

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches  
Conference Call  
February 21, 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 7:35 EST by conference call.
  - Roll Call: Secretary, Judy Campbell took roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

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

Others present: DODC, Debra Fulton; Dean of CFTS, Rev. Dr. Charles Packer; Congregationalist Editor, Marianne King
2. Welcome and personal check-ins: Comments mostly about winter weather. Patrick Stewart reported on a winter get-away for Iowa youth hosted by Peoples Church in Minnesota.
3. Opening Devotion: Rev Justin Nierer offered the opening prayer and devotion.
4. Approval of minutes: Minutes from last conference call had been sent out by e-mail. There were no noted corrections or additions.

**2018/19 LC 014 Motion by Secretary Judy Campbell to approve Minutes of the January 16, 2019 conference call as printed. Motion seconded and adopted.**

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as edited to add report by the Membership Committee and correcting the date for the next conference call.
6. Membership Committee Report: Michael Chittum reported that he had received inquiries from several churches. The Membership Committee has reviewed and recommends two churches for provisional membership and presentation at the AM&C for full membership in the NACCC.

**2018/19 LC 015 Motion by Michael Chittum for the Membership Committee to accept the Little White Church of Malta, MT and the Righteous Chapel of West Palm Beach, FL as provisional members, and recommend them for full membership at the 2019 AM&C. Motion adopted.**

7. Growth Ministry Report: Carol Taylor put forth a GMC initiative to "connect with remote/isolated churches and pastors." Approximately 10% of member churches and/or clergy are in the "isolated" category either by distance or surrounded by dis-similar places of worship. The GMC has appointed a task team but they have yet to determine a chairperson. Their goal at this time is to have another meeting at the AM&C to organize. Suggestions include adding member of the website team to work with the task team; encouraging clergy attendance at the NA, possibly with monetary incentive.

8. Mission and Outreach Ministry Report: Barbara Dabul spoke about the MOMC initiative “One great hour of CARING” that is intended to assist our Missionaries who are experiencing personal health issues. Treasurer Jeff Dillon responded to her concern that their budget request for this was denied by the BoD on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. There are ample funds allocated under other line items to support this initiative.

Barbara also remarked that some projects have been stalled or delayed due to concerns over the retirement of Linda Miller who is their staff liaison. Michael Chittum assured that Linda’s participation was still available and that her “missions” replacement, Julie Robie, was currently training with Linda.

9. Vitality Ministry Report: Justin Nierer reported that the Vitality Ministry will be sponsoring three Ministers’ Convocations for the first time this year – East, Central and West. They will all be held at the same time and utilize technology to share portions of the program. Past concerns, when only one program was offered was that many clergy were unable to participate because of distance and the cost of travel. He presented his “dream” report “How many convocations should we have?” The Vitality Ministry plans to pursue development of possible additional sites by compiling a map at the AM&C indicating concentrations of NA churches. Suggestions: the NA office may have an old map of churches that could be a starting point. Additional convocations may fit in with the GMC programs to assist isolated churches and pastors.

10. Other important visioning:

- Visioning for CFTS: Charles Packer said there are limited programs that CFTS oversees. He is working with Vitality MC to see where there are intersections in visioning. He will be on the Vitality MC call.
- Plymouth 400th: Will Lange reported that the P400 team had several calls after call with the “executive committee”. They have complied with the requests of the Finance Committee and have submitted the report to them. He has a written report which he will get posted on Trello.

11. For the good of the order:

- Team for Center for Cong. Leadership: the committee is developing a survey.
- YRD Team: Jim Waechter reported that the team has met. Nothing to report.

12. Next call: Next call will be Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:30 EDT, 6:30 CDT

Jim Waechter noted the “Assignment” for next call that is on the agenda.

Judy Campbell spoke of the pending BoD selection of a candidate for the Citation. Please send names of possible candidates to her e-mail for consideration at the next BoD meeting.

13. Closing prayer: Pastor Debra Fulton offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm EST.

Judy Campbell

Secretary