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What's To Come This Summer in Ohio!

Jim Waechter, Moderator

The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) will welcome Rev. Brett Younger, Senior Minister of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, NY as this year's Bible Lecturer at the June **Annual Meeting and Conference in Cleveland, OH.**

Brett was excited to be given the meeting theme, "Jesus the Heart of it All," because Jesus is at the heart of what he wants to lecture about. Brett will spend three sessions looking for our stories in Mark's story of Jesus. We may find that we are the would-be disciples, hungry souls, and surprising saints of the second Gospel.

Come and meet Brett Younger as well as enjoy an opportunity to gather with other NACCC church members

AMC Early Registration Ends Today!

Save money by registering now!

Tell Us What You Think

A short survey has been designed to garner input to improve and update the **NACCC** website. Click the link below to complete the survey.

[Website Survey](#)

and Leadership in Cleveland at this year's **Annual Meeting and Conference, June 22 – 25, 2019.**

Financial Sustainability

Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chair, Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors has been working very hard to meet the needs of both the NA offices and our member churches. Along with the Leadership Council and the Board of Governors, we are highly invested in what we can do to nurture fruitful relationships with all who participate in the life of the NACCC.

Because a key responsibility of the Board is to manage and oversee the financial well-being of the NACCC, we are taking a deeper dive into our current expenses, programs, services and revenue sources. The goal of this work will be to create a long range plan for the financial sustainability of the organization. Please [contact me](#) if you have any ideas regarding this project.

See you in Cleveland!

Supporting the NACCC

Edith Bartley, Board of Governors

The Congregational Foundation (CF), founded in 2003, is a “supporting organization” to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC), according to its 501(c)3 nonprofit status. The Board of Governors is classified as a Type 1, supporting organization. By definition, a Type 1 is under the authority of the parent organization, in this case the NACCC, and that the NACCC would appoint or elect a majority of the directors. There are advantages to the CF and the NACCC for the CF to be a Type 1. More importantly it allows for the CF to manage the endowments of the NACCC while giving a percentage of income annually to the NACCC, according to donor intent. As an example the CF provided support to the NACCC through the Providence and John Richard Endowments as well as making a contribution to the Shared Ministries Fund of \$107,700

CALL FOR NEWS AND PHOTOS! We are currently seeking your news, events and best, high resolution photos of your churches to be featured in our monthly E-News! To submit, send us an [email here](#).

Member Church News

On May 2nd, First Congregational Church of Akron, OH will host the University of Akron Symphony Orchestra.

On May 4th, Central Congregational Church of Galesburg, IL will host a concert of the complete work of Mozart's Requiem.

On May 5th, First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, WI will present Unclouded Day by Jubilate Chorale as part of their 4 O'clock Concert Series.

On May 11th, Florence Congregational Church of Florence, MA will host The Still Small Theatre Troupe as they present The Diary of Perpetua in the sanctuary.

Send us your news & photos!
Submissions for the June issue are due by May 20, 2019
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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@naccc.org or
(414) 856-1614

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Calls

Rev. Chris Bryan
Senior Minister
Plymouth Congregational Church
Racine, WI

Pastor Dustin A. Largent
Senior Minister
Atkinson Congregational Church
Atkinson, IL

Installations

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Bingham
Congregational Church of the Chimes
Sherman Oaks, CA
March 31, 2019

Rev. Norman Erlendson
First Congregational Church
Stonington, CT
April 6, 2019

Rev. Chris Bryan
Plymouth Congregational Church
Racine, WI
April 13, 2019

NACCC Website Survey

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (NACCC) is undertaking this survey to gather input in order to improve our website and to make it more useful to our Member Churches, Congregations, Leadership, Donors and Visitors.

We value your input! Please take a few minutes to complete, or complete online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/NACCCWeb

1. Have you ever visited the NACCC website?

- ☐ Yes (If you answered Yes, continue with questions #2-8 and #11)
- ☐ No (If you answered No, go to Question #9)

2. How often have you visited the NACCC website for the following?

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often
General NACCC and Congregational news	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>The Congregationalist</i> magazine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services to support my Church (example: advisory, growth, youth programs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pastoral search support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial support for my Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NACCC missions (general information, opportunities for support and involvement)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Congregational Investment Trust (CIT)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Center for Congregational Leadership (CCL)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NACCC meetings/conferences/convocations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Membership in the NACCC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Giving opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Directories and yearbooks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information on local Congregational churches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. What feature or content of the current NACCC website do you use the most and why?
4. What are your top frustrations / dislikes with the current NACCC website?
5. Do you find the NACCC website easy or difficult to navigate? In what ways (either easy or difficult)?
6. What features or content would you like to see added to the NACCC website?
7. What changes or additional features / content would you like to see on the NACCC website “home” page?
8. Are there other non-profit websites you visit that you think are good models? If so, please list and comment on why.

Please proceed to question #11

If you answered "No" to question #1 please answer #9-10

9. Why have you not visited the NACCC website? (e.g., unaware it existed, no need for information on the NACCC)

10. Are there non-profit websites you have visited that you think are good models? If so, please list and comment on why.

If you answered Yes or No to question #1 please answer #11

11. What is your background? Check all that apply.

	Current (2019)	Past
Clergy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church lay leadership (Moderator, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Year Round Delegate (YRD for your Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congregational Church member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Annual Meeting Attendee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NACCC leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you for completing our survey!

AMC Attendees: Please return completed survey to the Registration Desk

or mail to: NACCC
Attn: Tracy Bernhardt
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