carlson, Rev. Christina Murphy; Marilou Hall, Rev. Dewey Gierke. Motion seconded and adopted.**

**2019/20 LC 008 Motion by Bob Smith to establish a Youth Intern Task Team consisting of a member from each MC and youth representative to develop solutions to current issues with the Youth Intern program. Task Team to bring suggestions/resolutions back to the Leadership Council on the October call. Motion seconded and adopted.**

12. For the Good of the Order:

DOD Debby Fulton reported on the post meeting giving. The goal is to raise \$25,000. \$16,995 had been received by August 2. Leadership giving goal is to have 100% participation by December.

13. Next Regular meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 7:30 pm EDT, 6:30 CDT, 4:30 Arizona time. Expect meeting to last 2 hours.

14. Closing prayer: Moderator Jim Waechter offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell  
Secretary