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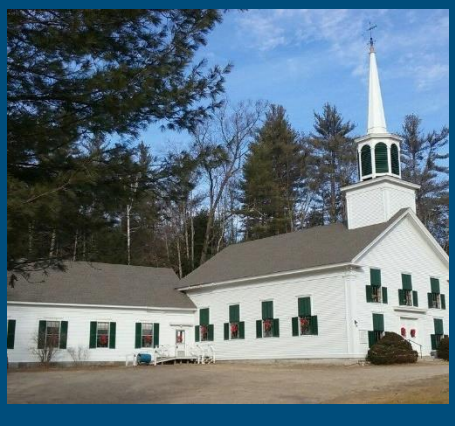

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Welcome, Newly Elected Volunteers!

NACCC delegates have recently approved the following individuals to serve on our leadership Boards and Councils:

Thomas Chelimsky, Mission & Outreach Ministry Council
North Shore Congregational Church, Fox Point, Wisconsin

Rev. Richard Miller-Todd, Mission & Outreach Ministry Council
Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa

Colleen Murray, AMC Committee Member-at-Large
Gahanna Community Congregational Church, Gahanna, Ohio

Dr. Kathleen O'Dell, Leadership Council & Board of Directors Secretary
First Congregational Church of Anchorage, Alaska

Rev. Ezekiel Rodriguez, Growth Ministry Council
First Family Community Church, National City, California



Rev. Tom Van Tassell, Board of Directors
First Congregational Church of Saugatuck, Michigan

Jerry Zwaga, Mission & Outreach Ministry Council
Citrus Springs Community Congregational Church, Citrus Springs, Florida

On behalf of the NACCC staff and current leadership, we offer a special thank you to each of them for accepting their role and agreeing to serve on our Leadership team. We are thrilled to have them aboard and look forward to working with them.

Thank You NACCC Staff!

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham, Board of Directors

There is a lot of talk about infrastructure these days and our National Association is no exception! Except that our infrastructure isn't bridges built of steel or highways made of concrete. Our infrastructure in the bridges that are built by the people who answer the phone, who make plans happen, who assist the clergy, who are there for the churches, and who make sure that our missions are viable and that they get the assistance they need. Our highways are not built of concrete but rather the goodwill and deep faith of the people who work for our association. They are the staff that keeps our organization vital and alive and healthy. They work hard. Their loyalty to the NACCC is great. So on behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank them for all they do for our "infrastructure" and I invite you to thank them too!

Left to right, top to bottom: Ashley Cleere, Tracy Bernhardt, Dan Drea, Carrie Dahm, Shawn Stapleton, Julie Robie, Debby Fulton, Marianne King, Laura Wright, Janice Powell, Charles Packer



Being Stewards of God's Gifts

Kevin Gromley, Treasurer, Congregational Foundation Board of Governors

These are days of renewed hope, as we recover from the pandemic. There is still a great need for help in our communities, however, from the effects of the pandemic and other disasters.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

Many give generously to their churches and to the NACCC to help those in need. To provide funding to help others beyond today, the Congregational Foundation accepts endowment gifts. The Foundation acts as stewards of the donors' wishes, and of this expression of God's gifts to each of us. As the new Treasurer, I look forward to working with the Foundation Board of Governors to continue to be good stewards of these gifts.

Member Church News

Marketplace Community Church in Toledo, Ohio hosted a food giveaway for the community on July 31st.

First Congregational Church of Kingston, New Hampshire will be worshiping with the Kingston community during the Kingston Days celebration on August 8th.



Today, Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, Vermont is celebrating bread as a renewable tool of survival by blessing loaves to be taken home and sharing a Communion table that is open to all in a modern Lammas ceremony.

Send us your news & photos!
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Recent Calls and Ordinations

Congratulations

The following churches recently ordained or called ministers to their churches.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

For more information on our pastoral search process, please contact Laura Wright at: lwright@naccc.org or (414) 856-1614

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Calls

Rev. Bradley Bunn, Associate Minister
First Congregational Church
Mansfield, OH
July 1, 2021

Rev. Raefield Perteet, Senior Minister
Preston City Congregational Church
Preston, CT
July 26, 2021