

# NACCC E-NEWS

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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## OUR MINISTRY COUNCILS

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

Our Ministry Councils have been working diligently to prepare for the **Annual Meeting and Conference** where they will be presenting workshops that will be of interest and value to member churches.

The Vitality Ministry Council will be sharing exciting updates from recipients of the Sharing Vitality Grants program, along with a panel discussion. Attend their workshop to learn how churches have productively used these funds to enhance church programs.

The Growth Ministry Council will present workshops on the starting and revitalization of churches. They invite you to join them in hearing from Bishop Larry Jones, who will speak on "Reigniting the Fire."

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council will offer us some fun and games followed by sweet desserts. You will have the opportunity to meet and hear from our Mission Partners during this time of fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

## COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE!

Are you considering attending the **2025 Annual Meeting and Conference** of the NACCC? We hope so! Our time in St. Louis will be a celebration of our faith and tradition, an opportunity to conduct business on behalf of our association, and a chance for learning and fellowship.

Don't forget - if you're planning to join us and would like to stay at the venue (the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel), you must place your reservation by May 15th to secure our discounted group rate. So don't wait, make your **reservation** now.

## 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**.



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## REGISTER TODAY...

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE-MODERATOR

What did you do today? Perhaps you were enveloped with work and/or had to spend much of your day doing those delightful chores around the house. Maybe you had a bit of time to go for a walk, share lunch with a friend or loved one, or enjoy one of the countless other blessings God breathes into our days. Likely, it was a bit of all of the above – I know it was for me. Among the many things I did today, however, is register for the **Annual Meeting and Conference** of the NACCC. I'm a bit later than usual getting around to submitting that registration this year, but it is a reminder that there is still time for you as well! If you have not yet registered for the meeting, please consider doing so today. There is so much in store for St. Louis, and we'd really love to see you there!

## LAST CALL FOR EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY AWARDS!

Nominations are open now 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.

**Visit our website** to learn more about each award and how to make your nominations. The deadline to submit nominations is May 4th.

## YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM...

SANDY LEONARD, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Take a sweet break with the Congregational Foundation Board of Governors! Join us Monday at 3:00 pm during the **2025 Annual Meeting** in St. Louis, Missouri, for ice cream and conversation. Learn how the foundation's work supports the NACCC and its empowerment of local congregations.

## 2025 MINISTERS' CONVOCATION

The NACCC's 2025 Ministers' Convocation at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin, was a true success, filled with meaningful connection, reflection, and renewal. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dynamic speakers, Tim Soerens and Pastor Jonathon Brooks, for providing us with an excellent opportunity for learning, discussion, and inspiration. Our deep gratitude also goes to our attendees, whose thoughtful devotions, moving worship, and engaged presence made this gathering truly memorable.

**Register for NAPF/HOPE**

**Register for Quiet Day Retreat**