

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Conference Call
June 17, 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 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; Sarah Gladstone Terlouw; Janet Wilson

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

LC Members absent:

Others present: Dean of CFTS, Rev. Dr. Charles Packer; Editor of the Congregationalist, Marianne King; CFO, Dan Drea
2. Welcome and personal check-ins: Members noted health and family news.
3. Opening Devotion: Janet Wilson offered the opening devotion and prayer.
4. Reading of e-mail motions into record and approval of April minutes:

2019/20 LC 019 Motion by Jim Waechter to accept the recommendation of the Membership Committee and accept the following churches into full membership in the NACCC:

First Congregational Church, corner of Main and Church Streets, PO Box 145, Orchard, Iowa 50460.

First Congregational Church, 18 Broad Street, Westfield, Massachusetts 01085.

Motion adopted by unanimous written consent by e-mail. All votes received by May 18, 2020.

2019/20 LC 020 Motion by Mary Prendergast to approve minutes of the conference call April 16, 2020 as printed. Motion seconded and adopted.

5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as amended.

Business Meeting: Moderator Jim Waechter

6. AMC Meeting Update including Plenary Session: Jim Waechter announced that the Plenary Session has been postponed until later in the Summer. Reminder that everyone needs to register in order to sign into the AM&C on Zoom. John Tamilio spoke about the plans for Sunday service on Zoom.
7. NA Leadership Giving: Debra Fulton was not on the call. Jim Waechter updated the numbers and reminded that we are looking for 100% participation from leadership.

8. Youth Intern Task Team: Patrick Stewart reported that the team met by conference call last Tuesday night. Great discussion. Primary goals and objectives – get youth and young adults involved in leadership. Next meeting in July.

9. NACCC Reports

- Youth – Patrick Stewart referred to his written report on Trello. After cancellation of the 2020 meetings, the planning team for NAPF/HOPE has shifted focus to making plans for the 2021 meeting. They are still, however, looking at ways to keep contact with the regular attendees through Zoom and other online services to keep them engaged in the interim.
- Treasurer’s report - Jeff Dillon reviewed the Treasurer’s Report and Budget presentation that will be given during the AM&C. Slides show a post budget forecast that includes the expected impact of cancellation of the AM&C face to face meeting and other financial issues caused by the COVID 19 shut down.
- Board of Directors – Cindy Bacon Hammer reported that at a special meeting in April, the BoD voted to cancel the face to face AM&C. At the May meeting they passed an emergency bylaw calling for a virtual meeting to conduct the annual business of the corporation. The virtual meeting will be held Saturday, June 27th. Other actions at the two meetings included a motion to apply for the Cares Act SBA loan to cover payroll costs during the pandemic, approval of the transfer of permanent endowments to the Congregational Foundation, and approval of the recommendations from the Joint Relationship Task Team.
- Board of Governors – Bob Smith reported that the CF bylaws have been amended as recommended by the Relationship Task Team; the final draft of Fund-Raising documents will be discussed on Monday along with a memento to thank major donors.
- Historian/P400 – Rev. Will Lange said he is working on the Necrology and asked if anyone had more information about some of the members that passed this year. The Rev. Dr. Mary Biedron, the incoming Historian, will present the Necrology during the Sunday worship service at the AM&C. He reminded that activities for the 400th is a “commemoration” not a celebration and can be continued throughout the year.

10. Staff Reports

- Executive Director – Michael Chittum referred to his written report which listed activities preparing for the virtual Annual Meeting, application for the Cares Act PPP loan and working with staff who were all working from home.
- CFTS – Charles Packer related that there is one graduate this year, but due to the cancellation of the face to face meeting, graduation ceremonies are postponed to next year in Spokane. One new student has begun the application process. The CCL Task Team meets monthly with Laura Hamby as chair. The Lay Ministry TT is working hard.
- Development – Debby Fulton’s report was posted on Trello.

Approved

- Congregationalist – Editor, Marianne King commented on the recent financial appeal for the Congregationalist which is now at \$18,847. The September issue is to focus on the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower.

11. Task Team Reports

- CCL – Jim Waechter gave brief updates on the CCL TT and the YRD TT.
- YRD – see CCL
- Website – Team has looked at three suppliers and has selected one to work with. They are taking that recommendation to the CF/BOG.
- Ambassador – Michael Chittum will be emailing Miriam Bryant who is working on a report on how to go forward with the handbook for ambassadors. Will report next meeting.

Vision Meeting

12. Smart Goals: Growth MC – John Tamilio highlighted two goals: Prayer Circle Monday nights on Zoom and Publications – Advent and Lenten devotionals and a Worship Guide and workshop guide.
13. Smart Goals: MOMC – Barbara Dabul and Janet Wilson spoke on their goals. Establish and maintain relationships with domestic and foreign missions: Need to make missions more accountable for reporting.
14. Smart Goals: Vitality – Justin Nierer reported on Events: Convocation, rewards and advertising. Sara Terlouw reported on Lay Ministry training.
15. For the Good of the Order: Jim Waechter gave thoughts on his time in leadership. Thanks to outgoing members: Jim Waechter, Judy Campbell, Barbara Dabul and Will Lange.
16. Next Regular meeting: Next regular meeting will be in August by conference call. The date and time to be announced.
17. Closing prayer: Secretary Judy Campbell offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm EDT.

Judy Campbell
Secretary