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Leadership Council, Thank you!

Jodee Lord, Moderator



The Leadership Council has begun its monthly meetings for the new year. I have the honor of meeting with this fine group. The council is made up of two representatives of each Ministry Council: Growth, Missions and Outreach (MOMC), and Vitality. The Historian, Treasurer, Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Executive Director are also represented on the Leadership Council.

The Council members give a monthly written report and a highlighted update from their council. This year, we will be collaborating more with Planning and Action on a wider vision for the NACCC, along with the different possibilities for the Annual Meeting and Conference. We are always looking for ways to better serve and meet the needs of our churches.

I would like to thank the members of the Leadership Council for their enthusiasm and commitment to the NACCC and for their respect and encouragement to each council.



The Cadre at Work...

Rev. Dr. Martin Hall, Vice-Moderator



One of our ongoing projects over the past year (and more) has been to codify the structure and purpose of the many standing committees and teams that work on various NA projects and programs throughout the year. It has been an intriguing journey for many reasons, but what has stood out to me above all else has been the sheer cadre of people who are constantly at work to keep the ministries of our Association going. There is an extraordinary group of individuals who give of their time and talents to serve God in and through the many initiatives of the NACCC. Perhaps you might become one of them! There will be more information in the coming months about nominations, forms, etc. For today, however, I simply encourage you to open your heart to whether or not God might have a place for you amidst this glorious cadre of faithful servants as well.



We Are Many!

Laura Hamby, Chair, Board of Governors



For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ... Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

As Congregationalists, we're big believers in one body with many members, who bring a multitude of gifts and talents to contribute to the work of God. The same is true with how we can support the work of the NACCC, serving churches in our association. Three ways come to mind.

First, there is church giving. As member churches, we are asked to pledge our [Fair Share](#) each year. Currently, the Fair Share is \$13.00 per church member.

Then there is individual giving. As members and friends of the NACCC, we have the opportunity to support our association and member churches by responding to specific appeals throughout the year.

Endowments and legacy giving are the best way to support the Congregational Way for many years to come! Interested? Drop me an [email](#) or give me a call. Or contact [Kristin Ward](#), Director of Development.

Let's exercise our privilege as members of one body!



Congregation Has A Ball In Their Own Parking Lot

Marilyn Danielson



Central Michigan University coach Andy Bronkema and assistant Brooks Miller, along with the CMU Basketball team, taught 3rd through 8th graders about character, integrity, and faith. Approximately 106 kids, along with parents and onlookers, came together at Lakewood High School to learn important elements in this Secrets To Success event. First Congregational Church sponsored the event with a generous gift from an anonymous donor to the church, providing such an amazing

opportunity. The kids had a great time. Josh Liggins, who has played basketball internationally, brought the idea to First Congregational Church of Lake Odessa. The present basketball coach at Lakewood High School, Jason Solgot, also joined in offering his Christian witness to the group. Pastor Marilyn Danielson opened the event with prayer, with the coaches offering a brief presentation.



The Congregationalist



The September 2025 *Restoration*-themed edition of *The Congregationalist* magazine is out now! [Click here](#) to read it online, or if you're a print subscriber, keep an eye on your mailbox for your copy!

Interested in contributing to the *Reflection*-themed December edition? Email your submission to Editor [Maggie Helmick](#) by October 1st!



Event Calendar

October 15, 2025, 12:30 - 3:30 pm CT

Webinar Series: Effective Transitional Leadership

This four-part virtual seminar is designed to equip church leaders with the practical tools, insights, and confidence they need to navigate periods of change with purpose and clarity. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Thank you for being a vital part of our community. Your engagement, support, and commitment to the Congregational Way is valued and appreciated.

We encourage you to share this newsletter with friends, family, fellow congregants, and anyone else you think could benefit from it.

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