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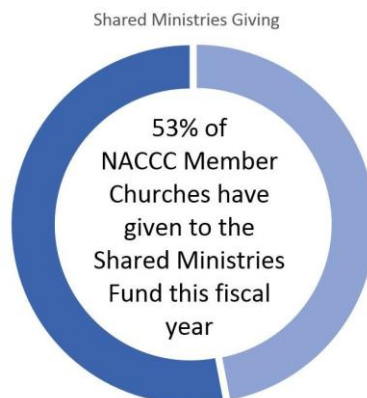
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100% of NACCC Leadership Are Financial Contributors

Jim Waechter, Moderator

In December an important goal was reached with 100% of the Board of Directors, Board of Governors, Leadership Council and all Ministry council members donating to the NACCC. I am excited about attaining this leadership goal because we also ask 100% of our churches to make a contribution to the Shared Ministries Fund and it is good to be able to say that these elected leaders are fully committed to the NACCC. As of the end of December 53% of our churches have made a contribution to the Shared Ministries Fund, demonstrating their dedication and commitment to the work of the NACCC. Over the next three months, through the end of our fiscal year, March 31, 2020, we will be approaching those remaining churches about their contribution. If every member NACCC church gave a Fair Share contribution, the NACCC would no longer operate at an annual



400 YEARS OF
AMERICAN
CONGREGATIONALISM
Faith
SINCE 1620

What is your church doing to commemorate 400 years of Congregationalism in America? [Email us](#) with your plans and we will highlight member church events over the coming year!

Congregationalist Profiles for Bulletin Inserts:
Find all of the short stories on our website, or download the current month here:

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deficit helping to insure a bright future for our association. I'd like to thank the churches and the leadership that have made their contributions!

What is a Covenant?

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

Hopefully we all know the answer to this question. Each Congregational church has a covenant that binds it to God and one another. Our covenants define who we are as a gathered people of God, centered on Christ and led by the Holy Spirit.

At this year's [Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in June, the Board of Directors will present the member churches with a covenant that will define how we handle sexual misconduct and abuse in our churches. Each church will be asked to consider signing the covenant, agreeing to abide by the guidelines set out by the NACCC regarding situations of sexual misconduct and abuse. Please consider prayerfully the best way to communicate this covenant to your church.

Has Your Church Thought About Hiring A Professional?

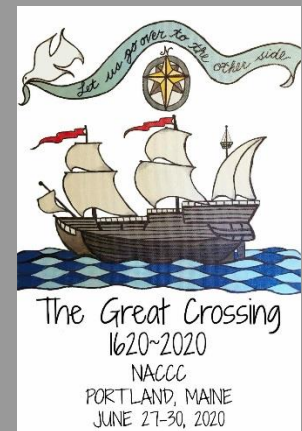
Rick Bauzenberger, Treasurer, Board of Governors,
CIT Oversight Committee Chair

A professional INVESTMENT ADVISOR to manage your church's endowment funds makes a lot of sense. This is one area where you don't want an amateur; you need a fiduciary. Is it time you looked at one of the NACCC's outstanding member-church services? The [Congregational Investment Trust \(CIT\)](#) serves the investment needs of 31 member-churches, and the Oversight Committee, composed of experienced members from member-churches, takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously. Investment advisor selection, development and review of an Investment Policy Statement, and performance reviews with the investment advisor are some of the tasks performed by this Committee.

TO LEARN MORE about the CIT and how your church can become involved join us and our investment advisor at our CIT Annual Meeting conference call, on Feb. 5th, from 1:00-2:30 CST. [Click here for free registration to attend the call in person or via teleconference.](#) For more details contact Janice Powell, 414-856-1617 or [Rick Bauzenberger](#), CIT Oversight Committee Chair, 414-614-3725.

Also note that if you have investment experience as a fiduciary and are interested in serving on the CIT Committee please [contact Rick](#).

Happy New Year from all of us at the NACCC! We are looking forward to an exciting 2020!



Member Church News will return in our next issue! [Send us your news and photos!](#)

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

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CIT Annual Meeting

One of the services the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) provides is giving your church the opportunity to include church endowment funds in *The Congregational Investment Trust (CIT)*.

Want to learn more about how your church can take advantage of this opportunity?

