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2020 Annual Meeting Update

Jim Waechter, Moderator & Michael Chittum, Executive Director

We are writing to update you on our annual meeting scheduled for June 27 – 30, 2020 meeting in Portland, Maine. Like you, the leadership of the NACCC and our staff are monitoring the rapidly unfolding situation concerning the COVID-19 virus. Our annual meeting sites are selected and contracted two - three years in advance of each planned meeting. As the date for the meeting nears, there are substantial penalties for canceling the meeting. In the case of Portland, that could be approximately \$130,000 in penalties. Discussions are underway with the hotel, and we hope to resolve things shortly.

For the past few weeks, a task team has been working on how the business of the annual meeting might be conducted other than face to face. The essential business includes the nomination and election by the church delegates of NACCC leadership, ratification of the Board of Directors and Leadership Council motions from the past 12 months and passage by the delegates of the 2020/2021 budget. The business meetings are just a small portion of what happens at an annual meeting, and we are also looking at some ways these interactions might happen as well.

We will keep you apprised as plans develop and ask that you pray for all our NACCC churches, our country, and world during this difficult time.



NACCC Member Churches take their services online during COVID-19 crisis

Dear Friends in Christ,

I pray you are all well and finding creative ways to work from home, spend more time with your children and feel productive. We are entering a time of a 'new normal,' and while this is uncharted territory, we can trust that God is with us during this time of COVID-19.

Some of us will be feeling a financial pinch, especially if we work for an hourly wage or our place of business has been closed. You are in our prayers. Please let us know if we can be of help to you in other ways as well.

Others of us are still receiving our regular pay, working from home. We are very fortunate. We may even be able to help some of our neighbors who are not able to work and receive their regular pay during this time of social distancing.

One other way we can help, if we have the means, is to continue giving to the NACCC. Like any other organization, our income has been dropping during this time of health and financial uncertainty. If you are at all able to make a special gift to the NACCC in the next few weeks, please do so. We want to make sure that our employees are paid properly and promptly for their dedication and hard work.

Blessings and good health to all,

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

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Varn Philbrook, Congregational Foundation Board of Governors

During this time of national emergency, family and immediate issues take precedence over many of our planning work. From a sanity and personal health standpoint the Board of Governors of the Congregational Foundation (CF) continues to work if for no other reason than to maintain a sense of purpose and continuity.

As the CF continues to support the NACCC through fundraising appeals and Endowment donations, I want to take this opportunity to THANK the many individuals and member churches for their generous support! Individual giving to the Shared Ministries Fund, specific appeals, such

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