



May 10, 2019  
**NACCC NEWS**  
The Messenger



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## A Call Together

Michael Chittum, Executive Director

What do you have when you mix 3 different locations, with around 60 different ministers from 10 different states, serving churches from just a few years old to ones in existence over 200 years, and these ministers have served their churches from a few months to nearly two decades? In the NACCC in 2019, you have the Minister's Convocation (from the Latin, meaning "call together"). Convocation provides a time of fellowship, rest, conversation, education, relaxation, prayer, worship, respite from the day to day ministerial responsibilities, and mutual support for ministers of the NACCC.

This year was significant for several reasons. This was the first year that there were 3 convocations held with the hope that more ministers could attend. 2019 marked the 50th Anniversary of what we now call the Midwest Convocation. This was also the first year for an NACCC Minister's Convocation on the west coast.

While ministers pay for their lodging and meals and transportation to the event, the NACCC, through the Vitality Ministry Council, covers the costs for the speakers. This is a great thing for the ministers of our active member churches. Please encourage your minister to be part of Minister's Convocation 2020.

## Cook Native American Ministries

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

Barbara Dabul, member of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council and a resident of Arizona, responded to an invitation to attend a prayer vigil for the Cook Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sacaton, AZ, which was reduced to rubble as the result of arson. Native American members of this small church prayed earnestly to forgive the arsonists and to extend caring concern to their families. They also thanked the first responders for their help. Would you join in praying for all of the houses of worship worldwide which have recently burned, whether by accident or intent?



## Your Input Matters

Debby Fulton, Director of Development and Communications

Have you visited the NACCC website? If so, we need to hear from you!

A short survey has been designed in order to garner input and ideas on how to improve and update the NACCC website. We want to make it more effective and useful for all. In order to be successful your participation is required. Can you help us? Please take a few minutes and follow the link to the NACCC website survey. Thank you in advance.



[NACCC Website Survey](#)

## Member Church News

First Congregational Church of Stanton, MI took a multi-generational group to Yarumela, Honduras. The team spent the week passing out food and praying with families, leading two days of VBS, helping with construction projects, ministering the gospel in a local public school, and more!



*Send us your news and photos!  
Submissions for the June issue are due by May 25, 2019  
[development@naccc.org](mailto:development@naccc.org)*

## **National Association of Congregational Christian Churches**

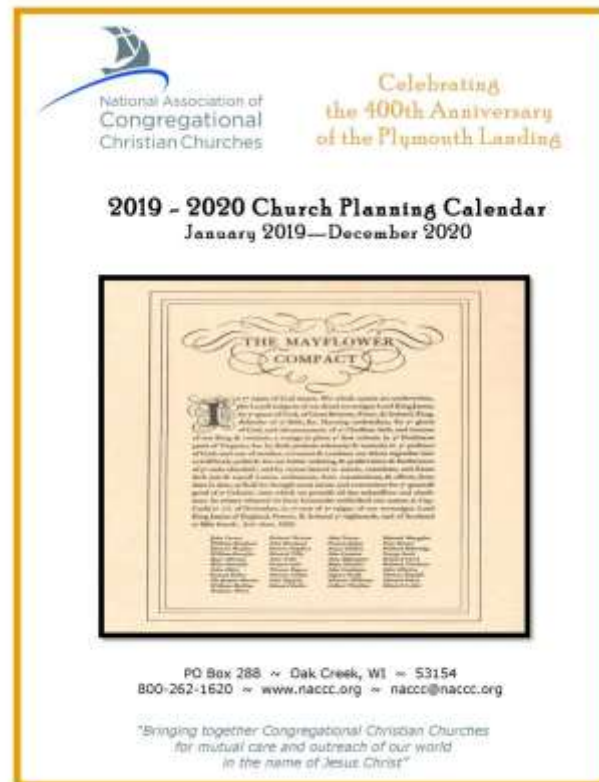
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# 2019 - 2020 NACCC Planning Calendar Order



Please send \_\_\_\_\_ Two Year (2019-20) Calendars  
**\$5.00 per copy – Plus shipping charges**

**(Please Print Clearly)** Send Calendars to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form to:

**NACCC PO**

**Box 288**

**Oak Creek, WI 53154-0288**

or

**Email your request to: [lwright@naccc.org](mailto:lwright@naccc.org)**

**Telephone: (800) 262-1620 ext. 1614**

**Fax: (414) 764-0319**

## Drum Roll Please!



On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, **Mission School of Hope** in Cameroon, Africa participated in the 53<sup>rd</sup> “National Youth Day” which is part of a week-long celebration of youth. This day is dedicated to getting the nation’s youth involved in constructive activities and to help them learn to take leadership and participate in the culture and society. The youth plan the activities which include parades, learning workshops, public music performances, planting trees, community service and sports competitions. For the past 6 years, Mission School of Hope children were among the best from all the primary schools competing in the area parade!

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## News from Panamerican Institute Mexico



Panamerican Institute is excited to present their 19 future graduates. Would you pray for them as they prepare for their graduation ceremony in June.

## Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation Minneapolis, MN



In a recent Training Retreat for South Sudanese Leaders in Mayo, 21 leaders from 6 different tribes were trained to bring the message of reconciliation to multiple regions. These are leaders who will help influence the future of this beautiful country in the name of Jesus Christ. As one leader testified:

*"Little did I know that it was God's plan for my breakthrough on January 26th, 2019. During one of the reflection times I came out with my bottle of water, my Bible, and my books to a place under the mango tree. Then the Lord spoke to me, "you need more of me and need to be rooted in me." When it came to the group prayer time, I then presented my burning issue to Jesus Christ and as the group prayed for me God healed me immediately. Now I have been relieved, restored, and renewed and I am so grateful! I can hear God again!"*

*John - South Sudanese Leader*

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## ECHO International, Inc.

ECHO just celebrated Southwest Florida’s premier festival. This event provided thousands of people the opportunity to taste exotic foods, experience life in a different country, explore the 55-acre Global Farm, tour a tropical rainforest, see the 300+ variety seed bank and learn about alternative energies. There were also activities for kids of all ages to touch, taste and experience their way around the world while learning about world hunger and ways that they can make an impact.



**Annual Meeting & Conference 2019  
Cleveland, OH  
June 22 – June 25**

The invited missionaries for the NACCC 2019 Annual Meeting will be **Rev. Harding Stricker, *Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational, Argentina***, and **Rev. Julio Santana, *Bread of Life, FL***. There will be many other missionaries attending who are eager to meet their friends and thank their supporters.

More information is posted on the NACCC website:  
[www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org).

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**Nominees Sought for the Charles Rush Award**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 15, 2019**

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is accepting nominations for The Charles Rush Award. This award is presented to minority persons who are working with Congregational Christian Churches toward worthwhile social and personal goals. The Award is intended to exemplify the excellent spirit of the Rev. Charles Rush, and to emphasize the importance of Christian social involvement. The Rush Award is presented at the Annual Meeting and Conference of the NACCC.

The late Charles Rush lived in California. His life of unselfish service as an educator and minister, friend of the Free Church, and active participant in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches set an example for many. A number of friends have honored his memory by establishing this fund in his name.

Please send letters of nomination to:  
Julie Robie, Mission Administrator  
184 Main Street, Kingston, NH 03848  
or email to: [jrobie@naccc.org](mailto:jrobie@naccc.org)

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**Needs of the Missions**

*Christ to the Villages, Nigeria*, is in need of a four-wheeled vehicle for the mission.

*Word Alive Mission, Ghana*, is in need of construction materials for the Ghana Guest House and hospital. The guest house will be used to house visiting missionaries, work teams and eventually pregnant woman who are close to their delivery date who need travel from their

villages for care. The guest house will be just across the street from the hospital.

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**Prayers**

Rev. Charles Nyane is in Baltimore, MD for his cataract surgery. Please continue to pray for him.

Political unrest continues in Haiti. Please pray that God's Word and work prevail amidst the chaos.

**Praises**

**Love Worth Sharing**



Rev. Jim Owens reports that the long-awaited supplies arrived in Haiti!

**Fishers of Men**

Julie Classen let us know that it is time to praise the Lord! The latest crusade team is back home at Fishers of Men. After nine days away from home, including six days of giving free medical care and God's word.....1092 services were given and 145 individuals prayed to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!

For more information on any of these missions, or to make a donation to any of the above projects, please contact Mission Administrator Julie Robie at 1.800.262.1620 or [jrobie@naccc.org](mailto:jrobie@naccc.org).

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**The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council,  
NACCC  
PO Box 288  
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**For a complete listing of NACCC Mission Projects, please go to the website: [www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org) and click on "Missions."**

## NACCC Website Survey

*The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (NACCC) is undertaking this survey to gather input in order to improve our website and to make it more useful to our Member Churches, Congregations, Leadership, Donors and Visitors.*

**We value your input! Please take a few minutes to complete, or complete online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NACCCWeb](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NACCCWeb)**

1. Have you ever visited the NACCC website?

- ☐ Yes (If you answered Yes, continue with questions #2-8 and #11)
- ☐ No (If you answered No, go to Question #9)

2. How often have you visited the NACCC website for the following?

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often
General NACCC and Congregational news	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>The Congregationalist</i> magazine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services to support my Church (example: advisory, growth, youth programs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pastoral search support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial support for my Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NACCC missions (general information, opportunities for support and involvement)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Congregational Investment Trust (CIT)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Center for Congregational Leadership (CCL)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NACCC meetings/conferences/convocations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Membership in the NACCC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Giving opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Directories and yearbooks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information on local Congregational churches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. What feature or content of the current NACCC website do you use the most and why?
4. What are your top frustrations / dislikes with the current NACCC website?
5. Do you find the NACCC website easy or difficult to navigate? In what ways (either easy or difficult)?
6. What features or content would you like to see added to the NACCC website?
7. What changes or additional features / content would you like to see on the NACCC website “home” page?
8. Are there other non-profit websites you visit that you think are good models? If so, please list and comment on why.

**Please proceed to question #11**

**If you answered "No" to question #1 please answer #9-10**

9. Why have you not visited the NACCC website? (e.g., unaware it existed, no need for information on the NACCC)

10. Are there non-profit websites you have visited that you think are good models? If so, please list and comment on why.

**If you answered Yes or No to question #1 please answer #11**

11. What is your background? Check all that apply.

	Current (2019)	Past
Clergy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church lay leadership (Moderator, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Year Round Delegate (YRD for your Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congregational Church member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Annual Meeting Attendee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NACCC leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

***Thank you for completing our survey!***

AMC Attendees: Please return completed survey to the Registration Desk

or mail to: NACCC

Attn: Tracy Bernhardt

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