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Annual Meeting Follow-Up

Michael Chittum, Executive Director

By now, you should have received [notification](#) that both the 2020 Annual Meeting and Conference scheduled to be held in Portland, Maine and the 2020 NAPF – HOPE conference scheduled for the University of New England in Portland have been cancelled. The decision, which I believe is the correct one, has forced the NACCC staff to scramble. Wisconsin enforced a “Safer at Home” edict closing non-essential businesses on March 25, which makes processing any refunds a longer process than normal. Bear with us as we continue to work on this. Stay safe and Be Well.



Easter Sunday at Congregational Church of the Messiah, Los Angeles, CA

In This Together

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

Every month I include an article in the e-news that spotlights one of the NACCC missions. But this e-news is different in that it spotlights our response to the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through a One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) appeal. The NACCC, through the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council, is launching the [“OGHS Disaster Fund”](#) appeal. Funds donated will be used specially to support identified COVID-19 needs of our vetted relief organizations and National and International Missions. Information about the appeal, or how you can donate, can be found on our [website](#) or by calling Julie Robie, Missions Administrator at: 1.800.262.1620 ext. 1618.

Generosity From Our Donors

Debby Fulton, Director of Development and Communications

We are thrilled to report that over the past few months donations of more than \$17,000 have been contributed in support of *The Congregationalist*. One donor stated that the *Congregationalist* “is one of the core identifiers of the NACCC.” Others have said; “I truly appreciate *The Congregationalist* and look forward to each issue.”, and “I love each of the articles & read it from cover to cover.” The NACCC sincerely THANKS our devoted supporters!

Before our fiscal year ended on March 31st, the NACCC received contributions to the Shared Ministries Fund from 89% of our member churches. We are sincerely grateful, and want to THANK each one of our churches for their generosity and ongoing membership. We appreciate all that you continue to do.

More Coronavirus Resources

[Center for Healthy Churches Blog](#)

[Church Mutual](#)

[Vanguard Blog for Institutional Investors](#)

[CARES Act Emergency Grants & Loans for Nonprofit Organizations](#)

[New York Disaster Interfaith Services COVID-19 Webinar Trainings for Congregations & Religious Leaders](#)

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UPDATE ON 2020 NACCC ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE AND 2020 NAPF – HOPE CONFERENCE

April 7, 2020

After many weeks of monitoring the continuing spread of COVID-19 and discussing options and alternatives, both the leadership of the NACCC and that of NAPF – HOPE have decided the best and safest course of action is to cancel both the NAPF – HOPE meeting and the face to face meeting of the NACCC.

What about the business items for the 2020 NACCC ANNUAL MEETING?

With the cancellation of the Annual Meeting and Conference, there are still items of business that must be resolved so the work of the NACCC can continue. At this point, we are examining options on how to handle the votes on the 2020-2021 NACCC Budget, on the slate of nominations for leadership positions, on ratifying the actions of the Board of Directors, and any other necessary items. More details will be forthcoming.

I have already paid my registration fees. What now?

Everyone who has paid registration fees will be contacted. You will be able to decide whether you want a refund or would like to donate the fees to the NACCC. If you made a donation to the Providence Fund or for a NAPF – HOPE scholarship fund as part of your registration, again, you will be given the option for a refund or to donate the money for use next year.

I am really going to miss the fellowship of the Annual Meeting. Aren't you?

The business of the Annual Meeting is important, but the fellowship with one another we share is consistently ranked as the most important aspect of the gathering. I think we all will miss that. This year, make a special effort to attend the state or regional association meeting near you. Then, make plans to be at the 2021 Annual Meeting in Spokane, Washington.

What should we, as member churches of the NACCC, do now?

We would suggest that you designate an Official Delegate and an Alternate Delegate for your congregation for the business items and complete the appropriate Delegate and Alternate Delegate cards with name and email contact information to the NA office. Delegate cards were mailed to the churches in February, and the cards are also available on the NACCC website.

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One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Disaster Relief

April/May 2020 COVID-19 Disaster Fund Relief

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NACCC, through the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council, is launching a Disaster Fund appeal in response to identified COVID-19 needs of our vetted relief organizations and National and International Missions.

If you send a donation via check, please include a note, or write on the memo line with your donation indicating that the funds are intended for:

April/May 2020 OGHS COVID-19 Disaster Fund Relief

Please send Donations to:

NACCC-OGHS
PO Box 288
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Or donate online at: www.naccc.org

Go to the Donate button at the bottom of the page.

Remember to indicate on the "drop down" option-OGHS/COVID 19 Disaster Fund Relief

For questions please contact Julie Robie, Missions Administrator,
at 1-800-262-1620 Ext 1618 or Jrobie@naccc.org.

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