Please join us in person at the NACCC Office in Oak Creek, WI
or through teleconferencing on:
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
at 1:00-2:30pm (CST)

We welcome both our existing churches who are already taking advantage of this service as well as all member churches who are interested in learning more about how their church could benefit from this opportunity.

This session will provide your church investment committee with useful information that will help them better manage the financial resources at the congregation's disposal.

For more information on the CIT go to: <http://www.naccc.org/congl-investment-trust.html>

How to Register:

- **Register online here:** <https://naccc.wufoo.com/forms/z1bxdgfx19uage8/> **OR**
- **Contact Janice Powell by e-mail:** jpowell@naccc.org **or by phone 414-856-1617.**

We are excited to provide this opportunity for you to become a better steward of the financial resources God has provided your congregation, and to continue to provide services to its members and the local community.

Sincerely,

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Please help us by forwarding this invitation to the investment managers at your Church.

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

Dr. Patrick Horn
Pilgrim Congregational Church
Pomona, CA
December 1, 2019



Did you know Tabitha Moffatt Brown...

Tabitha Moffatt Brown was a social reformer and educator. She married the Rev. Clark Brown, a Congregational minister and raised three boys and one girl together until Rev. Brown died in 1817.

Tabitha was an American pioneer colonist who traveled the Oregon Trail to the Oregon Country. She arrived fairly poor in the Willamette Valley. Some of her spare clothing was bartered with several Kalapuya to acquire buckskin. She used the material to begin manufacturing gloves, which were purchased by fellow settlers and loggers and she soon made a living for herself.

She helped to found an orphanage with Congregational minister, Rev. Harvey L. Clark who, with his wife Emeline, had moved to Oregon Territory as missionaries to Native Americans. He established Congregational churches in Forest Grove and Oregon City, and served as chaplain to the Provisional Legislature of Oregon.

As a teacher, Tabitha was always interested in education and she assisted Rev. George Atkinson, another Congregational missionary sent by the American Home Missionary Society and proponent of women's education, in the founding of Tualatin Academy, which would grow to become Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. Brown was honored in 1987 by the Oregon Legislature as the "Mother of Oregon."

Tabitha died in Salem while living with her daughter on May 4, 1858. She is buried in Salem at the Pioneer Cemetery. A World War II Liberty Ship built in 1942 was named in her honor. Her great-granddaughter, Mary Strong Kinney, was an advocate for women's rights and Oregon's first female State Senator.

...Was A Congregationalist?

Celebrating 400 Years of American Congregationalism
Learn more about our Congregational History at naccc.org



Call To Worship

L: Redeem the time O God, before its gone and lost

C: When hearty pilgrim souls measured the cost

L: And made the long voyage with hopes of something new

C: We come to worship expecting something new!

Invocation (in unison)

Almighty God, who was before all that is, who remains beside us, one who fills our lives with blessings, we celebrate this day the lives of the men and women known as Pilgrims. In Your singularity, they found commonness; in multiplicity of their world, they found diversity; in their chords and discords, they experienced a harmony in life. In their worship, they found strength and courage and hope. So may we worship You, knowing You expect the same from us. Amen

Historical story by: Rev. Garry Fisher

Liturgy by: Rev. Tom Richard



Did you know Zabdiel Boylston...

One prominent New Englander who was strongly influenced by Cotton Mather was Dr. Zabdiel Boylston (who was also a great-uncle of John Adams). Born in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1680, Boylston never went to medical school, but he learned his profession as an apprentice to his father, who had been a physician in England. He also trained under another Boston physician. (There were no medical schools in North America until 1765.)

Boylston was a successful and wealthy doctor in Boston. He gained a reputation as a scholar and a scientist as well, doing scientific research into the flora and fauna of North America. He also performed the first surgical operation by an American, the first removal of gallstones, and the first surgery to remove a breast tumor. It was a smallpox epidemic in 1721 that led to Boylston's greatest claim to fame. Cotton Mather had distributed pamphlets to all the physicians in Boston, urging them to use inoculation against smallpox. When no one responded, Mather wrote a personal letter to Dr. Boylston. Boylston responded by first inoculating his own son and two African-American slaves. All three recovered from a mild case of smallpox caused by the inoculation and developed an immunity to the disease.

