



August 1, 2019 NACCC NEWS

Community Connections

Cleveland Annual Meeting Videos

Jim Waechter, Moderator

If you were unable to attend the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) Annual Meeting in Cleveland or would like to share some of what you experienced please see the videos on the NACCCwebsite.

The videos include three Bible Lectures by the Rev. Dr. Brett Younger; the Congregational Lecture by the Rev. Dr. John Tamilio; the workshop—The Promising Future of Small Churches by the Rev. Dr. Chuck Warnock; the panel discussion—What's Working Well in My Church, featuring Patty Smith, Year Round Delegate, Berwick Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa, the Rev. Justin Nierer, Sandstone Congregational Church, Jackson, Michigan, and the Rev. Donald Olsen, Plymouth Church, Wichita, Kansas; and the workshop—Why The Congregational Story Matters by Peggy Bendroth, Executive Director of the Congregational Library & Archives.

We hope these videos can be helpful to you and your church.







The NACCC would like to welcome <u>Skowhegan Federated Church</u> <u>of Skowhegan, Maine</u> to the <u>Congregational Investment Trust</u>. For more information about the CIT, please contact <u>Dan Drea</u>.

Mark Jensen Honored at NACCC Conference

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



The Annual Meeting and Conference is over and now it is back to work for the NACCC Board of Directors! At the meeting we were honored to present the Board of Directors Citation to Rev. Dr. Mark Jensen for his service to the NACCC, as well as the local church. It is always a pleasure to recognize those who have gone above and beyond.

Next on the agenda for us will be continuing our work from June on how to build stronger relationships with our churches. Within that context, one of the main tasks will be to find intentional and consistent ways to let the local church know what the NACCC has to offer and how the Association can support them in ministry.

If you have any suggestions on how we can better serve our local churches, please let us know.

Enhancing Music In Our Churches

Rev. Dr. Tom Richard, NACCC Executive Secretary, 2001-2013

The <u>John Richard Memorial Endowment</u>, named in memory of my youngest brother, was created to honor the memory of this special person in the lives of the Richard family. This Endowment resides in the Congregational Foundation, and each year dollars earned from this fund are awarded to small NACCC churches in support of music and arts events.

In April, People's Congregational Church of Bayport, MN, Suttons Bay Congregational Church of Sutton, MI, and First Congregational Church of Mukwonago, WI, were awarded with funding from the Richard Endowment.

You too could provide a memorial or legacy gift to the Congregational Foundation which would benefit NACCC member churches in creative ways. Contact <u>Debby Fulton</u> for more information.

Member Church News

<u>Union Congregational Church of</u>
<u>Wollaston, MA</u>is paying tribute to
Carolyn Marks, trustees building
manager, on the occasion of her
86th birthday. Read about
Carolyn's many
accomplishments here.



Cheney Congregational Church of Cheney, WA is happy to receive the Rev. Matthew Goodale as their new pastor. He and his wife, Meghan, who spent her early years in Cheney, have moved from New Jersey after completing a MDiv at Princeton.



Second Congregational Church of Warren, Maine 2018 Recipients of a John Richard Memorial Endowment grant.



While attending seminary, Matthew was a chaplain at a local psychiatric hospital.

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