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Have You Registered?!

Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Moderator

Now is the time to register for the [2022 NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference](#)! Saturday and Sunday will offer opportunities for learning, sharing, and worship. On Monday and Tuesday, we will conduct our business, engage in fellowship, plus continue learning and worshipping. After two years apart, it will be a deep and abiding joy to meet together. Our time together is always a great blessing, enriching our souls, enlivening our spirits, and stretching our brains.

We hope you will be able to join us, either in person or virtually, for this year's Annual Meeting and Conference. **Registrations are due on May 20**, so please register soon!

See you in Wichita!



Aspirational Budget

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



As in the past, the Board of Directors (BoD) will be presenting a budget for approval by the delegates at the Annual Meeting in Wichita. However the method of developing this year's budget is something new. Last fall the BoD approved a trial run of an aspirational budget process. Instead of offering a fixed revenue amount and asking ministry councils to work within those predetermined limits, we asked those councils to dream and consider possibilities rather than numbers. The BoD, through our

Finance Committee and with the help of the Congregational Foundation, then did its best to find funding for those creative requests.

It is our hope that this kind of process will encourage positive contemplation and open the doors for future innovation. We know that the concerns of our churches require new ways of thinking and we want to find the best paths to support plans that respond to those ways.

Responding to the Needs of the Day

Kevin Gromley, Treasurer, Congregational Foundation Board of Governors



The world faces uncertain times, with a pandemic still among us and war raging in Europe. As illness and the ravages of war strike, there is great need for assistance in our communities and throughout the world.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

The Congregational Foundation is responding to the needs of the day. In our recently-approved budget we increased Foundation support for NACCC activities, including the Missions & Outreach Ministry Council. The Foundation Board is also in the early stages of

Financial Resources Available

Providence Endowment

Annual Meeting &
Conference Grants
Applications due
April 15th

NAPF & HOPE Youth Scholarships

Applications due
April 30th

John Richard Endowment

Grants for Fine &
Performing Arts Events
Applications due
April 15th

planning new fundraising to meet the future needs of the NACCC, our member churches, and our troubled world.

To learn more about the Foundation and our work [click here](#) to visit our page on the NACCC website.



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

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Recent Calls and Ordinations

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Rev. Paul Nesbit
First Congregational Church
Westfield, MA
December 5, 2021



Providence Endowment

The Providence Endowment was established and initially funded by the 2004 Annual Meeting and Conference Host Committee to help churches offset the expenses of sending a delegate to the Annual Meeting and Conference.

About:

- The Providence Endowment will provide a grant to cover registration fees for the Annual Meeting and Conference.
- The registration fees provided by the Providence Endowment will be directly paid from the Endowment to the NACCC.
- Any remaining awarded funds will be sent to the church for use towards travel expenses.
- Grants will be awarded up to \$500 per church.

Requirements:

1. The Member Church must not have been able to send a delegate to the Annual Meeting for 3 or more years, due to financial reasons.
2. The Church must be an NACCC Active Member Church.
3. Grant Recipients must complete and submit a Grant Report within 30 days of the Annual Meeting and Conference for which the funds were received.

How to Apply:

- Complete the Providence Endowment Grant Application found at: <http://www.naccc.org/providence-endowment.html>.
- Submit applications to the NACCC no later than **April 15, 2022** via email or mail.
- Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

Apply to: development@naccc.org

PO Box 288 - Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154



PROVIDENCE ENDOWMENT

GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: April 15, 2022

Church Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Minister (if not the contact person) _____

Number of years the Church has been a member of the NACCC _____

Number of Church Members _____

Estimated Total Cost of Attendance _____ Amount Requested (*not to exceed \$500*) _____

Attach a brief description (*1 page maximum*) that includes the following:

- Last time the Church sent a delegate to the Annual Meeting and Conference (AM&C).
- Reason the Church requires assistance with AM&C costs.
- Number of individuals who plan to attend the upcoming AM&C from your Church.
- The specific day(s) of AM&C your delegate will attend.
- How you heard about the program.

I/We have read the Guidelines for the Providence Endowment for grant support and agree to the terms and conditions outlined therein (See reverse).

Signature of Contact

Print Name and Title

Date _____

Please send this page and brief description sheet to:

Congregational Foundation
PO Box 288
Oak Creek, WI 53154
EMAIL: development@naccc.org



John Richard Memorial Endowment

The John Richard Memorial Endowment was established by his family as a loving and living memorial. His love for music and theater performance was a large part of his talented but short life.

About:

- The Endowment awards annual grants to National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) Active Member Churches of 200 members or less that are planning a fine or performing arts event in their church.
- Grants will be awarded up to \$500 per church.
- All funds awarded for an event must be used by April 1, 2023.

Requirements:

1. The event program or bulletin must include mention of the John Richard Memorial Endowment of the Congregational Foundation and the NACCC. A copy of this program or bulletin must be submitted with the final grant report.
2. The church must have 200 members or less.
3. Grant recipients must complete and submit a brief questionnaire as a final grant report within 30 days of the event for which the funds were received.

How to Apply:

- Complete the John Richard Memorial Endowment Grant Application found at <http://www.naccc.org/john-richard-memorial-endowment.html>
- Submit applications to the NACCC no later than **April 15, 2022** via email or mail.
- Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

Apply to: development@naccc.org
PO Box 288 - Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154



JOHN RICHARD MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: April 15, 2022

Church Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Minister (if not the contact person) _____

Number of years the Church has been a member of the NACCC _____

Number of Church Members _____

Event Name _____ Date of Event _____

Estimated Total Cost _____ Amount Requested (*not to exceed \$500*) _____

Attach a brief description (*1 page maximum*) that includes the following:

- A description of the fine or performing arts event you are planning.
- Why you are planning this event and the benefits you expect to receive from it.
- A projected budget that shows itemized costs
- How you heard about the program

I/We have read the Guidelines for the John Richard Memorial Endowment for grant support and agree to the terms and conditions outlined therein (See reverse).

Signature of Contact

Print Name and Title

Date _____

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NAPF/HOPE CONFERENCE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
DEADLINE: April 15, 2022

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Member Church _____

Church Address: _____

CITY _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Attach the following information to your application:

- A brief essay of 1,000 words or less explaining what NAPF and HOPE means to you and why you feel you should receive a scholarship.
- *Church involvement* – Describe your past and current involvement in your local church.
- *Community involvement* – Describe areas of community service you have participated in the past year.
- *Funding need* – Briefly explain the limitations you, your family or church face in funding your attendance at this conference.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Minister _____ Date _____

Please send completed application and essay/description sheet to:

NACCC

Attention: Carrie

PO Box 288

Oak Creek, WI 53154

EMAIL: cdahm@naccc.org