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Welcome New Member Churches

Michael Chittum, Executive Director

One of the joys I have in every Annual Meeting is in leading the service in which new member churches become part of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). While there is not a covenant statement for the NACCC, the churches applying for membership make covenantal promises. Each church pledges to: embrace the member churches of the NACCC in all of their diversity, pray for the other member churches and respond to their needs, and be faithful in supporting and praying for the work of the NACCC.



At the recent Annual meeting In Cleveland, the delegates enthusiastically approved and welcomed the following churches as members of the NACCC: The Righteous Chapel Church of Lake Worth, FL, The Little White Chapel of Malta, MT, The Bethany Congregational Church of Quincy, MA, The Crystal Congregational Church of Crystal, MI, and The Congregational Christian Church of Ravana, NY. PRAY for these new churches and their ministry within their communities.

Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

ARGENTINA — During the June 2019 Annual Meeting and Conference in Cleveland, OH, the Missions and Outreach Ministry Council was honored to spend time in worship and fellowship with 14 National and International Missionaries. Each missionary was privately interviewed to see how the mission is doing and how the NACCC can help. At the conclusion of each interview, MOMC members lay hands on them in prayer. Pictured is Rev. Dr. Harding Stricker, invited international missionary (sitting), L – R: Joelle Sommers, Jamie Bonnema, Jan Wilson, Greg Carmer and Barbara Dabul. Please watch for more information about mission work at the AMC meeting in the Summer News and Needs.



The Annual Meeting & Conference in Photos



The Host Committee at their welcome table at the Cleveland Marriott.



Moderator Jim Waechter begins the Business Session



Ministry Council Representatives, Rev. Doug Gray, Jan Wilson, and Rev. Patrick Hunt



Executive Director Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum introduces NACCC staff, including Laura Wright and Janice Powell who were keeping the office running in Oak Creek, WI.



Rev. Dr. John Tamilio delivering the Congregational Lecture



Rev. Dr. Brett Younger delivering the Bible Lecture



Attendees enjoy an ice cream break hosted by the Congregational Foundation Board of Governors.



Attendees at the Business Session



Members of the Plymouth 400 show off their new t-shirts and sweatshirts. See link below to order!



NACCC /Faith 400 Apparel

Member Church News

The Plymouth Youth Group (pictured, right) of Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita, KS is participating in a week of volunteering. Check out their Facebook page for more adventures from the week!



First Congregational Church of Yarmouth is hosting Jay and Abby Michaels as *The Harper and the Minstrel*, a summer evening of music sung and played on a variety of traditional instruments. Summer Serenade happens on Wednesday, August 7th.

Crow Creek Pipe and Drums (pictured, right), the resident pipe and drum group of First Congregational Church of Anchorage, AK competed in the Alaska Highland Games and placed 2nd.



Members of Union Congregational Church of Oakville, CT come together monthly to enjoy great fellowship while weaving sleeping mats for the homeless.

Send us your news and photos!

Submissions for the August issue are due by July 25, 2019
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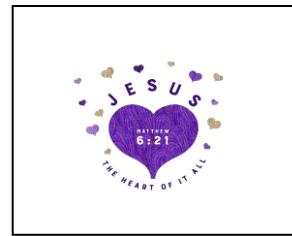


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National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) 2019 Annual Meeting & Conference Evaluation – Cleveland, Ohio

'Jesus is the Heart of it All' Matthew 6:21

Dear Annual Meeting & Conference Attendee:



Members of the Host Committee and Annual Meeting & Conference Committee have worked hard to make this Annual Meeting & Conference as exciting and productive as possible. We hope you have enjoyed yourself and have been inspired through worship, education, and fellowship. We have tried to implement some of the suggestions of those who have attended past conferences; therefore, we appreciate you taking the time to evaluate this Annual Meeting & Conference.

0 = was not helpful/meaningful; 1 = somewhat helpful/meaningful; 2 = helpful/meaningful; 3 = Good; 4 = Exceptional

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| Opening Session | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Congregational Lecturer | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Bible Lectures | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Expo Tables | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Sunday Worship | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Promising Future Workshop | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Business Sessions | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Morning Devotions | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |
| Music & Entertainment | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A = [I did not participate/no opinion] |

What was the best part of the conference for you? How did it meet your expectations?

