

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Conference Call
October 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 7:30pm 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; Janet Wilson (due to communication difficulties, some members were late on the call.)

NonVoting Members present: Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Foundation Board of Governor's Rep, Bob Smith; Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum

LC Members absent: Sarah Gladstone Terlouw; Historian, Rev. William Lange;

Others present: Dean of CFTS, Rev. Dr. Charles Packer; DODC, Debra Fulton

2. Welcome and personal check-ins: Several members related some good news.
3. Opening Devotion: Rev. Justin Nierer offered the opening devotion and prayer.
4. Approval of minutes:

2019/20 LC 009 Motion by Barbara Dabul to approve minutes of the conference call August 15, 2019 as corrected. Motion seconded and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus as amended.

Moderator Jim Waechter announced that since Leadership Council will now be meeting every other month, some meetings will have both Vision and Business components.

Vision Meeting: Moderator Jim Waechter – What do you wish your MC could get started on this year?

7. Mission and Outreach Ministry Report: Barbara Dabul reported they were looking forward to investigating a new endeavor with small churches in Cuba. Their budget meeting is coming up in November. Will be working on ways to make missions more accountable and will be reviewing the policies and procedures, the Warton Fund and the McGee Fund. She also mentioned that they would like to establish a smoother transition for new members coming on the Council. Would like get them up to speed more quickly.
8. Vitality Ministry Report: Justin Nierer reported that the VMC would like to see more participants in the Ministers' Convocations. Add another location, provide scholarships, etc. Increase work on Lay Ministry training.
6. Growth Ministry Report: Mary Prendergast and Rev. Dr. John Tamilio said their plans are to work with the Youth Conference Task Team; Work with Michael Chittum on Church Revitalization program; offer worship resources; and develop communication with new member and isolated churches.

Transition - Moderator Jim Waechter and Rev. Dr. Chittum reported that the office is encouraging nominees to be in touch with the chair of Ministry Councils prior to their election at the AM&C. This should help them to assimilate more quickly.

Business Meeting:

9. Growth update: John Tamillio reported they have been working on many things. The Youth Council TT is up and running, they have established a protocol for youth reporting. Working on ways to work with isolated churches and a team is working on process for the Hurting Churches Fund.
10. Missions update: Janet Wilson and Barbara Dabul reported that two members are on their way to Cuba to research concerns of the small churches there. Lots of questions: are they ready and able to call themselves Congregational; are they wanting help from the NA? Working with Michael Chittum and Debby Fulton to establish rules for charitable donations to international mission.
11. Vitality update: They would like to encourage nominations for the Harry Butman and the Jeanette Butman awards.
12. Confirm existing task team members:

2019/20 LC 010 Motion by John Tamillo to affirm the continuation of the following 4 task teams and their members: AM&C Accessibility; CCL, YRD, and Website TT. Motion seconded and adopted.

13. Review and appoint new task team members: Next meeting – establish and appoint members for 3 new task teams: Youth Interns, Ambassadors, Joint BoD-BOG Relationship task teams.

14. NACCC Reports

- Youth: Youth report on Trello. Patrick Stewart reported that the planning team will be meeting in Portland to make arrangements for the NAPF meeting in June.
- Treasurer: Jeff Dillon reported that budget worksheets are available.
- Board of Directors: Cindy Bacon Hammer reported that the CIT has welcomed another church into the investments. The Board received a thank you note from Mark Jensen, the recipient of the 2019 BoD Citation. They have established a sexual misconduct task team.
- Board of Governors: Bob Smith reported that the Foundation Board of Governors will be meeting in Oak Creek in October. The hope to have members of the NACCC Board of Directors present and on conference call for part of the meeting to work on issues in common. They are planning a workshop for the Portland meeting on a practical approach to money.
- Historian: DODC Debby Fulton reported on the P400. Logo on the front page of our website November 3. More to come.
- AM&C: Jim Waechter reported that Carrie Dahm and Seth Jones working on securing Conference Hotel.

15. Staff Reports

- Executive Director: Michael Chittum's written report was posted on Trello for review. He will be presenting workshops on church renewal.

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- CFTS: Charles Packer reported on the Boston Seminar. Large number of attendees were pastors called from other traditions. CFTS has received one new application. Charles has been talking with Doug Grey about what Lay Ministry needs to be.
- Development: Debby Fulton's written report was posted on Trello for review. The post Annual Meeting appeal surpassed the goal. She is looking for 100% giving from the Leadership.
- Congregationalist: Editor, Marianne King was not on the call.

16. Task Team Reports: no reports

- CCL
- YRD
- Annual Meeting Accessibility
- Website

17. NA Leadership Giving: 100% expected.

18. For the Good of the Order:

19. Next Regular meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 7:30 pm EDT, 6:30 CDT, 4:30 Arizona time.

20. Closing prayer: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell

Secretary