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Volunteer Opportunity

Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Moderator



Would you like more opportunities for the youth of the NACCC to connect?

To that end, the NACCC Growth Ministry Council has formed the *Children and Youth Resource Task Team*. This group will work toward improving connectivity between member churches, as well as promoting the sharing of resources and the creation of new ones. The task team is looking for youth, Christian education leaders, parents, and others who are interested in improving the connectivity of children and youth in NACCC churches. Our churches' youth are the future of the NACCC and their voices are important in this conversation.

If you are interested in joining this important team, please [email Mary Prendergast](#) or call her at 909-973-6709.

Celebrating Thanksgiving Through Giving

Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, November is a month in which many churches honor our Pilgrim heritage, giving thanks for the gifts of our ancestors of faith. Because of the emphasis on the Congregational Way, November is also an excellent time for our member churches to consider their giving to the Shared Ministries Fund (SMF), the fund which directly supports the operations, programs, and services of the NACCC. We request each of our member churches to contribute at a Fair Share level (\$13 per member) or offer a Fair Share Plus gift (\$15 or more per member). Individuals are also encouraged to contribute to the SMF.

As we celebrate our heritage during this month of Thanksgiving, encourage your church to do its part to support the SMF. Help us continue our programs that provide education, fellowship, church and clergy assistance, and administrative care.



New Investor in Congregational Investment Trust



The NACCC welcomes the Congregational Church of East Sumner, Maine to the Congregational Investment Trust (CIT).

The CIT is an endowment investment service available to member churches. Leadership from the NACCC and the Congregational Foundation work closely with Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services which provides expert advice. They monitor the investment

portfolio that includes 32 NACCC churches. Local congregations benefit directly from lower management fees through the CIT because of the larger amounts invested by the other member churches and the Congregational Foundation.

To learn more visit our website. Or feel free to contact Dan Drea directly by email or call him at 414-856-1616.

Effective Transitional Leadership

Workshop for
NACCC Clergy

November 18-19, 2021

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: **NOVEMBER
3rd**

Christmas Wish List for Missions

DEADLINE for financial
contributions: **November
15th**

"Silver Linings"

Application
Deadline: **November 15th**

*Send us your news & photos!
Submissions for the December issue are due by November 20, 2021
development@nacc.org*

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

8473 S. Howell Avenue, P.O. Box 288
Oak Creek, WI 53154
800-262-1620 ext. 1610

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@nacc.org or (414) 856-1614

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Recent Calls and Ordinations



Calls

Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, Lead Minister
Plymouth Congregational Church
Minneapolis, MN
December 28, 2020

Jeff Luchun
Mt. Hope Congregational Church
Livonia, MI
August 9, 2021

Rev. Geoffrey W. Smith
Orthodox Congregational Church
Petersham, MA
October 17, 2021

Installations

Rev. Clare J. Gromoll
People's Congregational Church
Bayport, MN
October 3, 2021

Rev. Linda J. Farmer-Lewis
Arbor Grove Congregational Church
Jackson, MI
October 10, 2021



“SILVER LININGS” Grant Growth Ministry Council

During the pandemic, NACCC churches have created and altered programs to meet the needs of their congregations during an uncertain and often challenging time. From this chaos grew ministries, programs, and projects that not only met existing needs of the church but opened up new possibilities. Many churches have determined that they would like to continue these new ministries and programs going forward.

The NACCC, Growth Ministry Council (GMC) is making available at least ten (10) one-time grants, to active member churches, not to exceed \$5,000 each.

These grants are available to those churches who are seeking financial support for any ministry, program or project that was created or altered since March 2020. These grants will provide financial assistance to allow Churches to maintain, strengthen, or upgrade these programs/projects in order to continue them as churches resume worship services and other community activities.

Grants will not exceed \$5000 to the church. The project may cost more than that amount, and an explanation of how the remainder of the funding will be secured should be included with the application.

Churches are encouraged to examine their creative strategies used since March 2020, that not only served existing congregants, but also brought new people into the fold of the congregation. As they return to pre-pandemic ministry, we invite churches to consider what they wish to continue in their “new normal.”

“SILVER LININGS” Grant Details

- All Active NACCC Member churches can apply.
- Applicants must complete the Application form and include all supporting documents outlined on the application.
- Grant Applications must be received by mail or email on or before **November 15, 2021.**
- Awardees will receive funding in late November/early December.
- Churches can apply for any amount up to \$5,000.
- Grants are only available for churches applying for support of ministries, program, or projects that were created or altered since March 2020.
- Applications will be reviewed and approved by members of the NACCC Growth Ministry Council.
- Awardees will be asked to submit a brief update on the progress of the program to the GMC no later than May 1, 2022.
- Program Information about those awarded will be shared by the NACCC and Growth Ministry Council before or at the NACCC 2022 Annual Meeting and Conference in Wichita.

