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Farewell to Jim

Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director

At the close of the virtual Annual Meeting on June 27, 2020, Jim Waechter will hand over the gavel of moderator, virtually speaking, to Cindy Bacon Hammer. One of the good things about our Annual Meetings is the chance to say “Good-Bye” to folks who have worked so tirelessly for the NACCC. We cannot do that in person this year, so I want to take this opportunity to say, “Farewell to Jim.”

When I started as Executive Director in 2015, Jim Deline was Moderator with Laura Hamby as Vice-Moderator. In 2016, I was delighted when the Nominating Committee chose to approach Jim Waechter to see if he would be open to serving in the roles of Vice-Moderator and Moderator. I had worked with Jim in the strategic planning and implementation process and knew how much he loved the NACCC. I am grateful he agreed to take on this responsibility.



Over the last 4 years, the NACCC has grappled with prickly issues. In all of them, I have appreciated Jim's leadership in seeking to broaden the conversations by getting more people involved. This approach helps us look at the question from another perspective and reach a better decision.

Jim is deserving of our gratitude for his service. Please take the time to reach out to him.

Virtual Worship Service -June 28th

Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton, Center for Congregational Leadership Workshop Coordinator

Following the **2020 Virtual Annual Meeting** on June 27th, please plan to join us for the **NACCC Worship Service** via "Zoom" on Sunday, June 28th at 3:00 PM Eastern. The Rev. Seth Jones and The Rev. Dr. John Tamillio III will lead us in praise, prayer, and reflection as we gather virtually in covenanted Christian worship and fellowship from around the globe. We may not be together in Portland, but Covid-19 won't stop Congregationalists from worshiping together in spirit and truth. Join us as we pray fervently for one another, for our churches, and for our fractured world.

Impact of COVID-19 On Missions

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council wishes to thank donors who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing COVID 19 disaster appeal. To date, funds have been disbursed for food programs, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE, clean water and personal health care programs, as well as care for the elderly and children living in poverty both in the US and in the communities served by NACCC International Missions. Please continue to pray for these missions as they navigate the very uncertain days and months to come. *(Pictured: Harding Stricker of Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational in Argentina, in required PPE)*



*Send us your news and photos!
Submissions for the June issue are due by June 25, 2020
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Official call to the 66th Annual Meeting
of the
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

June 4, 2020

All active member churches are notified and heartily urged to designate delegates to attend this year's 'Virtual' 66th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 via "Zoom" and will begin at 2:00pm Central; 3:00pm Eastern; 1:00pm Mountain; 12:00pm Pacific; and 11:00am Alaska Time.

As with many activities around the world, the face to face Annual Meeting and Conference that was planned in Portland, ME was cancelled due to concerns and guidelines regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. In order to accomplish the required business of the NACCC, the Board of Directors adopted emergency bylaws as allowed by Wisconsin Law governing corporations of that State and has determined the 2020 Annual Meeting will be by video teleconference on June 27, 2020.

Important information you should know for this meeting:

As conference time for this Virtual meeting is short and cannot be as flexible as when we meet face to face, please note the required deadline. All registrations must be complete, and documents received by the NA office no later than 2:00 pm CDT, Thursday, June 25, 2020.

- All Delegates, Alternates and other attendees must be registered for the meeting. Following your registration you will receive a confirmation e-mail which will provide you with the link to join the Zoom meeting. Register at <https://www.naccc.org/2020-amc-information.html>
- Prior to the meeting you will be emailed a registration packet that will include documents for the meeting. These documents are also available on the NACCC website.
- Delegate and Alternate Credentials Cards must be received at the NA office by the deadline. (Delegate and/or voting Alternate must be able to access Zoom)
- Any new business must be received by the NA office by the deadline.

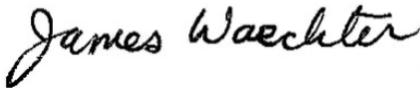
- Any nominations for two (2) members of the nominating committee and any other nominations usually made from the floor during the meeting must be received by the NA office by the deadline along with the candidate's short bio.

Your Church's registered Delegate, [or Alternate, if the Delegate is not present], will vote on the following items.

- Business Meeting Agenda
- Standing Rules
- 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes
- NACCC New Church Membership
- Nominating Brochure [election of new NACCC Leadership]
- Nomination and Election of 2 nominating committee members
- Finance Committee Report & 2020/2021 Budget
- Ratification of Board of Directors 2019/2020 Actions
- Ratification of Leadership Council 2019/2020 Actions

Attached please find directions on how to attend the "ZOOM" Annual Meeting
NOTE: Participants not able to connect via Zoom, and only by phone, cannot be a Delegate or voting Alternate.

For more information and for your review of the Emergency Bylaws, Annual Reports, the Necrology and plans for Sunday Worship, please go to the 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting page of the NACCC Website.



Jim Waechter
Moderator