



February 7, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of the NACCC,

As many of you know, the Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere stepped down as the Executive Director of the NACCC, to accept a call to a church closer to family in CT., in June of 2024. In the wake of her departure, the NACCC Board of Directors was blessed to connect with the Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski, who stepped in as our Interim Executive Director to help lead us through this transitional time. We will be forever grateful to Barry for the pivotal role he played in our Association during this complex time! If you have the opportunity, please join us in thanking Barry for all he has done in service to the Association throughout these many months.

With interim coverage in place, the Board of Directors quickly turned its attention to the creation of a search committee, which began its work shortly after the Annual Meeting last summer. Over the course of more than six months, the Executive Director Search Committee worked faithfully, and tirelessly, in their effort to seek the right individual to step into this role for our Association. The efforts of the search committee included sorting through more than 75 resumes, holding a number of special meetings with NA staff, leaders and stakeholders, and meeting regularly as a team to discern the most important skills and gifts that were needed in our next Executive Director. Prayerfully and diligently, the search committee selected four candidates for interviews and then narrowed it down to two finalists who were invited to participate in in-person interviews in Milwaukee in January of 2025. It was after this final round of interviews that the search committee made its final recommendation to the Board of Directors on January 24, 2025.

In light of all of these faithful efforts, it is with great joy and anticipation that we write to share with you that ***the Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp has been named as the next Executive Director of the NACCC***, with a start date of March 1, 2025. After serving multiple years as our Director of Programs, Dr. Krupp's spirit and skills have been apparent to many, and we are thrilled to look ahead towards all that he will bring to us as our new Executive Director. We ask that you join us in welcoming Dr. Krupp to this new role, and that you would lift him up in prayer, along with all of our Association leadership, as we step into this new chapter in the life of the NACCC. May God's abundant blessings unfold in and through the shared journey that we are all about to begin!

In Faith and Fellowship,

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NACCC Moderator

Rev. Dr. Martin Hall
NACCC Vice-Moderator

Rev. Mark McCormick
Search Committee Chair