

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Conference Call
January 16, 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 7:30 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; Patrick Stewart; Mary Prendergast; Janet Wilson; Barb Dabul; Rev. Justin Nierer

NonVoting Members present: Secretary, Judy Campbell; Historian, Rev. William Lange; Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum

LC Members absent: Rev. Dr. Irv Gammon; Carol Taylor; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Foundation Board of Governor's Rep, Bob Smith

Others present: DODC, Debra Fulton; Dean of CFTS, Rev. Dr. Charles Packer; Congregationalist Editor, Marianne King; CFO Dan Drea
2. Welcome and personal check-ins: Members reported personal health issues and provided updates on health concerns of two association ministers.
3. Opening Devotion: Patrick Stewart offered the opening devotion and prayer.
Comments and concerns – participants related activities over the past weeks.
4. Approval of minutes:

2018/19 LC 013 Motion by Janet Wilson to approve Minutes of the November 21, 2018 conference call as corrected. Motion seconded and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus.
6. Staff Reports:
 - Executive Director: Michael Chittum reported on his successful "Christmas calls" to NACCC donors. His report is on Trello.
 - CFTS: Charles Packer reported he is moving ahead on preparations for the next Boston Seminar which will be held July 28 – Aug. 2, 2019. Mailings are soon to go out to churches and an article in the March "Congregationalist". Discussion on the amount of interest shown in the seminar and possibilities for increasing the number of attendees that can be included.
 - Development: Debra Fulton's written report was on Trello. She thanked everyone on leadership for their generous support helping us reach the goal of 100% of leadership donation before year end.
 - Congregationalist: Marianne King reported that the March issue is at the designer. She has made some changes to reduce costs and is working with the Task Team to develop more aggressive ways to make cost cuts. Their next meeting will be Feb. 5. This year the AM&C registration forms will not be in the magazine. They are encouraging on-line registration.

- Financial: CFO, Dan Drea invited all to attend the CIT annual meeting to be held Feb.6th. This is an opportunity for leadership and representatives from all churches to participate either by attending in person or through the Webcast. Registration is on-line.

Janice Powell is working hard on developing on-line registration forms for various programs from the AM&C, Minister's Convocation, etc. Payments may be made through Pay Pal.

He reviewed the latest Operational Giving Report for the 9 months through December 31, 2018 and moved onto the report from the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is a committee of the Board of Directors and is currently developing the 2019-2020 budget to present to the Directors. They had some questions and concerns about the budget submitted by the Plymouth 400th committee. Discussion ensued with the subject being assigned to a committee of Moderator Waechter, Vice Moderator Bacon Hammer, Secretary Campbell, Treasurer Dillon and Executive Director Chittum to work with the Plymouth 400th team to resolve.

7. Growth Ministry Report: Mary Prendergast reported that the post holidays letters to new churches have been sent out. Those mailings included information on the NAPF and HOPE. They are anticipating much activity with the Hurting Churches Fund.
8. Mission and Outreach Ministry Report: Janet Wilson brought up concerns about Intern availability for discussion. The MC is very concerned about the upcoming transition when Linda Miller retires. Plans for providing care for missionaries has been submitted to the Finance Committee. Barbara Dabul reported that she was able to visit the Fishers of Men mission near Mexico City. That mission served medical needs for 6800 people this past year and the missionary personally cares for 11 abandoned children.
9. Vitality Ministry Report: Justin Nierer reported that Doug Grey is working on the Lay Ministry Project. Templates are ready for on-line and video classes. Fast track material will be previewed in Cleveland. They are excited about presenting 3 regional ministers' convocations in April. The newest, in the West, has already lined up their venue and speakers. They are looking for suggestions for nominee for the Buttman award.
10. NACCC Reports:
 - Youth: Patrick Stewart referred to his written report on Trello. The annual youth meeting is set. It will be at a summer camp near Mansfield, OH. Unfortunately, because of the distance, it may be difficult to have a combined activity with the adult attendees. He and Mary Prendergast reminded that there are scholarships available for youth attendees. Applications must be in by March 15.
 - Board of Directors: Vice Moderator, Cindy Bacon Hammer reported that the directors are working on financial sustainability of the NACCC. The P&A committee will be conducting a performance review for the Executive Director. The board will review the proposed budget at their February meeting. They have given permission for the Executive Director to sign a contract with the Falmouth, MA Historical Committee to display the "First Thanksgiving" painting for approximately 3 years beginning in 2019 through the 400th anniversary celebrations of the Pilgrims landing. The artist is a resident of Falmouth.
 - Board of Governors: Bob Smith was not in attendance. No report.
 - Historian: Will Lange had no report
 - Treasurer: Jeff Dillon was not on the call.

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- AM&C: Jim Waechter reported that plans were moving along.

11. Task Team Reports:

- Team for Center for Cong. Leadership: Jim Waechter
- YRD Team: Jim Waechter
- Website: Jim Waechter
- Annual Meeting Accessibility: The team has met. No report.

12. NA Leadership Giving: 100% participation achieved.

13. For the good of the order:

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

15. Closing prayer: Judy Campbell offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm EST.

Judy Campbell

Secretary