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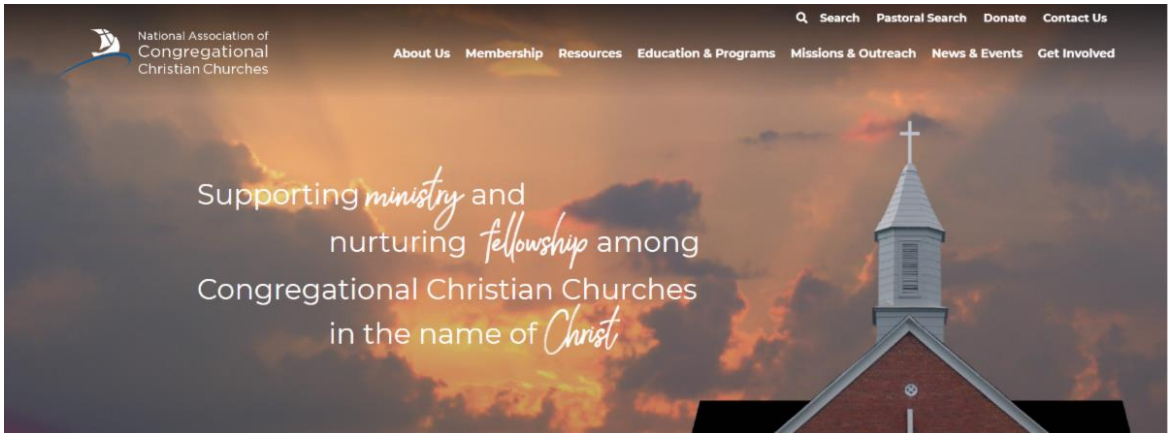
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A Celebration of Collaboration

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director



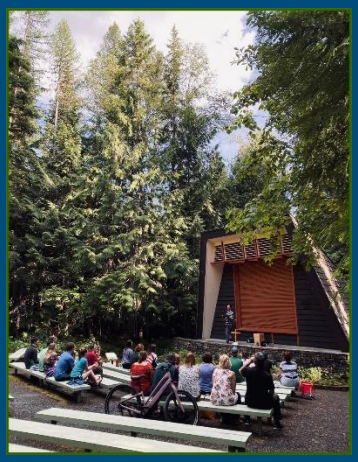
April will mark the first anniversary of the launch of our new website. Prospective member churches have praised this resource as an introduction to the NACCC. Last week, the Academy of Interactive & Visual Arts (AIVA) recognized the website designer, OCreative, with a Davey Award. This tribute honors the finest creative work from the best small shops, firms, agencies, and companies worldwide. We understand a silver trophy is headed to Oak Creek!

When sharing the joyful news, the website designers wrote: "Thank you for choosing to work with OCreative and for the incredible collaboration between our teams!" The excellent outcome results from a partnership between their staff and ours. Debby Fulton and Tracy Bernhardt, supported by a task team, poured hours and trust into a fruitful working relationship. That example, along with the accolades from AIVA, are cause for celebration!



Park Life: A Christian Ministry in the National Parks

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator



A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP) is actively recruiting adventurous Ministry Team Members who are called by God to live, work, and serve in a national or state park this summer. You will work a full-time seasonal job in a park and volunteer with ACMNP to provide worship opportunities and relational ministry with co-workers and park visitors. For more information and to apply, go to www.acmnp.com. Email your questions to info@acmnp.com.

Church Mailing

NACCC Staff

Member churches……Have you received your packet of materials from the NACCC office?

Earlier this month we compiled a selection of useful materials and mailed to all member Churches. Please take the time to open it up and read about the June Annual Meeting and how you can register, learn about financial and program resources for churches and ministers, hear about Minister Convocations, discover the new NACCC Member Forum, and find out more about the important mission work you are supporting.

NACCC Member Forum

Join the conversation

NACCC Prayer Circle

Monday Evenings, 8PM Central

Click for details

These materials can also be found on the NACCC website. Click here to access them. If you have questions or need additional information, contact us by phone or email. Click here for the staff list, or just send us and email.

Send us your news and photos!
Submissions for the April issue are due by March 20, 2022

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JOIN THE CONVERSATION



The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches recently launched a dedicated discussion forum exclusively for individuals of member churches.

This resource enables users to interact on current topics in congregational life. Areas of interest have been established to heighten connectivity.

The *Member Forum* is a place to share ideas, ask questions, gain knowledge, make suggestions, provide guidance, or simply to connect.

