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## Help for Hurting Churches

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer, Moderator

Did you know that the Growth Ministry Council has a special fund to help hurting churches? Sometimes churches go through rough times, we all know that. We also know that during this pandemic, there have been many rough times that we have had to address. Sometimes, those challenges come in the form of monetary need for supplies, staff, technology and a plethora of other needs. The NA wants to help through the [Hurting Churches Fund](#).

Currently, the Growth Ministry Council has a little more than \$15,000 in the Hurting Churches Fund. If your church is facing an emergency need or need because of the pandemic, and would like to apply for some of these funds, the application can be found on our [website](#) or by contacting [Carrie Dahm](#) in the NACCC office. The application will be submitted to the committee to review and approve appropriate grants.

# Grateful For Those With Whom I Serve

Rev. Art Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors

Last night I sat in a Zoom room participating in my church's monthly Board of Trustees' meeting. We talked about mundane things like water bills, bank interest rates, and building rental agreements. I don't know if anyone was inspired by the lackluster topics. But I am grateful for these good folk who know that their decisions play an important role in the church's ministry. They are always conscious of how their practical choices inspire outreach and education, fellowship and worship.

The Board of Directors of the NACCC is engaged in a similar ministry. We are a group that watches over finances, personnel, property, and legal agreement. It is our charge to do what we can do to allow the resources of our Association to inspire and enable ministry and service to our churches and ministers. I am grateful for those with whom I serve on the Board of Directors. We seek your input as to ways in which we can better support your vision.

## ***The old is gone, the new is here!***

- 2 Corinthians 5:17b

Laura Hamby, Congregational Foundation  
Board of Governors

Today I am excited to share the news of a NEW NACCC website, to launch in early 2021. It will serve all facets of our mission, including the [Congregational Foundation](#), [The Congregationalist](#), [Center for Congregational Leadership \(CCL\)](#), [Pastoral searches](#), and of course the work of our [Missions and Outreach, Growth, and Vitality ministry councils](#).

With this news also comes many thank yous! To all of our donors, including our member churches, who support the work of the NACCC with financial contributions; to all of you who participated in the survey; to those who served on the website task team; and to the NACCC staff who have dedicated countless hours guiding this project, thank you!

Finally, thank you to the ministry councils, CCL, and Foundation for the financial contributions to help provide funding for the new website!

## NACCC Virtual Prayer Circle

The Center for Congregational Leadership and Growth Ministry Council invite you to join us every Monday at 8PM CDT to connect with fellow Congregationalists around the globe through a time of prayer.

[Click here to connect via Zoom](#)



## Bulletin Inserts

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*Send us your news & photos!*  
Submissions for the October issue are due by September 20, 2020  
[development@naccc.org](mailto:development@naccc.org)

## National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

8473 S. Howell Avenue, P.O. Box 288  
Oak Creek, WI 53154  
800-262-1620 ext. 1610

# 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@nacc.org](mailto:lwright@nacc.org) or (414) 856-1614

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### Calls

Rev. Bette M. Bond, Senior Minister  
Second Congregational Church  
Warren, ME  
August 2, 2020

Rev. Brandon M. Patterson, Senior Minister  
Amelia Christian Church  
Clayton, NC  
August 2, 2020

Rev. William J. Vaus, Senior Minister  
First Congregational Church  
Yarmouth Port, MA  
August 10, 2020



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# One Great Hour of Sharing

## 2020 Natural Disasters

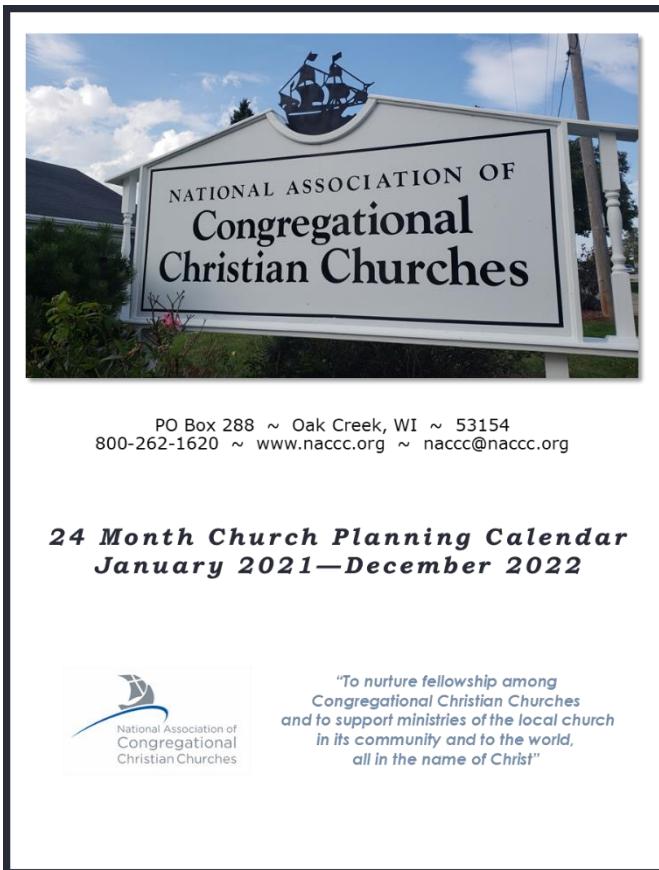


This is an unprecedented time in our country. From the California wildfires to the derecho that devastated Iowa to the tropical storm/hurricane season already upon us, these natural disasters have affected hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens and continue to threaten many others. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches is making an appeal for funds to replenish “One Great Hour of Sharing” financial resources. Rather than focusing on just one of these natural disasters, the appeal is for general funding with MOMC making the decision on where to allocate the donations among these three disasters and what may happen in the next several weeks.

Donate online at [www.nacc.org](http://www.nacc.org) or send a donation via check. Please include a note with your donation indicating that the funds are intended for “2020 Natural Disasters”.

Send donations to:  
NACCC-OGHS  
PO Box 288  
Oak Creek, WI 53154

# 2021 - 2022 NACCC Planning Calendar Order



## **24 Month Church Planning Calendar January 2021—December 2022**



*"To nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches and to support ministries of the local church in its community and to the world, all in the name of Christ"*

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ Two Year (2021-22) Calendars  
**\$10.00 per copy - plus shipping**

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