In all, Boylston inoculated 241 people. Only six of them died, four of whom already had a full-blown case of smallpox before the inoculation. Those deaths, however, prompted calls to try Boylston for murder. He took to visiting patients only at night and in disguise. Probably knowing that Cotton Mather had encouraged Boylston, somebody threw a grenade into Mather's house.

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Call To Worship

L: Hear ye hear ye, descendants of the Pilgrims

C: This is the appointed time to assemble in this meetinghouse

L: To praise God in the remembrances of our spiritual ancestors

C: So shall we sing and pray this hour, in thanks-giving for the men and women of our past

L: God continues to give us a pilgrim's heart

C: Praise the Lord!

Invocation (in unison)

Let Your holy presence be among us, O Lord, in this year of remembrance, that we, being made aware of the conviction and character of those before us, may enter into our inheritance, standing firm in the convictions for which they ventured to this new world freedom. Let our forebears' dedication to freedom and righteousness be their gift to us this day, and all our tomorrows. Amen

Historical story by: Rev. Robert Hellam

Liturgy by: Rev. Tom Richard



Did you know George Henry Atkinson...

The Reverend George Henry Atkinson took Congregationalism to the Oregon territory. He grew up in New England and studied for the ministry at Andover Seminary. He and his wife worked for the American Home Missionary Society throughout their lives.

In 1848 they chose the Pacific Northwest as their lifelong mission field and worked tirelessly to establish institutions of higher learning and public school systems in the Oregon and Washington territories. Until his death Atkinson remained a community leader in the area of education. He frequently spoke to businessmen and civic groups, raising money and recruiting teachers for Oregon schools. And he visited churches to recruit missionaries and to promote Congregationalism in the Pacific Northwest. He helped found Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, and Whitman College in Washington.

In Oregon City, Atkinson served as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Oregon City from 1848 until 1865, and then the First Congregational Church of Portland from 1865 through 1872. Atkinson remained a missionary for Congregationalism his whole life. The presence of Congregational churches increased from two in 1848 when he arrived to 110 in 1889 when he died. Atkinson Memorial Church in Oregon City and a public park bear his name as a tribute to his dedication and accomplishments as a minister and community leader.

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Call To Worship

L: Laus Deo

C: Praise be to God

L: This is the first inclination when we gather for worship

C: Laus Deo We gather to praise and thank God for this hour

L: May our prayers and songs honor the saints of old and the presence of the Spirit among us.

Invocation (in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we come to this hour seeking a vision, for a world which needs Your love and care. Imbue us with a pilgrim spirit, always willing to venture where You would have us go, always prepared to do our part to redeem the past for the sake of a more hopeful future. Gather us now, for we come with great expectations to be blessed. Amen

Historical story by: Rev. Norm Erlendson

Liturgy by: Rev. Tom Richard



Did you know Katherine Lee Bates...

Katherine Lee Bates is best known as the author of "America the Beautiful" but she did much more than that.

Her mother, Cornelia Frances Lee raised her and her family. Her father Rev. William Bates died soon after she was born.

Despite a difficult start Katherine got a college education at Wellesley and, with some prize money, went on to study further at Oxford University in England. She came back to Wellesley to teach but did not stop there. She pioneered courses in American Literature, wrote a text to support the courses and established American Literature as a discipline.

Katherine was known as a mentor and encourager of young women. She authored books of poetry, travel, essays, children's and young people's literature. She popularized the figure of Mrs. Santa Claus. Near the end of WW I she became a war correspondent for the New York Times.

She wrote for *The Congregationalist* and *Christian Century*. It was on a trip to Colorado and climbing Pikes Peak that she was inspired to write "America the Beautiful".

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Call To Worship

L: Pilgrims are we, O Lord God we come

C: 400 year old travelers with Your Son

L: When we have been weary, You have restored our souls

C: And set us on the path again, of redemption

L: We come to this hour seeking refreshment, courage, and the will

C: To continue this journey toward the community of heaven

Invocation (in unison)

We remember this day our Pilgrim forebears, whose constant prayers and unshakable courage brought them to this land we now call home. They brought their sins, their cares, their temptations, too, and found their help and strength from You. We approach You with the same needs and the hope that this hour may be for us a time of grace and empowerment to live with courage as Christ's new pilgrims. Amen

Historical story by: Rev. Will Lange

Liturgy by: Rev. Tom Richard