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www.naccc.org/member-forum

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PRAYER CIRCLE

Monday Evenings, 8PM Central Time

The NACCC Prayer Circle is a weekly gathering of fellow Congregationalists from around the country who meet by video conference to pray for local, regional, national, and international concerns.



https://www.naccc.org/naccc-prayer-circle/

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all."

— Oswald Chambers

NEWS & NEEDS
of our Missions

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

Winter 2022

A quarterly publication of the **Mission and Outreach Ministry Council**
Updates provided to Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, Colorado

From Amy Kennedy: Thank you to everyone who prays for and supports ACMNP. Current needs are for Care packages for our 6 winter teams (Everglades, Zion, Death Valley, Grand Teton, and Great Smoky), please contact me at akennedy@acmnp.com for the list. We are in need of a trailer to pull behind a pick-up truck for our IMPACT trips. We have considered purchasing one but wanted to check to see if anyone has an old one or would like to contribute specifically for that need. We imagine it will be used several times a year for training, board meetings, alumni reunions, and primarily impact trips. We would also appreciate postage stamps for mailings.



Above: A Christian Ministry in the National Parks Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Team Worship

Right: Associacion Civil Cristiano Congregational Argentina Confirmation

Associacion Civil Cristiano Congregational Argentina

From Rev. Dr. Harding Stricker: We welcome your prayers and support for the following programs:

- Health service - outpatient attention and free delivery of medicines.
- Soup Kitchen - which offers hot meals for up to 250 children each Saturday. 'Food Bags' are also being provided to 40 families each month because of the severe crisis caused by one of the highest inflation rates of the world (around 52% annual inflation rate).
- Sponsorship - food & clothing supply, school items/fees, and free regular health checks.
- Regular church services, youth group meetings and Bible school for children and teen-agers.
- Sport Center which offers a soccer & volleyball field under roof and is used all week long and keeps children and young people away from the streets, thus preventing the use of alcohol and drugs.



Congregational Church of Myanmar

From Rev. Elvis Sa Do: Sadly, Myanmar is moving into a big civil war as we are seeing many uprisings across the country and now there are thousands of victims. Families need your prayers! Our North Dagon township is still under Martial law. Please pray for the safety of our ministries. Grace Children's home in Yangon needs your prayers for their daily food, care, and education needs which includes provisions for enough teachers, and support for pastors and their families. Due to power outages, the mission needs a generator as soon as possible.



ECHO, Florida

From Amy Wiggins: As part of ECHO's training for West African Bible Schools, a workshop was recently held in Tamale, Ghana. This brought together future ministry-bound men and women for training focused on *Sustainable Agriculture, The Church and Development, and Agriculture and Evangelism*. At the end of the training, one of the students exclaimed, "God is right when He says (Hosea 4:6). 'My people perish for lack of knowledge.'" I am convinced that the Lord called me to His service to receive such teaching. With this new knowledge, I can bring comfort and development to my community."

Fishers of Men, Mexico

From Julie Claassen: After nearly two years of being unable to carry out the Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Fishers of Men rejoices at the opportunity to begin planning and coordinating our first crusade of 2022! We look forward to, once again, taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to those lost in the darkness of sin, as we seek to express Christ's love by providing free medical care, dental care, prescription medications, eyeglasses, and haircuts, among other services. To God be the glory and thank YOU, NACCC churches, for partnering with us in spreading the love, light, hope and salvation of Jesus Christ!



Above: Fishers of Men, preparing for the crusade

Above left: Happy New Year from Myanmar



ECHO Florida, Equipping Bible School students and pastors to provide for their families

Happy Life Children's Home, Kenya

From the Happy Life Directors: 2022 will mark the 20th anniversary of Happy Life! We continue to receive children who were abandoned, abused, or neglected. We particularly saw an upsurge of siblings being abandoned. Kenya experienced both the new Omicron Variant and Influenza and we saw growth in number of patients seeking treatment. We participated actively in the vaccine drive as well as testing for COVID-19. If you would like to read about the journey of a little boy named Gideon, please go to: **https://youtu.be/tWv1OckdZrc.**



Above: Ready for school at Happy Life

Above Right: Love Worth Sharing children's Christmas party

Hosanna Industries, Pennsylvania

From Katie DeJournette: Every December, Hosanna Industries hosts an event called Gift Delivery. Local churches in our area generously purchased and wrapped gifts for each member of the families and individuals who received our assistance throughout the year. All the gifts were numbered and matched with the many willing volunteers who offered to take the time to deliver gifts to those that need Christmas most. In addition to the gifts, donated beef, donated whole chickens, and canned goods from our Harvest program were delivered as well. Gifts were provided for 75 households this Christmas season! Our deepest gratitude to all those that help make our ministry possible!



