



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER BLESSINGS

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

On behalf of the leadership of the NACCC, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed and joyful Easter. May the gift of Easter fill your heart with hope, love, peace, and joy.

As I look ahead to our theme "Come and See" for our **Annual Meeting and Conference**, I am excited at the many possibilities and opportunities that await us, the joys and challenges we will discuss with each other, and watching God's love be put into action.

It is a time for us to worship and pray together, a time of learning and growing, and a time of fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis. Make your reservations to attend or join us virtually over Zoom.

JOIN US FOR MINISTERS' CONVOCATION!

This year's Convocation will be held in Racine, Wisconsin, at the Siena Retreat Center from April 27 – May 1. Join us to hear from speakers Tim Soerens and Pastor Jonathan Brooks, to spend time in community and strengthen our ties in fellowship, and to unwind and reset after a busy start to the year.

Click here to learn more and sign up.

NACCC COMMONS CONVERSATIONS

Join us for this new free webinar series exploring the questions you have as a church leader and working towards solutions in collaboration with others.

The first Commons Conversation will be held on Zoom on April 24th, 2025, centered around the question: How can we live into the vulnerability and risk leadership invites?

For more information or to register for this event, **click here**.

EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY AWARDS

The NACCC's Vitality Ministry Council is excited to announce that nominations are now open for the 2025 Excellence in Ministry Awards - the Marion Bradshaw Award, Harry R. Butman Award, and Jennette Butman Award. These prestigious awards recognize outstanding leaders and innovators who have made significant contributions to Congregationalism and exemplify a personal commitment to faith, freedom, and fellowship.

Click here to learn more about each award and how to make your nominations. The deadline to submit nominations is May 4th.

THE BLESSINGS OF SPRING

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE-MODERATOR

Spring is a time of renewal... a time of rejuvenation and rekindled life enveloping God's creation that surrounds us. It is also, for our beloved NACCC, the inception of a new year. In the NACCC, the fiscal year closes on March 31, and the new one begins on April 1. Then, just a few months later, we gather at the Annual Meeting and Conference to (among many other things) elect new leadership for our councils and committees. This year, we add to this time of new beginnings the start of the tenure of the Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp as our Executive Director. All in all, there is much springing forth in our NACCC this spring, so I simply ask you this – hold it all in prayer! As you see the blooming flower or budding tree in these coming weeks – as you soak in the growing warmth of the springtime sun – take a moment to pray for our Association, for its leadership, and for each member church as we implore God's continued blessing and guidance throughout it all.

JOIN THE LEADERS TABLE

The Leaders Table is a four-part webinar series designed to empower pastors and other church leaders to take on a fresh perspective on leadership in times of challenge and change.

If you're asking yourself how you can be the best possible leader for your people in a place and time you've never been before, this is the webinar series for you!

To learn more about The Leaders Table, [click here](#).

HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**VARN PHILBROOK, BOARD OF
GOVERNORS**

This is always a time of hope and renewal and, for the BoG and your Association, a time of budgeting and preparing our finances to secure a bright new fiscal year. This year, the budget is again expansive in support of the Ministry Councils and their programs. Our staff has undergone some development, and we anticipate some future budgeting stability for at least the next few years – hope is always such an important word. Overall, we are a people organization as opposed to a financial organization, so much depends on your support. In reporting, the BoG is encouraged by the increases in both individual and church giving. It helps with NA planning, and it makes our work just a little easier in granting increases due to program needs. So, a hearty thanks to all members and churches alike, and we hope you have a truly happy Easter.



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