



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### THIS THANKSGIVING I AM

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

Thankful and grateful for:

Our rich history and heritage

Our vision and dreams for the future

Our member churches and Pastors

For the dedicated members on our Boards, Ministry Councils, and Committees  
Our dedicated and wonderful staff

For the many resources we are given

Our freedom to worship

God's continued grace, wisdom, and presence within our association.

This month, as we celebrate our heritage, let us look to the future with faith, hope, purpose, passion, and peace.

Wishing you and you're a very Happy Thanksgiving.

### THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

We Congregationalists are a people of thanksgiving! With gratitude for your fellowship in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, we offer our annual **Thanksgiving Proclamation**. We invite you to read it from the pulpit, insert a copy in your Sunday's Order of Worship, publish it as part of your weekly news bulletin, project it onto your screens, or otherwise share it.

We pray that you will experience abundant joy and countless blessings during this season of remembering God's goodness and provision.

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## A WORD OF GRATITUDE

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE MODERATOR

As Vice Moderator, I have had the opportunity and privilege of being invited a few times to participate in the fall meeting of the Board of Governors of the Congregational Foundation, which takes place in Oak Creek, WI. It just so happens that this year's opportunity came this morning, and I want to use my monthly real estate in this email, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to extend my deepest thanks to these individuals. The Board of Governors of the Foundation works tirelessly to manage, maintain, and grow dozens of endowments that support the ongoing work of the NACCC. It is undeniable that the dutiful faithfulness and relentless commitment of those supporting the work of the foundation is at the heart of why the Association can do much of what it does. I hope you will join me, when you have a chance, in thanking these devoted servants for all they do to support the work and future of our fellowship.

## CONGREGATIONAL FOUNDATION FALL MEETING RECAP

BOB SMITH, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors of the Congregational Foundation holds its October meeting in Oak Creek every year. This year, the Board arrived a day early and devoted the morning to a painting work session in the Oak Creek office and the rest of the day to fellowship. Our meeting began with NA staff reports and an update of Board of Directors initiatives presented by Vice Moderator Marty Hall. A financial presentation was made by the NA CFO, Cheryl Milnes, and Foundation Treasurer Kevin Gromley spoke about our endowments and the proposed drawdown for the coming year. A discussion of the upcoming Congregationalist campaign followed. Planning for the Annual Meeting followed. Your Foundation exists to serve our National Association. Please consider joining us!

## EVENT CALENDAR- SAVE THE DATES!

April 13-16, 2026

Annual Ministers' Convocation

University of Saint Mary of the Lake

1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

June 27th - 30th, 2026

72nd Annual Meeting and Conference

Hope and a Future

Jeremiah 29:11

Springfield, MA.

Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel.

One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA 01144



NACCC ANNUAL MEETING  
AND CONFERENCE 2026  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
June 27 -30, 2026

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