Love Worth Sharing, Haiti

From Jim and Cindy Owens: To say that 2021 was a difficult year is an understatement; the year began with the entire country of Haiti in a state of unrest and things only got worse. We had a presidential assassination, multiple kidnappings, fuel shortages, out of control gang activity, plus 2 earthquakes and a hurricane; and yet through it all God still reigns. We serve Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord our God who provides for our needs beyond measure. Over and over this past year God has provided to meet the needs. We have been blessed to have received financial and material donations from many individuals, groups, and churches. We still have several houses to rebuild, but the road to Maniche is still damaged and unfit for a truck to travel that can take in the needed materials. We will continue to wait and pray for the situation to improve.



Hosanna gift delivery, ready to go

Mission School of Hope, Cameroon

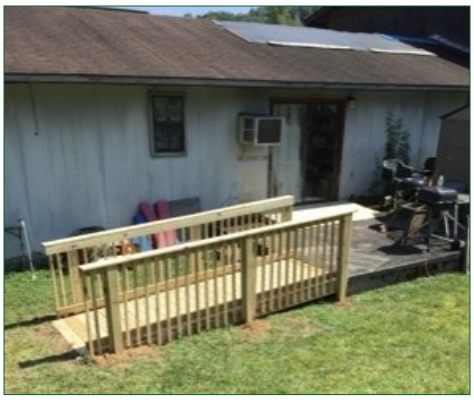
From Rev. Charles Sagay: Happy new year to you all from Mission of Hope! We want to thank you all for the wonderful things you did in 2021 to make the year a good one for us and our Baka community. Last year we also had challenges and difficulties, but the Lord showed himself faithful. One of the sad situations we experienced was the passing into glory of our mother and partner who has been there with us from the beginning, DONNA JEAN POWERS. We want to use this opportunity to extend our heartfelt condolences again to her family. Thank you also so much for food support, in November we gave out food to 30 of our desperate community members. Hunger can be very frustrating and is a good fuel for crimes and domestic violence. Mama Amara expressed her gratitude "I am speechless, this food is really an answered prayer to our family. My children will no more go hungry".



Mission School of Hope food support

Morgan Scott Project, Tennessee

From Crystal Tompkins: Morgan Scott Project had a blessed 2021 year. We made the best of what came to us and prayed through the hard times. We were able to give out monthly food boxes as well as weekly perishable foods on average to 75 families per week. New light educational program picked up with the return of high Ed students to the classroom. It's our belief education is the way out of poverty. Our programs have continued through it all. We were able to do a few ramps and repairs programs thanks to donations to pay for labor. As always, our donors and volunteers keep us going, God is good.



Morgan Scott Project ramp repairs

Panamerican Institute, Mexico

From Juana Santos: On my last day of work in December and the year 2021 I want to thank you for all your efforts to help us accomplish our dreams of providing the opportunity to earn a better life to our students and their families. ¡Mucha, muchas gracias! May God reward you with lots of health and love. I'm happy to say that on Saturday Dec. 18th, thanks to the generosity of sponsors, we provided "Cash Christmas Baskets" and Christmas gifts to 62 families. God is good! We will come back for online classes on Jan. 3rd.



Word Alive Mission
Ghana/Ivory Coast

From Rev. Charles Nyane: The Word Alive Christian Academy is a Primary and Junior High School of the Mission. The school works among many villages of 20 miles radius. Each morning the school bus will convey pupils to school and send them back to their homes after school hours. It is this same school that the children at the Word Alive Orphanage attend. The academic standard of the school is excellent and has had 100 percent passes at the National examinations. The school has received several awards. Apart from the various subjects such as Math, English, Science, and Social Studies, the students are taught the Bible, do devotions before classes begin, and attend special church services organized for all the pupils each week. The idea is to build Christian values and character in the children.



School roof repairs needed



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Christ to the Villages, Nigeria

From Matthew Oladele: We were excited to be able to give Christmas packages to over 160 widows and needy in Shao, and few more in Igbo Emu, Akuo, Aro, and Agogo villages. We shared 8 bags of Rice (50Kg each), 5 bags of Beans, and 4 bags of Gari (Cassava flakes). Through this we were able to touch many families during Christmas with the love of Christ.



Christ to the Villages Christmas Provisions

Contact Us

For more information on NACCC missions, or to make a donation please contact Missions Administrator Julie Robie at 800.262.1620 or 603.395.6159 or email at jrobie@naccc.org.

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