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It is Fall Meeting Season in the NACCC!

Michael Chittum, Executive Director

Just as surely as Fall follows summer, when Fall arrives, many of our state and regional associations plan for their annual meetings. Often, I am invited to be part of these gatherings, either as presenter or attender. This year is no exception.

On October 11 & 12, I will be at the Iowa – Nebraska Association Annual Meeting that is hosted by the First Congregational Church of Burlington, Iowa. The following weekend, October 18 & 19, I will be in Central Lake, Michigan at the First Congregational Church for the Michigan Conference Annual Meeting. Then, on November 8 & 9, I will be part of the Southeast Association of the Michigan Conference Annual Meeting; this will be hosted by the Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia, Michigan. At each of these gatherings, I will make a presentation about the Church Renewal Pilot Project.

First Congregational Church of Kingston, New Hampshire

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

The solar lights on the front lawn of the First Congregational Church of Kingston, NH spelling out BAHAMAS are there to bring the 70,000 homeless, hurting and grieving people of the Bahamas to the attention of the community both DAY and NIGHT.



Commemorating 400 Years!

Larry Sommers, Plymouth 400 Committee

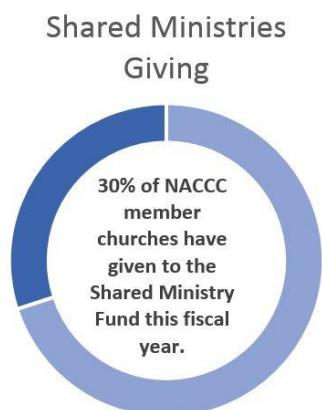
The Plymouth 400 committee has made available the following resources to assist your church in commemorating 400 Years of American Congregationalism.

Bulletin Inserts: Beginning Nov. 3rd, and continuing for 2 years, one side of the insert is a heritage-themed liturgy, and the other side contains “Did you know [Person] was a Congregationalist? These thumbnail profiles of 107 diverse American Congregationalists from 1620 to now will be a great way to learn more about our congregational history.

“Truelove Brewster”: Videos, bringing the Mayflower experience to life through the eyes of a 9-year-old Pilgrim boy.

“Canned Speeches” for use in a variety of community venues, along with a list of **“Talking Points”** to keep in mind during conversations with reporters or members of the public about our Congregational heritage

Bibliographies and **links** to useful resources.



Member Church News

Union Congregational Church of Wollaston, MA recently voted overwhelmingly in favor of calling Reverend Joy Eng-Matos to be their settled pastor. They will have an Installation Service and celebration on November 3, 2019.

Sixteen visiting Congregational ministers participated in the Installation Service for Rev. Timothy Chappel at the First Congregational Church of Clarkston, MI.



This month, First Congregational Church of Akron, OH is offering a variety of opportunities for the community to learn more about the nuances and lived experiences of immigrants as they consider scriptural precedent and hear stories of modern-day immigrants.

*Send us your news and photos!
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NEWS & NEEDS

of our Missions



A quarterly publication of the **Missions and Outreach Ministry Council**
by Julie Robie, *Missions Administrator*

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Word Alive Mission, Ghana, West Africa

In August, an 8-member team from Porterville Congregational Church, CA and Bow Lake Baptist Church, NH, travelled to Word Alive Mission to work in the orphanage, teach at a church leadership seminar, preach and give personal testimonies in 7 churches and break ground for the Ghana Guest House. For two of the remote churches, it was the first time they were visited by a mission's team. Travel was grueling – the bus broke down 4 times and often filled with exhaust for hours. Roads were washed out and full of deep, wide holes. For three nights in a row, the team had less than 4 hours sleep. The hardest part though, was when one of the young orphan boys asked, "Will you come back tomorrow?" and the team had a flight to catch.



Emmanu, in her pillowcase dress at the Word Alive orphanage (left) and a member of the Hosanna Industries "Acorn Club" (below).



Hosanna Industries, Pennsylvania

"Their future is so bright, they gotta wear shades!" reports Hosanna Industries. Their Acorn Club 2019 was full to the brim with activities where young children played, grew and explored. They also learned to be respectful, kind and loving. The best part of all was that they learned that God loves them. Parents and students alike are grateful for this summer ministry.

