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NACCC
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Community Connections

Racial Justice Task Team

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer, Moderator

On June 17, the Racial Justice Task Team of the NACCC held its first meeting. Ten of us shared our hopes and pondered our purpose. We shared ideas, listened and we learned. It was a fruitful meeting. We are all humbled to be a part of this essential work for our churches, our country and our world.

We were inspired to meet more regularly than every month and will most likely meet every two weeks with our next meeting set for July 30th. Since there are so many avenues to explore, we decided to split into sub-groups once all of our ideas are placed into individual categories. We are hoping to provide resources to educate, create safe places for dialogue, use both print and video, offer discussion starters, and find ways to provide healing to our hurting world.

If you have any ideas for the task team, or would like to join us, please [contact me directly](#).

Opportunities for Service

Friends: It is my privilege to serve as the Vice-Moderator of the NACCC. In the past I have been a part of many boards and divisions and ministry teams and have been blessed by the service and especially the people with whom I have served.

One of my current duties is to chair the [Board of Directors](#). The Board has several standing committees which help with the work of our Association: Building and Loan; Congregational Investment Trust and Oversight; Finance; and Personnel and Administration. These committees are composed of members of the Board, but more importantly from volunteers around our Association. We need additional people to serve. If you have an interest or experience which speaks to such service, I encourage you to [contact me](#), NA staff, or a member of the Board of Directors.

Peace and grace,
Art Ritter



NACCC Ministers during outdoor church services

Hope and Consolation

Kevin Gromley, Congregational Foundation
Board of Governors

We live in uncertain days, touched by pandemic. Where do we find consolation? Paul:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us...”

We find consolation in helping others. The Congregational Foundation continues its support of the NACCC. We are revising fundraising and budgeting procedures to reflect today’s exigencies. We are managing the Foundation’s endowments to balance current needs with the preservation of resources. The Foundation, on behalf of donors, has designated a gift to update the Association’s website for these virtual times.

Now as ever the NACCC’s work -- supporting Congregational Churches, missions, education, Jesus’ ministry -- brings hope and consolation to a world in need.

NACCC Virtual Prayer Circle

The Center for Congregational Leadership and Growth Ministry Council invite you to join us every Monday at 8PM CDT to connect with fellow Congregationalists around the globe through a time of prayer.

[Click here to connect via Zoom](#)



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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@nacc.org or (414) 856-1614

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Rev. Ryan Ramsey, Senior Minister
First Union Congregational Church
Quincy, IL
July 26, 2020