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Newly Elected Moderator

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer, Moderator

Hello from your newly elected Moderator! I am excited to begin serving the NACCC and its member churches in my new position. Thank you for your confidence in me to fulfill this important role.

I see the role of Moderator in a two-fold way. First, to keep things moving and to follow through with new projects. And secondly, to provide space and support for vision. When we work together in a collaborative fashion, we can provide many more services and faith leadership to our members. Contact me with ideas you think might improve our services to the local church. I'm all ears!

My first two areas of focus will be helping to secure funds for our new website and to establish a task team which will provide services to our churches on how to work toward racial reconciliation. If you are interested in either of these projects, [let me know](#) ASAP, as I will be working on them in the next week or two.

Blessings to all, and may we work together as Congregational churches to share God's love with the world!



Newly Elected Vice Moderator

The NACCC welcomes Rev. Dr. Art Ritter, Senior Minister of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, MI to the NACCC leadership team. At the “Virtual” Annual Meeting, held Saturday June 27th, the delegates approved the 2020-21 Leadership team, which included the nomination of Art as Vice Moderator. Immediately following the meeting, the Board of Directors met and elected Art as Chair of the Board of Directors.



Rev. Dr. Art Ritter graduated from the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies in 1985. Ordained in that same year, Art has also served NA churches in Toulon, IL; West Bloomfield, MI; and Salt Lake City, UT. He has been active within the National Association, with terms on the Nominating Committee, Division for Ministry, Congregational Church Development Division, Executive Committee, and the Annual Meeting and Conference Committee. Art and his spouse Laura have two adult daughters, Maren and Ameli.

New Foundation Finance Committee Launched

Rick Bauzenberger, Congregational Foundation Board of Governors

The [Congregational Foundation](#) (CF) Board has approved the creation of the Foundation’s Finance Committee. The creation of this Committee coincides with the decision to move permanent endowments from the NACCC to the CF. This has resulted in greater efficiencies by allowing the NACCC to focus on member church services. The CF will continue to concentrate on endowment fund oversight as well as current and prospective donor fund raising.

The newly created Committee ensures the financial well-being and sustainability of the CF in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities, e.g., coordinating with the NACCC Finance Committee on the annual budget, reviewing budgeted expenses, recommending fiscal policies to the Board of Governors to include drawdowns and administrative expenses.

Member Church News

At the [2020 Virtual Annual Meeting](#) on June 27th, delegates voted the First Congregational Church of Westfield, MA (see photo above) and the First Congregational Church of Orchard, IA into full membership in the NACCC!

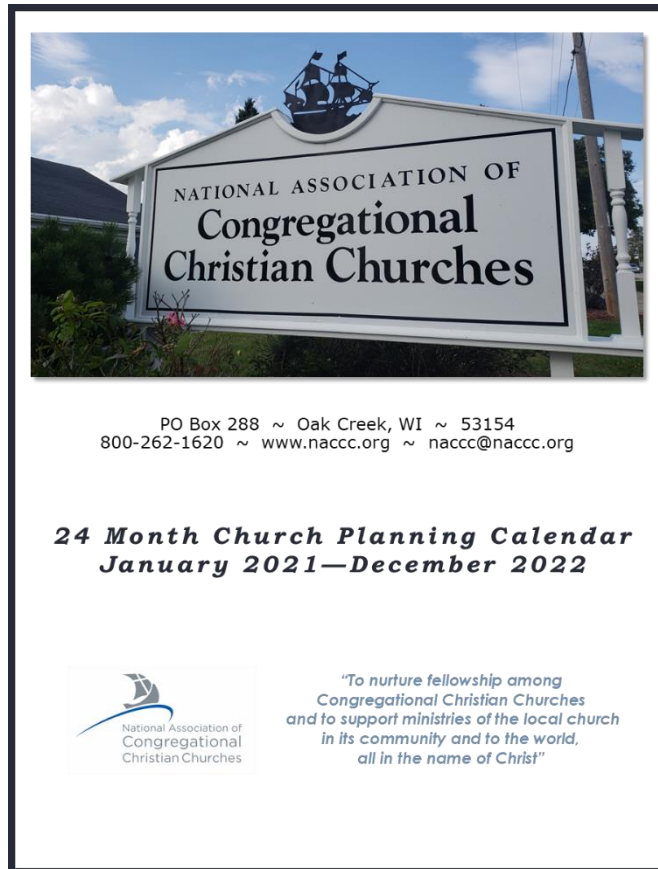
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2021 - 2022 NACCC Planning Calendar Order



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Recent Calls and Ordinations

Congratulations



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@nacc.org or (414) 856-1614

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Rev. William Ronald Toliver, Senior Minister
Crystal Congregational Church
Crystal, MI
June 7, 2020