



## **NACCC MISSION STATUS UPDATE**

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Cook Native American Ministries Foundation & Menaul School

From its inception, the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) has seen the support of missions as an important part of its ministry. As described in the Handbook for the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC), missions associated with the NACCC must:

- be Christ – Centered,
- provide holistic ministry to the people served,
- have indigenous leadership,
- be autonomous organizations governed by a Mission Board,
- provide timely and complete program and financial reports to the NACCC.

These are long standing qualities defined as necessary for an NACCC mission and has been understood by and communicated to all of its mission partners. These qualities form the basis of the covenant relationship between our mission partners and the NACCC.

If, for any reason, a mission no longer meets the established and agreed upon criteria or changes the nature of its ministry, the leadership of the NACCC and MOMC will make multiple attempts to communicate with the mission leadership to gain clarification and to resolve the issue. Sometimes, unfortunately, if the issue cannot be resolved, the Missions and Outreach Ministry Council with the guidance of the NACCC may be compelled to terminate the relationship with the mission.

That has happened recently with two mission entities. These are the ***Cook Native American Ministries Foundation (CNAMF) in Arizona*** and the ***Menaul School in New Mexico***. Both missions are doing good work to fulfill the Great Commission. CNAMF, however, now functions primarily as a foundation and provides less direct services to people groups. The Menaul School has never had adequate support from our member churches. Because of that, MOMC with the guidance of the NACCC has decided to remove these missions from our approved lists.

Certainly, decisions like this are never easy, but, as good stewards of the moneys donated through the NACCC to missions, our established mission policy needs to be followed. Therefore, the NACCC will no longer accept donations in support of the Cook Native American Ministries Foundation in Arizona and the Menaul School in New Mexico.

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