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2020 Annual Meeting Congregational Lecturer

Jim Waechter, Moderator

One of the highlights of our June 27 – 30, 2020 [Annual Meeting and Conference](#) in Portland, Maine will be Rev. Dr. Mary (Mimi) Biedron, the Congregational Lecturer. Mimi will speak on **“The Great Crossing, Then and Now”** where she will reflect on the beliefs, theological assertions, and self-understanding of the Pilgrims who landed in 1620. What can this tell today's Congregationalists, as we confront a different, but equally profound, kind of Great Crossing? What beliefs, assertions and understandings do we need to carefully take along, and what do we need to leave behind? Mimi is Senior



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AMERICAN CONGREGATIONALISM SINCE 1620

What is your church doing to commemorate 400 years of Congregationalism in America? [Email us](#) with your plans and we will highlight member church events over the coming year!

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To see the many reasons to consider attending the annual meeting in Portland, Maine this Summer go to the homepage www.nacc.org.

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Love Wins!

Laura Hamby, Secretary, Board of Governors

Let all that you do be done in love.
1 Corinthians 16:4

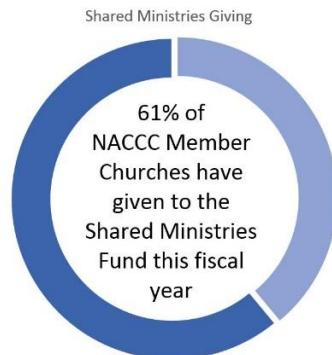
The Board of Governors (BoG) serves on your behalf. In recent meetings we have been reminded of the work of our forebears and their founding of the Congregational Foundation (CF). The CF was founded out of love and care. Love of the Congregational Way and care that the NACCC will be equipped to carry on God's work for many years to come. Today's BoG carries on in the spirit of our forebears, caring for and seeking endowments, and preparing for fundraising campaigns. During the month of February, we take time to thank our founders for their vision, work, and Love... for they led the way, following the scripture, *Let all that you do be done in love*. The following individuals signed the 2003 Articles of Incorporation, and became the original Board of Directors for the Foundation: Donald Bentley, Robert T. Carlson, Susan Carter, Harold Frentz, Bruce Rothmann, Grant Stannard, and Carolyn Sundquist.

NACCC Church Giving Is Important To Our Success

Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chair, Board of Directors

Did you know that March 31st is the end of the NACCC fiscal year? That means that there are only a few months left for member churches to make their annual contribution to the **Shared Ministries Fund**. Please remind your church leadership of the importance of making their gift today! The NACCC is your Association and we are asking for your commitment through your financial support.

On behalf of your NACCC leadership, I want to personally thank all our churches for their membership to the NA and want to give a special shout out to those churches who have donated this fiscal year (April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020) to the Shared Ministries Fund.



Member Church News

[First Congregational Church of Laingsburg, MI](#) is hosting a "Happy Little Painting Class" on March 15th where participants will create a painting in the style of Bob Ross.

[First Congregational Church of Toulon, IL](#) will hold an Irish Taco Bar after church on March 15th. Free will offerings will go to missions.

[Arbor Grove Congregational Church of Jackson, MI](#) is celebrating their 70th anniversary.

[Grace North Church of Berkeley, CA](#) is hosting two labyrinth walks. The first features candles, music and chants from the world's religions; and the second, Christian in its orientation,

is followed immediately by a short service of Holy Communion. They welcome everyone, and their dogs too!

Send us your news & photos!
Submissions for the March issue are due by February 20, 2020
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