

# NACCC E-NEWS June 1, 2025

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

St. Louis, here we come! In less than a month, we will be gathering for the **71st Annual Meeting and Conference**. I hope you have made plans to attend either in person or virtually. If you or a representative from your church haven't done so already, you still have some time.

I look forward to our Plenary Sessions, which will spur conversation and encourage us to look at the future together. There are many workshops planned, offering exciting and encouraging material. Our NAPF/HOPE attendees will join us for worship and a special mission project on Sunday.

Together, we will conduct the business of the NA, worship, celebrate in fellowship, and share the many ways that God is working among us.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

### 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.

### THE CONGREGATIONALIST JUNE ISSUE

The June edition of **The Congregationalist** is here, exploring the theme of Reverence in all its depth and diversity. From reflections on sacred space and the power of silence to bold invitations toward extravagant worship, this issue invites you to pause, listen, and be stirred. Dive in and discover how reverence can reshape your walk with God.

**[Register for the AMC](#)**

**[Register for NAPF/HOPE](#)**

**[Register for Quiet Day Retreat](#)**

## WITH DEEPEST THANKS...

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE MODERATOR

As you receive this note, we will be three weeks and counting from the start of our **Annual Meeting and Conference** in St. Louis, MO. It will, without question, be a time of shared experience that many of us will carry throughout the year to come. Behind it all, however, is a litany of volunteers and staff members who make our Association and our gatherings the gifts that they are to each of us. So, for today, I simply want to say, 'Thank you.' To our devoted staff... To the cadre of council and committee members who serve throughout the year... To the many who are serving to help host this year's conference... On behalf of your Board of Directors - to all who make our fellowship the gift that it is to our churches and to each and every one of us - please know how grateful we are for you!

## 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](mailto:programs@14beacon.org) to take part in this inspiring evening in the heart of historic Boston!

## WHY DO WE GATHER?

REBEKAH BARSCH, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

For my husband and I, the site of this year's **Annual Meeting** is a relatively easy 5 ½ hour drive straight south from our home in Milwaukee and provides the chance to spend time with our son, who lives in a fun St. Louis neighborhood named Soulard.

But that's not why I'm going. I have been thinking about last summer's meeting in Spokane and the powerful spirit of faith, fellowship, and mutual support that flowed throughout our time there. We learned from each other. We stood shoulder to shoulder in worship and praise. And when tragedy struck a fellow church, we gave prayers, love, and financial support freely and joyfully. We celebrated both our independent polity and our voluntary interdependence. What a blessing. Hope to see you in St. Louis!

## SUMMER CLASSES THROUGH THE CLA

The Congregational Library & Archives is offering two exciting online courses this summer you won't want to miss - the **Church Stewardship Initiative Summer Camp** focused on teaching you how to archive your church's records and **Researching the Revolution: Using New England's Hidden Histories** guiding you through the process of conducting your own research using rich, primary sources from early New England Congregations.

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