

# NACCC E-NEWS

# THE MESSENGER



November 15, 2025

## A MONTH OF WORSHIP

REV. DR. GERRY KRUPP, NACCC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a joy it's been this past month to worship in churches from Michigan to California and Wisconsin—a true blessing! I've joined vibrant congregations, including:

- Sandstone Congregational in Michigan, host of the Michigan Conference
- Church of the Chimes in Sherman Oaks, CA, host of the Cal-West Regional Meeting
- First Congregational in Redlands, CA
- Pilgrim Congregational in Green Bay, WI
- My home church, First Congregational in Wauwatosa, WI

## A Shared Spirit

Each church shines with its own unique character, yet they all feel like home. Common traditions bind us as a family of faith, elements.

## Growing Every Day

These Sunday practices shape us into the people Christ calls us to be. But our journey continues beyond Sunday. By asking daily, "Where have I seen God at work today?" we invite God's presence into every moment. Try this question each evening and share your reflections with your church family—let's inspire one another to see God's hand in our lives!

## TRIBUTE TO REV. DAWN CARLSON

The Rev. Dawn Carlson of Terre Haute, IN, died unexpectedly on Oct. 29, 2025. A tireless champion of the Congregational Way, she served the NACCC in various leadership roles over the years. Dawn began an online church, The Phoenix, in 2016. She later merged The Phoenix with Ian MacDonald's virtual church to form The Anamesa Christian Church. Anamesa is the first online church accepted into the NACCC. Dawn's intelligence, creativity, loving nature, and humor brought great joy to us all. She adored her family, a cuppa tea, and SF Giants baseball. She is deeply missed by all who knew her.

Shalom,  
Pastor Carol Taylor

## TRIBUTE TO REV. TERRY BOBZIEN

We were all deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Rev. Terry Bobzien.

Terry, longtime pastor of the Pittsford, Michigan, Congregational Church, was a dear friend, confidant, and mentor to me. I first met Terry at our Michigan Association Annual Meeting in 2017 when I was a "newbie" in the Congregational Way. During the entertainment segment, a trivia contest, the first night, Terry recognized me as new, sat down beside me, and became an instant friend. My subsequent journey with him has been anything but trivial. His wisdom, gentle spirit, and genuine compassion have inspired and sustained me. I miss him greatly. Rest with God in sweet repose, my friend!

In loving memory,  
Rev. Mark McCormick

## HURRICANE MELISSA

JULIE ROBIE, NACCC MISSION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The NACCC joins the global community in response to the catastrophic devastation left behind by Hurricane Melissa.

As a result of this need, the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) is gratefully receiving One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Disaster donations designated to Hurricane Melissa. These funds will be distributed to vetted individuals, organizations, and NACCC mission partners providing aid.

Donations may be made online via PayPal or Venmo. Please be sure to designate your donation to:

OGHS Hurricane Melissa

Donations via check can be mailed to:

NACCC  
PO Box 288  
Oak Creek, WI 53154  
On your check memo line, please write, OGHS Hurricane Melissa.

Or [Donate Now](#)

The NACCC makes every effort to honor donor wishes in regard to their gifts. Occasionally, a situation will arise where a project is no longer viable. In such cases, the NACCC will direct those donated funds to one of our other funds that is most similar to the donor's original intentions.

Thank you for your continuing compassion and support.

NACCC Mission Statement:

To nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches and to support ministries of the local church in its community and to the world, all in the name of Christ.

[Advent Order form](#)

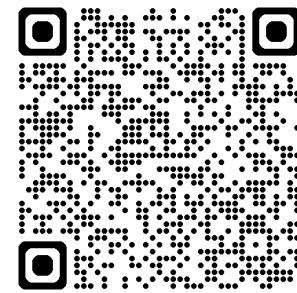
[Mission Partner Spotlight](#)

[Recent Calls & Ordinations](#)

[The Congregationalist](#)

[Explore Member Resources](#)

**SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO DONATE**



## EVENT CALENDAR

*April 13-16, 2026*

**Annual Ministers' Convocation**

University of Saint Mary of the Lake  
1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

*June 27th - 30th, 2026*

**72nd Annual Meeting and Conference**

Hope and a Future

Jeremiah 29:11

Springfield, MA.

Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place  
Hotel. One Monarch Place, Springfield,  
MA 01144