Mission School of Hope, Cameroon

Hygiene and sanitation are a huge challenge in the Baka community and the most affected are women and girls. Hygiene kits which included reusable sanitary napkins were given out to 20 girls. Because most families can't afford health supplies, girls must skip school for a week due to their monthly menstrual periods. 10 girls have already been trained to make the pads and more will be trained in the future.



Girls at Mission School of Hope learning how to make reusable sanitary pads.

Ministerio Vida Hospital, Honduras

Part of the ministry of Ministerio Vida Hospital is to sponsor medical and dental clinics. The line is long, the sun is hot and the work is endless as staff ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of those who come. For those of you who speak Spanish, this is from Josue "Gracias Padre por permitir a MINISTERIO VIDA seguir siendo de apoyo en la obra que nos has encomendado. Gracias Dra. Rhona , por hacernos parte , y seguir expandiendo el Reyno de Dios. Vamos por mas!! A DIOS SEA LA GLORIA. For those of you who don't speak spanish, a rough translation - "Thank you, father, for allowing ministry life to continue to be of support in the work you have entrusted us. Thank you, Dr. Rhona, for making us part, and continue to expand the kingdom of God. Let's go for more!! To God be the glory!"

Mission to Mission

Rev. Jaime Julian sent a note of thanks to the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council for connecting him with Educational Concerns for Hunger (ECHO). Christian Mission in the Far East is an NACCC supported *International Mission*. ECHO is an NACCC *Recommended Mission*. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council strives to connect missions for mutual benefit. During his last visit to the U.S., Rev. Jaime Julian visited ECHO in Florida. He learned different methods of installing wells and water systems. After returning to the Philippines, Jaime and his team have installed two wells and the Community Christian Fellowship Church now benefits from a sufficient water supply.



New water system,
CMFEI Mission Center

Prayers

- ◆ Flooding in Myanmar and those impacted by Hurricane Dorian.
- ◆ Missions Deeply impacted by recent political changes in their countries.

Praise

- ◆ Hospital records which are now housed and updated on a new (used) computer. Until last month, all records for Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregation were kept on paper.
- ◆ Josue and Marisela Hernandez who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. They pray for many more years together.

Needs of the Missions In Brief

- ◆ **Argentina** (Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational) – child sponsorship; tools and medicine for the clinic
- ◆ **Cameroon** (Mission School of Hope) – mosquito nets, fish farm supplies
- ◆ **Colorado** (A Christian Ministry in the National Parks) – worship books, student sponsorship
- ◆ **Florida** (Bread of Life) – supplies for ministry to the homeless
- ◆ **Florida** (Love Worth Sharing) – generators
- ◆ **Ghana** (Word Alive Mission) – child sponsorship and desks for the school
- ◆ **Honduras** (Ministerio Vida Hospital) – medical and dental supplies
- ◆ **India** (Indian Community Fellowship) – sewing machines, food for the children, computers
- ◆ **Kenya** (Happy Life Children's Home) – child sponsorships, building funds
- ◆ **Kenya** (Pilgrim's Presence) – mosquito netting, personal hygiene items for women and Bibles in Pokot Language
- ◆ **Mexico** (Fishers of Men) – supplies for medical crusades
- ◆ **Mexico** (Panamerican Institute) – student sponsorships, 30 lab coats for students (sizes 12 – 14), funding for facilities
- ◆ **Myanmar** (Congregational Church of Myanmar) – child sponsorship, support for teachers
- ◆ **Nigeria** (Christ to the Villages) – funding for Cashew Tree Farm project
- ◆ **Pennsylvania** – (Hosanna Industries) – tools, building materials, classroom/activity supplies
- ◆ **Philippines** (NACC) – child support, kitchen utensils, kitchen appliances/equipment
- ◆ **Tennessee** – (Morgan Scott Project) – gas vouchers, home repair funds, books and tuition for students

For a more detailed list, please contact Julie Robie at jrobie@naccc.org.

For more information on NACCC missions, or to make a donation please contact Mission Administrator Julie Robie at 800.262.1620 or 603.642.7270 or email at jrobie@naccc.org.

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