If you could change/add/delete ONE thing, what would it be and Why?

What Workshop suggestions or other recommendations do you have for future conferences?

What Workshops did you attend? Please rate the relevance to you and your church.

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I am a: _____ First Time Attendee _____ Lay Person _____ Clergy Person

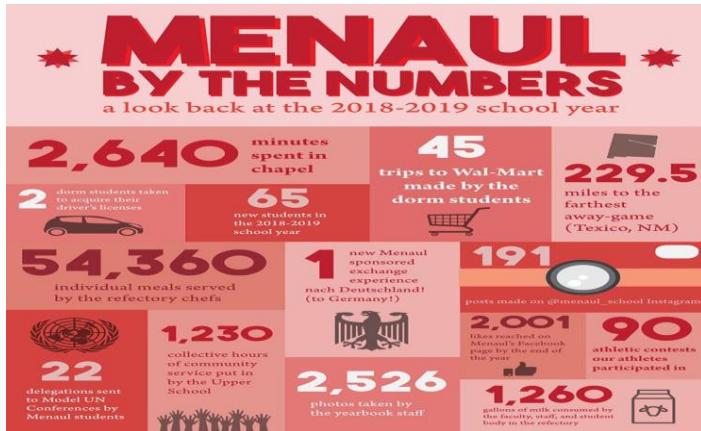
Name/Church (optional) _____

Please use the back of this form for additional comments and return your completed evaluation form to the NACCC's onsite registration desk or mail to: Carrie Dahm/NACCC, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154; fax (414) 764-0319. Thank you, your suggestions are important to us.

By Julie Robie

Summer 2019

Fun facts from Menaul School New Mexico



Indian Community Fellowship India



Sewing kits for Sewing School graduates from deprived families. Prayer shawls are for Pastor Ashik, Mr. Durgin and Mr. Peniel. Pastor Ashoki is an ICF pastor. Mr. Dujiram was harassed and injured by the Anti-Christian group in his village. His wife and daughter had never seen a prayer shawl before. Since receiving it, they have had people from the village visit their house just to touch it. Thank you to McGraft Memorial Church, MI, for sending them.

Happy Life Children's Home Kenya



Are you searching for a place to volunteer your services? **Search no more!** Visit the Happy Life Children's home at Roysambu or Juja farm, our kids will be thrilled to see you!

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks Colorado



ACMNP does not end once you leave the parks. The relationships, memories and community built last far beyond a single summer. We are grateful to all of our Alumni and have been blessed to hear their stories of God's work in their lives and in the parks.

Bread of Life Christian Mission
Florida



Sharing Christ's love with low income families by providing after-school programs, community development, food distribution and more!

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**Maine Seacoast Mission**



From their Facebook page: What do a couple of cars, a plane and a mailboat have in common? It's how three members of the Sunbeam's crew travelled to Matinicus and Isle au Haut. The Sunbeam was tied to her dock in Northeast Harbor in preparation for her re-fit. Many thanks to the folks at Penobscot Island Air and The Isle au Haut Boat Company for getting us safely where we needed to go!

**Congregational Church of Myanmar**



Grace Children together with Rev. Naw Pale Say and their teacher Mr. Va Pai.

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Please pray for:

- ~ The 2019 Annual Meeting and Conference in Cleveland.
- ~ Jaime Julian (Christian Mission in the Far East) as he grieves the passing of his brother.
- ~ The team of 8 traveling to Word Alive Mission in Ghana in August to build a guest house.

Praises

- ~ The medical mission crusades for Fishers of Men has reached dozens for Jesus Christ!
- ~ Ministerio Vida Hospital shares that "Today is a good day to give thanks to God and speak to others of the love of Jesus".
- ~ Christ to the Villages is preparing to start their Hybrid Brazilian Cashew Farm.

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For more information on any of these missions, or to make a donation to any of the above projects, please contact Mission Administrator Julie Robie at 1.800.262.1620 ext. 1618 or [jrobie@nacc.org](mailto:jrobie@nacc.org).

For a complete listing of NACCC Mission Projects, please visit the website: [www.nacc.org](http://www.nacc.org) and click on "Missions".

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