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NACCC NEWS
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Did You Know...?

Michael Chittum, Executive Director

It is easy to think of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) and think only of local congregations worshipping in meeting houses. The NACCC, however, is also the endorsing agent for three individuals serving as military chaplains. Ariel (Al) T. Castillo, CH, CPT of the U.S. Army, Chaplain Derek E. Martin, LT of the U.S. Navy, and COL Andrew Gibson of the U. S. Army (Maine National Guard) serve in their respective branches and places of service under the endorsing authority of the NACCC.



Chaplain Derek E. Martin, LT with Executive Director Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum at the 65th Annual Meeting & Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

This is a good thing. As you pray for churches or ministers of the NACCC, remember these three.

Morgan Scott Project

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

Tennessee – “Blessed far and beyond what they had prayed for” is how Ella Smith describes the Morgan Scott Project's Camp in the Community 2019. Since the camp's beginning four years ago, the attendance has maxed out at 60 as the number of children they can accommodate. K-8 students participate in group activities, crafts and Bible study and gleefully toss a few water balloons. High school students offer community service, this year



they built a wheelchair ramp and helped to clean and prepare a house for extermination work. Some high school students also serve as junior camp counselors who are shepherded by a parent who stays on the site. Ella was moved to tears when she saw the whole pavilion full of kids with their heads bowed in prayer.

Center for Congregational Leadership Resources

Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton, CCL Workshop Coordinator

Our revitalized Center for Congregational Leadership (CCL) is beginning to populate the digital library of resources as promised. The CCL portion of the NACCC website is now home to links to some of the videos from our 2019 Annual Meeting and Conference in Cleveland, OH. [Click here](#) to easily view our incredible 2019 Bible Lectures and Congregational Lecture, along with other educational presentations. We now also have [links to practical videos from Church Mutual](#) related to safety and best practices. Soon we will have videos from our mission partners around the world, giving your congregation a better glimpse into how they serve the Body of Christ in their respective locations. Point your browser to [here](#), to access these amazing resources!



View Annual Meeting & Conference Bible Lectures and more on the CCL page or our website.

Member Church News

First Congregational Church of Marshfield, MA has been installing their long awaited new spire!



For more photos of their progress, [click here](#).

First Congregational Church of Redlands, CA and their Clarion Music School present An Instrumental Showcase, an evening of chamber music on August 10th.

*Send us your news and photos!
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