

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
January 14, 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 ET 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; Rev. Dr. Martin Hall; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen; Jodee Lord; Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere

BoD Members Absent: Treasurer Jeff Dillon; Miriam Bryant

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

2. Personal Check-ins: Updates on ministers with health issues.
3. Opening Prayer: Jim Waechter offered the opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 10, 2018 conference call were reviewed.
2018/19 C 030 Motion by Rev. Dr. Don Olsen to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018 conference call as printed. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.
5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus as amended to move #6 to the end of the meeting.
6. Financial Sustainability Brainstorming: Moved to end of meeting.
7. BoD Committee Reports:
 - a. P&A - Don Olsen reported that the P&A has arranged for Dr. Chittum's performance review on January 31st. He will be sending out forms for our feedback prior to the review.
 - b. Liaison to Nominating: Jim Waechter reported that the nominating slate is complete and ready to be mailed to the churches.
 - c. Investment Trust & Finance Committee: no report
 - d. Building and Loan: no report
 - e. Rep for Congregationalist Editorial Advisory Team: Marianne King reported that the committee is active and helpful to her.
8. Other Reports:
 - a. Report of the DODC: Debby Fulton reported that 100% of the leadership team has now made a contribution. 53% of the churches have made a contribution to the shared ministries fund. She, Dan Drea and Dr. Chittum are making follow up calls to those churches that have not yet sent a contribution.
 - b. Report of BoG: Ashley Cleere had nothing to report. The Board of Governors' next meeting is January 28, 2019.

- c. Leadership Council and AM&C: Jim Waechter reported that the Council did not meet in December. Next meeting will be January 16. Plans for the AM&C are going very well. The brochure is going to press. 15 workshops are planned including “the promising future of small churches” in the main meeting room.
9. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum’s written report was available on Trello. In addition, he reported that he had reached a tentative agreement with the Falmouth Historical Society regarding the display of our “First Thanksgiving” painting.

2018/19 C 031 Motion by Jim Waechter to approve the tentative agreement and direct Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum to complete the appropriate details and sign a contract with the Falmouth Historical Society to insure and transport the First Thanksgiving painting for display at their facilities from February 1, 2019 through February 1, 2022. Credit will be given to the NACCC. Motion seconded, discussed and approved.

10. Financials and Proposed Budget: CFO Dan Drea reviewed the current financials. As earlier reported, giving by churches is down. However, individual giving and income from bequests and trusts is ahead of plan. He and others are calling those churches that have not given, as well as the churches on the “Inactive” and “3-year non-giving” lists to ascertain the reasons for their non-participation. The Finance Committee is working on the proposed 2019 budget which will be presented for review at the February BoD meeting. Most budget requests have been approved and included in the total proposed budget. The committee has concerns about the request from the Plymouth 400th committee and is referring those issues to the Leadership Council. In September performance of the CIT since switching to Vanguard was 7.63%. However, the poor performance last quarter brought the overall performance to 5.72%. The CIT annual meeting is February 6. All are invited to attend the webcast on line for the regular session of that meeting.
6. Financial Stability Brainstorming: (Postponed from earlier on the agenda). All members participated in presenting ideas and discussion. Areas of discussion: Changes in the Fair Share, Membership Categories, Dialog with large churches, Making the NA “personal”, Sharing information on resources available.
11. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call on February 11 at 5:00 pm EST.
12. Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum. Call Adjourned at 6:35 pm ET.

Judy Campbell

Secretary