

Moderator and Leadership Council

2025 Annual Report

The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches went through a period of transition. We welcomed Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski as Interim Executive Director for approximately nine months while the Executive Director Search Committee moved ahead in search of a permanent Executive Director. We are grateful for Barry's leadership, enthusiasm and dedication to the NACCC while in this role.

We give thanks for the work and diligence done by the Executive Director Search Committee on their selection of our new Executive Director. We welcome Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp as the new Executive Director of the NACCC. Blessings to Gerry on this new journey. We ask you to welcome and pray for Gerry as he takes on this new role.

As Moderator, I am the Chair of the Leadership Council, including representative of our three Ministry Councils- Growth, Vitality, and Missions and Outreach (MOMC). The councils continue to work diligently to provide services to the churches, Pastors and congregations in the NA. The councils work with our budge team to continue the theme of "dream big". This gives the councils the opportunity to provide new and creative services to our churches while they share a vision for the future.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) continued nurturing communities that were affected by natural disasters, war and hunger through One Great Hour of Sharing. Some members participated in hands-on work for rebuilding after natural disasters. They continue to raise awareness and support our partners in global missions and build relationships through the Cultural Exploration Ministry.

The Growth Ministry Council has formed a Task Team for Church Revitalization and Church Planting. The team has been meeting monthly to develop a strategy to help churches. They continue to nurture new churches in the NACCC through prayer and conversation. The Council continues its support for the Leaders Table/Companion Cohorts facilitated by Alan Roxburgh. The Growth Ministry Council enthusiastically provides workshops at the AMC to support churches in the NA. The Council helped in supporting the NAPF/HOPE young adult meeting in Spokane which was held during the AMC

The Vitality Ministry Council provided 10 grants to churches in the NA to help churches. Convocation for our Pastors was also facilitated by the Vitality Council. They supported LMTP through leadership transition, developing enhanced budgeting practices, and exploring options for increasing enrollment with partners. The Leader's Table/Companion Cohorts facilitated by Alan Roxburgh was also supported by the Vitality

Council. They have diligently encouraged more participation in the Russell Preaching Award which is given at the Annual Meeting.

As Moderator, I look forward to our 2025 Annual Meeting and Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, with the theme, “Come and See” (John 1:46). I am thankful for the conversations shared around this theme and look forward to sharing them with you in St. Louis. SO, “Come and See”.

I am grateful to the members of the Ministry Councils for their leadership, time, creativity and energy. I appreciate the staff of the NACCC for their guidance and support each day throughout the year.

Blessings,

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