



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

OUR 71ST ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

This past week, we joined together in person and virtually for our 71st Annual Meeting & Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. It was an inspiring time of worship, prayer, song, and thought-provoking workshops.

During the conference, our ministry councils reported on the many exciting programs they have implemented, and we had the privilege of hearing from four of our churches that have received great joy from these programs.

We conducted the business of the NA, reviewing reports on our finances and installing the dedicated leadership team of the NA. We welcomed into membership Grace Christian Church of Vilas, NC - blessings to them.

Our mission partners shared an evening of games and dessert with those in attendance, and on Sunday, we had a fun afternoon with the NAPF/HOPE young people for our Intergenerational Mission Project. We were also blessed to witness the graduation of devoted members of the LMTP and CFTS programs.

If you couldn't join us this year, mark your calendar for next year's Annual Meeting and Conference, June 27-30 in Springfield, MA!

WE'RE HIRING!

The NACCC is seeking a part-time Office Assistant to join our team in Oak Creek, Wisconsin! This on-location role (8-12 hours/week with a flexible schedule) will support the administrative and development efforts of the NACCC, helping strengthen connections with our member churches, donors, and wider community.

Interested, or know someone who might be a good fit? Check out the [job description](#) for more information!

To apply, send your resume/CV and cover letter to NACCC Executive Assistant Sarah Sobecke at ssobecke@naccc.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

SHARING VITALITY GRANTS PROGRESS REPORTS

Curious about what church vitality looks like in action? In early 2025, the NACCC Vitality Ministry Council awarded ten one-time grants to member churches launching bold, collaborative, and Spirit-led projects aimed at renewing local ministry. These grantees are already making remarkable strides, tackling real-world challenges and embracing fresh opportunities to serve their communities. Their work is not only inspiring - it may also spark ideas for your own ministry context. [Click here](#) to explore their progress reports, connect with their stories, and discover how you might be part of next year's cohort. Application details are included at the end of the report and can also be found [here](#).

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION...

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE MODERATOR

The 2025 Annual Meeting and Conference of the NACCC was a great one, and I add my voice to the chorus of those giving thanks for the service and dedication of the many who worked throughout the year to make it happen. Among the highlights for me was the opportunity to share in presenting the Board of Directors' Citation to the Rev. Art Ritter. Art preceded me at Pine Hill Congregational Church (where I started in 1999), and I have had the honor of calling him a colleague and friend ever since. His faithful service to his churches, his family, and our Association is unmistakable, and each of us is better for having had his heart and spirit in our lives. I encourage you to join me in celebrating this special recognition and, if/when you see him, ask that you might provide Art with a special word of thanks for what he has meant to each of us throughout his decades of service.

FANTASTIC AMC + COMING ATTRACTIONS

KEVIN GROMLEY, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I am on my way home from a successful Annual Meeting and Conference. Delegates ratified new leadership, including our new Executive Director, and approved the NACCC's budget for the fiscal year. All attendees enjoyed workshops including the roles of women in the Bible, building a culture of discipleship, reconciliation, grassroots organizing, and revitalizing churches.

The Congregational Foundation updated the gathering on our finances and support for the NACCC. The Foundation exists solely to provide a steady, lasting stream of funding for the NACCC.

Laura Hamby, Foundation Board Chair, previewed an upcoming campaign for *The Congregationalist*. Currently less than 2% of Foundation assets are designated for that purpose; our goal is to expand the endowments that support *The Congregationalist*.

More to come, stay tuned!

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Congregational Library & Archives is delighted to host a special NACCC Ministers & Members Evening Reception on Tuesday, July 29, at 4:00 PM ET, exclusively for friends and members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Join them in enjoying an evening of fellowship and exploration as they showcase their newest exhibition, Sacred Rebellion, highlighting powerful stories of faith, resistance, and renewal in Congregational history.

RSVP by July 25 to programs@14beacon.org to take part in this inspiring evening in the heart of historic Boston!

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