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Leadership Priorities

Jim Waechter, Moderator

The entire leadership of the NACCC, including the [Leadership Council](#), the [Growth, Mission & Outreach](#) and [Vitality Ministry Councils](#), the [Board of Directors](#), the [Board of Governors](#) of the Congregational Foundation and the [NACCC staff](#) physically met together on Thursday, June 20, 2019 prior to the opening of the [Annual Meeting](#) in Cleveland. The purpose of the meeting was to generate fresh ideas for four important programs of the NACCC. These are: the [Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies](#), and the [Lay Ministry, Ambassador and Year Round Delegate Programs](#). The idea generation portion of the meeting focused on what can be done to make these existing programs truly successful. The more successful these programs become, the healthier the NACCC and our member churches will become. I will keep you apprised as to how things are going. Please keep the NACCC and our churches in your prayers.



NEW!
[The Congregationalist](#)
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NACCC Board of Directors Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chair,
oard of Directors

Your [Board of Directors](#) is preparing for the 2019-2020 year. Financial sustainability, budgeting, wise stewardship of our resources and prayer are our tasks, all for the purpose of serving you, the local church. Now that the Oak Creek facility has been updated and is in good condition, we can turn our full attention to the specific business of working well with both the Board of Governors in caring for our financial resources and the Leadership Council in striving to better serve our churches. We take these responsibilities seriously and consider them prayerfully, always seeking to give our best for you, our churches. We pray that God will bless our work.

Generosity & Giving-Keeping the Conversation Going

Varn Philbrook, Board of Governors

Generosity – what does it mean? Often, we give money or time or both once we are aware of a need or action that we want to support. Generosity probably started as a learned response and is often taught firsthand in childhood – learning to be aware of a need and understanding to say yes to that need. But, in reflection there are several levels of generosity that confront us. Giving out of a sense of responsibility, or for a good feeling or even guilt. And, how we give is a factor; anonymously, in front of others, to feel good OR to set an example.

Take the time to have the conversation. What does it mean to give and help sustain the recipient? Become more aware of your generosity and that of others. Perhaps make it a daily practice. Have a discussion with your family, or congregation. Generosity-what does it mean to you?

Member Church News

Ozaukee Congregational Church, North Shore Congregational Church and First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, all in southeastern Wisconsin, are holding the first of their new tri-church youth events—uniting 6th-12th graders for a "Packer" party on October 6th where they will watch the Packer game, and at halftime "pack" hygiene kits for a local homeless sanctuary.

First Congregational Church of Anchorage, AK has been experimenting with black current bushes which recently yielded almost enough berries to make a cordial to use for communion.

*Send us your news & photos!
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Recent Calls and Ordinations

Congratulations



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

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Ordinations

Pastor Tyler Thomsen
First Congregational Church
Petersen, IA
July 20, 2019

Installations

Rev. Dr. Marilyn Danielson
First Congregational Church
Lake Odessa, MI
August 11, 2019