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The Messenger



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New and Not New

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director

Last week, I joined NACCC clergy and CFTS students at the Midwest Ministers' Convocation. As a local church pastor, I attended this gathering annually. But the timing did not jibe with the academic calendar when I was a college chaplain. Thus, after two decades away, my experience held characteristics of both a first-timer and a "fossil." I was new and not new at the same time.

It was great to see colleagues I've known for 30 years. As the country song goes, "You can't make an old friend." And it was delightful to be introduced to people I hadn't met before. Like the congregations that comprise it, the NACCC is made up of recent additions and longstanding members. Varied pasts and untold stories make for fascinating conversation as we venture into both familiar and unknown territory as people of faith.



Missions Updates For Your Church

Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator

How is God sustaining NACCC missions as they navigate the pandemic? What are their plans moving forward? How can you help? These questions will be answered during the 2022 Annual Meeting and Conference of the NACCC in Wichita, Kansas, held from Saturday, June 25th through Tuesday, June 28th.

- Three mission workshops will be offered: *“How to be a Reconciler,” “Growing Common Bonds: Overcoming the Impact of Cultural Polarization on our Churches”* and *“Mission Stories that Reflect God’s Call.”*
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- At 6:30 pm on Monday, there will be a time to gather with NACCC missionaries to make joyful music together! The event will be led by Rev. Jim Owens, Love Worth Sharing.
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- Mission presentations will be on Tuesday morning beginning at 9:00 am. You will also have a chance to visit their display tables.

If you haven’t registered for the meeting, you can do so on our [website](#).



Love Worth Sharing, Haiti - Meal prep for over 300 children

Carry On a Harvest of Love

Patrick Stewart, NACCC Leadership Council Youth Representative

We are a mere 40 days away from the in-person return of the annual NAPF & HOPE Youth Conference in Wichita, Kansas, on the campus of Newman University.

Our awesome Planning Team has been working very hard these last several months putting together a stupendous gathering at the end of June. We are blessed to have a local youth pastor as our speaker for the week!

[Registration is open until June 1st.](#)

In the meantime:



68th Annual Meeting & Conference

Wichita
registration deadline
is MAY 20, 2022

Delegate
Credentials due May
20, 2022

Virtual registration
is free, no deadline

NACCC Member Forum
Join the conversation

NACCC Prayer Circle
Monday Evenings,
8PM Central
[Click for details](#)

- Continue to encourage your youth and adult leaders to attend.
- Encourage NACCC churches in your area that have not participated in a while or don't normally attend.
- Pray for everyone involved, that we may sow the seeds of God's love as we continue to carry on a harvest of love!

*Send us your news and photos!
Submissions for the June issue are due by May 20, 2022*

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NAPF & HOPE 2022 CONFERENCE WICHITA, KANSAS

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

JUNE 25-29
REGISTRATION: \$425



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Christian Churches

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN FEB. 15TH, 2022
ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL NAPFHOPE@GMAIL.COM



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One Great Hour of Sharing *Ukraine Refugee Relief Efforts* March 1, 2022

Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine as war devastates their homeland. Congregationalists join the world in lifting this nation up in prayer. They also have inquired about opportunities to offer tangible support.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC), on behalf of National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, is gratefully receiving funds to assist with Ukraine refugee relief efforts.

In times of crisis, MOMC makes every effort to work through member churches and missions closest to those in need. Where our churches and missions are not present, we work through respected and responsible organizations such as the [Salvation Army](#), [Habitat for Humanity](#), [World Vision](#), [Samaritan's Purse](#), [Church World Services](#), and the [Red Cross](#).

To mail a check or donate online, please include a note with your donation indicating that the funds are for Ukraine refugee relief efforts.

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On-line donations:

Donate online at www.naccc.org. [or click here](#)

If you have questions, or if your church is working to help in this crisis, please contact Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator: jrobie@naccc.org.

NACCC Mission Statement

*Supporting ministry and nurturing fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches
in the name of Christ.*