

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Conference Call
February 19, 2020

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 was not yet on the call. Janet Wilson volunteered to take minutes, took roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

LC Voting Members present: Moderator, Jim Waechter; Barbara Dabul; Rev. Justin Nierer; Mary Prendergast; Patrick Stewart; Rev. Dr. John Tamilio III; Rev. Sarah Gladstone Terlouw; Janet Wilson

Non-Voting Members present: Foundation Board of Governor's Rep, Bob Smith; Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Historian, Rev. William Lange; Secretary, Judy Campbell joined at 8:30.

LC Members absent: Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer;

Others present: Dean of CFTS, Rev. Dr. Charles Packer; DODC, Debra Fulton; Editor of the Congregationalist, Marianne King
2. Welcome and personal check-ins:
3. Opening Devotion: Rev. Dr. John Tamilio III offered the opening devotion and prayer.
4. Approval of minutes:

2019/20 LC 015 Motion by Janet Wilson to approve minutes of the conference call December 18, 2019 as corrected. Motion seconded and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus

Business Meeting: Moderator Jim Waechter

6. Growth Ministry Report: Rev. Dr. John Tamilio reported that Shawn Stapleton is working with Growth. Their last meeting was a visionary time working on:
 - Ways to reach out to isolated churches. Try to Skype people in. What else?
 - Prayer circle on line, or a Bible study
 - A Worship resource book

Mary Prendergast reported that they are working on an incident reporting form that they hope will be ready in June.
All these ideas may need technical assistance.
7. Mission and Outreach Ministry Report: Janet Wilson reported. MOMC is working to create and update policies and to be sure our practice measures up to those standards. They found they were not following Internal Revenue Service tax code. Someone should be visiting our missions to be sure they are doing what they have agreed to do. They have no way to handle the finances to do this.

8. Vitality Ministry Report: Justin Nierer and Sarah Terlouw reported. Doug Grey is working on a lay ministry curriculum so they can get this program rolling. This includes instructors and supplies so a budget is being created. They hope to have a kick-off class at the June meeting. Stu Merkle will lead it.
9. Joint BoD-BoG Relationship Task Team Report – Jim Waechter reported that the Task Team has met and working on a draft report. A joint meeting is planned for March 2nd. A report from that meeting will come to the Leadership Council.
10. Appoint new Youth Intern Task Team – Growth, MOMC, Vitality - Jim Waechter referred to the Task team established in December and asked for their representatives on the team.

2018/19 LC 016 Motion to appoint John Tamilio, and Patrick Stewart to serve on the Youth Intern Task Team in addition to Sarah Terlouw, Justin Nierer and Mary Prendergast who were appointed last month. Motion seconded and adopted

11. NACCC Reports

- Youth – Patrick Stewart reported on preparations for NAPF-HOPE. Planning team has approved the theme “Shine” encouraged by all the light houses. Hope to find something to do with the adults.
- Treasurer – Jeff Dillon reported that the Finance Committee is looking at the budget. Missions is the only MC of concern.
- Board of Directors – Cindy Bacon Hammer was not in attendance.
- Board of Governors – Bob Smith reported that the Board of Governors is preparing for the AMC workshop. Looking at fund raising possibilities. They would like to have Leadership giving during 1st quarter rather than third quarter.
- Historian/P400 – Will Lange reported.

12. Staff Reports

- Executive Director – Michael Chittum reported that, encouraged by MOMC, they are looking for a way to have nominees come to the pre-meetings.
- CFTS – Rev. Dr. Charles Packer reported. CFTS will be involved in the lay ministry program. There is one graduate this year who will be at the AM&C. One new student was admitted to the program for the Fall and a student at Dubuque is interested in CFTS. The Boston Seminar had two pastors from other denominations. Written report on Trello.
- Development – DODC Debra Fulton said her written report was on Trello. The Christmas Appeal raised \$41,315, and though that was short of the goal, the total was significantly more than last year. She is sending out a request for contributions to the Congregationalist Magazine. She has worked on designing an application for the “Conn Endowment” which will provide \$800 toward registration to Convocation for a first timer. Also working on materials for “NACCC College Fund” partnership with Olivet and Piedmont.
- Congregationalist – Editor Marianne King reported that she had been working with Debby Fulton and Tracey Bernhardt to “weed out” distribution of the magazine. The March issue is at the printer. She needs articles for the 400th.

13. Task Team Reports

- CCL – Jim Waechter – Team is meeting regularly. Purpose statement is coming together.
- YRD – Jim Waechter – Team met this past week. Will meet again at the AM&C. Working on “job descriptions” for the role of the YRD’s and the role of the churches and the NA.
- Website – Debby Fulton – Met with design teams. Will be asking for quotes soon.
- Ambassador – Jim Waechter reported that the team has met.

Vision Meeting

14. AM&C (Portland, ME): Jim Waechter reported that the Leadership session will be on How to set up a Task Team.
 15. Growth, Mission and Outreach, Vitality Annual Meeting Reports: Reminder – Written reports are due to the office by May 1, 2020.
 16. NA Leadership Giving: Debby Fulton announced that Leadership giving had achieved the 100% goal!
 17. For the Good of the Order: Several reported on recent passing of several clergy members.
 18. Next Regular meeting: Next regular meeting will be by conference call Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7:30 pm ET, 6:30 CT, 4:30 Arizona time.
 19. Closing prayer: Barbara Dabul offered the closing prayer.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm EST.

Judy Campbell

Secretary

Many thanks the Janet Wilson for recording much of the meeting in my absence.