

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
March 11, 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 Moderator Jim Waechter at 5:00 PM EDT by conference call at the request of Chairwoman Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer who was experiencing laryngitis. Vice Chairman Don Olsen was not on the 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

BoD Members Absent: Rev. Dr. Don Olsen.

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

2. Personal Check-ins: Updates on recent deaths and memorial services for NACCC ministers and family members and prayers of family and friends with serious health issues.
3. Opening Prayer: The Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere offered an opening prayer.
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 11, 2019 conference call were reviewed.

**2018/19 C 035 Motion by Jodee Lord to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019 conference call as printed. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.**

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus as amended moving discussion of Citation candidates to executive session at end of call and adding a report from the AM&C Accessibility Task Team to #8.
6. New Task Team Proposal: Discussion regarding establishment of a task team to focus on subjects involving sexual abuse. Team may use document by Arlin Larson some years ago as a starting point. More discussion next meeting.

7. BoD Committee Reports:

- a. P&A: - Don Olsen was not on call. Review of new job descriptions moved to April call.
- b. Liaison to Nominating: Jim Waechter reported that all nominations have been completed. The full slate has been posted on the website.
- c. Congregational Investment Trust & Finance Committee: Dan Drea review the most recent financial statements which are showing positive trends. A list of churches that have not as yet given this fiscal year has been prepared. Dan, Debby Fulton and Michael Chittum will be calling to determine any issues and when we can expect their donation. Jeff Dillon commented on a list of BoD designated funds that he would like to see moved to "temporarily restricted" and combined into the Shared Ministries Fund. Friendly amendments accepted.

**2018/19 C 036 Motion by Jeff Dillon to release four Board designated funds previously set aside for: Ministerial Search Process Fund; Minister's Enrichment & Assistance Fund; Technology Fund and Archival Project Fund and return the dollars to the Temporary Restricted General Operating Fund Endowment. Motion seconded, discussed and adopted.**

A proposal by the Consolidation Task Team at their 2/18/2019 meeting was brought up for discussion.

**2018/19 C 037 Motion by Jeff Dillon that the BoD approve a recommendation from the Consolidation Task Team regarding the consolidation of several smaller endowment accounts. Motion seconded and discussed. Sent back to the team for clarification before further discussion. (see April 8, 2019 minutes for adopted amended motion)**

- d. Building and Loan: Jodee Lord reported that the committee has seen no activity. Nothing to report.
- e. Rep for Congregationalist Editorial Advisory Team: Miriam Bryant and Marianne King said that the team only meets 4 times per year just before an edition of the magazine is published. Next meeting will be in April.

8. Other Reports

- a. Report of the DODC: Debby Fulton was not on call. Her written report is on Trello for review.
- b. Report of BoG: Ashley Cleere reported that the board will be meeting next week. She then reported on the AM&C Accessibility Task Team. The team is sending out an e-mail survey. The “Fresh Idea Survey” should take about 5 minutes to complete.
- c. Leadership Council: Jim Waechter reported that on the Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> call, the LC voted to bring in two new churches – The Little White Church of Malta, MT and the Righteous Chapel of West Palm Beach, FL as provisional members to be presented at the 2019 AM&C. The LC continues to work on “visioning” and discussing concerns of the individual MCs.
- d. AM&C: Jim Waechter said the committee will be conferencing yet tonight. The brochures are out. Credit card payments can be made on line.

9. Executive Director Report: Dr. Chittum reported on his recent participation in the Strategic Transition Education Program in Wake Forest, NC. His written report lists meetings and conference calls, and visits and preaching at many NA churches around the country.

Financial Sustainability: This will be discussed by leadership during the pre-meetings at the AM&C in Cleveland.

10. Other Business:

11. Next Regular Meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call on April 8 at 5:00 pm EDT.
12. Closing Prayer: A closing prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum. Call Adjourned at 6:25 pm EDT., with staff leaving the call.

BoD members remained to discuss Citation candidates in executive session. No action taken.

Judy Campbell  
Secretary