Turn over for application



**“SILVER LININGS”
GRANT APPLICATION**

Application Deadline: November 15, 2021

(Must be received by mail or email on or before deadline)

Church Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Grant Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Minister (if not the contact person) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Years the Church has been an NACCC member _____ Number of Church members _____

Short Summary or description of current Ministry / Program / Project you wish to continue

Provide the date of when this ministry/program/project started: _____

Estimated Total Cost _____ Amount Requested _____

Attach narrative, (1 page maximum) that includes the following:

- Description of the ministry / program / project
- Itemized total cost
- How additional funding (if needed) will be secured

Attach a copy of the minutes from the appropriate Board or Committee which acknowledges the official church action, authorizing this application.

I/We have read the Guidelines for the “SILVER LININGS” Grant support and agree to the terms and conditions outlined therein.

Signature of Grant Contact _____

Print Name/Title/Date

Please mail or scan and email your full application to:

NACCC

Carrie Dahm

PO Box 288

Oak Creek, WI 53154

cdahm@nacc.org



Christmas Wish List for Missions 2021

(as of 10/14/2021)

This request is for financial donations so that the missions may purchase the items they need. Please make your check out to NACCC, and send it along with a note as to how it should be used, to:

**NACCC
PO Box 288
Oak Creek, WI 53154**

If you would like to ship items to a mission, please contact Julie Robie (jrobie@naccc.org) for shipping information. Please keep in mind that the deadline to make your financial donation is **November 15, 2021**.

Thank you!

Christ to the Villages, Nigeria

- Christmas Children outreaches to 7 villages
- Christmas party for children in our three schools
- Christmas package for over 100 widows and needy
- A Christmas care package for all of our staff in the three schools
- 3 days Shao Open air crusade/outreach
- Shao Children and Teenagers program
- Christmas package for Retire and active Pastors
- A high lumen projector for media shows

Happy Life Children's Home, Kenya

- Shoes and clothes for kids 2-3 years old
- Christmas decorations
- Christmas hats
- Gifts for the caregivers (a purse or a bracelet)
- Coloring books and crayons
- Blow dryer
- Shaving Machine
- Commercial blender for baby fruits
- Crib sheets and mosquito nets

Love Worth Sharing, Haiti

Items can be shipped to:

Love Worth Sharing, 12220 Blue Pacific Dr., Riverview, FL 33579 for shipment on November 19th.

- Children's T-shirts and shorts (any size or color)
- Crocs or equivalent shoes - Children and adult (any size or color)
- Underwear and bras (children and teenagers)
- Baby clothes
-

Panamerican Institute, Mexico

- Medical aid
- Student laptops
- Internet service for online learning because gathering in big groups is not safe yet
- Christmas Dinner and food for a week. This December will be our 50th consecutive year of helping through our "Food Christmas Program".

Maine Seacoast Mission

- **Gifts For All Ages:** Books, Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Art Supplies, Puzzle and Coloring Books, Crayons, Socks, Music and Movie DVDs, Stuffed Animals, Shampoo, Body Wash, Lotion, Insulated Travel Mugs, Flashlights
- **Gifts for Adults (Seniors):** Pajamas, Night Gowns, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Cardigan Sweaters, Long Sleeve T-shirts, Gripper Socks, Lap Robes (handmade most appreciated), Stationery, Pencils and Pens, Magnifying Glasses
- **Gifts for Children and Teens:** Pajamas, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Sleds, Ice Fishing Gear, Legos, Building Toys, Toy Trucks, Baby Dolls, Barbies, Sports items (such as Basketballs, Soccer balls, Volleyballs, Baseballs, Footballs, Softballs), Board and Card Games, Developmental Toys, Gift Cards, Nail Polish, Hair Accessories, Tool kits, Cooking Kit
- **Donations can be sent to:** Maine Seacoast Mission Christmas Program UPS Delivery: 39 Weald Bethel Lane USPS Delivery: PO Box 428, Cherryfield, ME 04622 Items from our Amazon List ship here directly: <https://amzn.to/3DnMvRE> Questions? Wendy Harrington - wharrington@seacoastmission.org