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"Silver Linings" Grants Available

Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Moderator

We've all had to make adjustments, haven't we? During COVID we have changed how we worship, reach out to the community, and conduct meetings. And, though at times it was a big challenge, there were other times when amazing things came to be in our churches during the pandemic that we could not have imagined. The [Growth Ministry Council](#) of the NACCC calls these times *Silver Linings*.

Now that many of us are back in our churches for worship and ministry, some of us may need financial help to keep these *Silver Linings* programs up and running.

If you have a project, ministry, or program that emerged during the pandemic that you would like to continue, you can apply for a [Silver Linings Grant](#). To learn more, go to the [NACCC website](#) and visit [Financial Support](#) for details.

Churches can receive up to \$5000 in support of a *Silver Lining* program. Don't delay---Applications are due on or before November 15, 2021. Awardees will receive funding shortly thereafter.



Churches - Watch Your Mail

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



The Board of Directors understands that communication with our local churches is most important. We want to keep you informed about events, resources, invitations to service, and opportunities for assistance. We want to provide updates about our National Association and the Congregational Way. An important part of this communication comes in bimonthly e-newsletters and in packets sent to our member churches twice a year.

Later this month, watch for material from the NACCC that will address church financial resources including the Providence Fund, John Richard Fund, The Hurting Churches Fund, and Silver Linings, a new grant opportunity that will speak directly to the needs of this difficult time. You will find other important information in this mailing or in the NACCC e-news that might inspire you or others in your church to help or to serve.

The Congregationalist Endowment Fund

Varn Philbrook, Secretary, Congregational Foundation Board of Governors

Hello to our NACCC membership brethren. I hope your summer has been healthy and fun. The Board of Governors has been busy thinking and reviewing the costs of running the NACCC and how to best communicate the needs to our member churches and congregations.

Fall is generally a time of giving. In keeping with tradition, we ask that you consider contributing a gift in support of *The Congregationalist* magazine. The National Association allocates significant funding to assure the production and distribution of the magazine. But the more we can raise from others the less it will impact the NACCC budget.

Today, I encourage all of you avid readers to donate to the magazine's *Endowment Fund*. By increasing this fund, we can all help lessen the pressure on the NACCC's operational budget – a simple fix! Thank you in advance.

The Congregationalist Magazine



Christmas Wish List for Missions

Save the Date!

New Workshop for NACCC Clergy

:
Effective Transitional Leadership

November 18-19, 2021

Send us your news & photos!
Submissions for the October issue are due by September 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

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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

Recent Calls and Ordinations

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Calls

Rev. Kenneth Andrs

First Congregational Church

Waseca, MN

August 22, 2021

Installation

Rev. Bette Bond

Second Congregational Church

Warren, ME

August 1, 2021

Ordination

Rev. Jacquelyn Quirk

Fox River Congregational Church

Pewaukee, WI

August 28, 2021

Rev. Bradley Bunn

First Congregational Church

Mansfield, OH

August 29, 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

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