



HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

On Sunday morning, we lit the first Advent candle, the candle of HOPE.

As I was reflecting on this candle and the candles we will light over the next few weeks, it made me wonder: what gives us hope for ourselves, our family, our church, the NACCC, and the world?

The Second candle we light is the candle of PEACE. What brings us peace in our lives, our church, and in the world? How do we feel this peace around us?

The Third candle we light is the candle of JOY. What brings us joy and makes us rejoice?

The Fourth candle is the candle of LOVE. How do we feel Gods love, how do you see Gods love in your daily life?

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, I pray that your life is filled with much Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Wishing you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE MODERATOR

As you read this note, Advent will have officially begun. A season of anticipation... of expectation... of looking towards all that has been, is, and will continue to be... It is a season of looking with gratitude upon God's wondrous blessings in our lives, and a season of discovering anew the miracle that is the Gift of Gifts! There will be decorations to hang, trees to trim, gifts to wrap, treats to bake, parties to attend, carols to sing, worship to embrace... and I pray that you will be blessed throughout it all! No matter what each day may bring, may the abundance and wonder of Emmanuel – God with us – fill you with joy in each day as we await the celebration of His coming. May you have a very Merry Christmas!

YEAR END GIVING

SANDY LEONARD, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

As Advent begins and I start to prepare for Christmas, I spend some time counting my blessings. I am blessed to have my family, my family of faith, food on my table, and a warm home. I am blessed that New England did not experience any hurricanes or other natural disasters this past year. And I am truly blessed that I have the ability to support organizations that reflect the work of Jesus Christ in our current world. I ask that you consider a year-end gift to the NACCC this season -you can simply donate to the Shared Ministries Fund or designate your funds to support Missions, The Congregationalist, or One Great Hour of Sharing, which responds to disasters. Our NACCC staff does an outstanding job of vetting missions and ensuring that when you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, the money donated goes directly to address the needs of folks affected.

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



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