

NACCC News



National Association of Congregational Christian Churches: *Community Connections- May 1, 2017*

Leadership Council Highlights

Laura Hamby, Moderator

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 selected (NRSV)

Ministry Council Interns! Recognizing *the body is one and has many members*, we are excited to announce the Leadership Council (LC) has approved the position of Ministry Council (MC) Interns. The vision of the Strategic Planning Committee, this year's LC made it their priority to put a plan in place for HOPE aged adults to take an active part in the leadership of the NACCC.

MC Interns are adults between the ages of 18 and 24 years old. Interns have full voice and participate in consensus decisions. Interns serve a one-year term and are not counted among the five elected voting members of their respective MC. If you know of a potential Intern contact me, or a member of a MC. *Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.* Join me in welcoming MC Interns to the Leadership Team!



Cool Clicks

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Volunteers from First Congregational Church of Nantucket, MA participated in a Habitat for Humanity project on April 23.

Board of Directors Highlights

Jim Waechter, Vice Moderator

Your NACCC leadership organized workshops at the Annual Meeting & Conference to help our congregations. The meeting will be held June 24-27 at Piedmont College in Demorest, GA. One workshop aimed at ministers is *Preaching with Imagination: Preaching that Keeps the Preacher's Soul Alive*. Rev. Brett Younger, Senior Minister at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York, will conduct the workshop. It will answer questions such as; How does a preacher keep offering a fresh and lively word? Can the preparation and delivery of sermons be a source of spiritual renewal week in and week out? How can preachers engage their own journey, the Scripture, the church and the world? We look forward to seeing you there.

From Our Churches

First Congregational Church of Saugatuck, MI participated in a local beach clean up for Earth Day on April 22.

Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, MN celebrated Plymouth Poetry Day on April 2.

On May 5, Congregational Church of the Messiah, located in Los Angeles, CA, will host Bingo de Mayo.

Members from First Congregational Church of Portland, MI gathered to create crazy Easter bonnets on April 8.

The youth group from Mayfair Plymouth Church in Toledo, OH made "Blessings Bags" for homeless individuals on April 21.

First Congregational Church of Nantucket, MA hosted a "Tower Climb" on April 28.

Apply for support to attend the AMC

The deadline to apply for the [Providence Fund](#) is May 5, 2017. Please consider taking advantage of this great opportunity! More information on page 16.

Donor Highlight: Lois Heilmann

Ashley Cleere, Vice President, Board of Governors

As May approaches, CFTS awards will be determined, and Lois Heilmann will make her annual contribution for the Heilmann Memorial Scholarship. When Lois's great grandparents immigrated to Etna, Pennsylvania from Germany in the late nineteenth century, they were pleased to find a German congregation. Honoring that heritage, Lois served on the Sunday School Association, Church Council, and as secretary at the First Congregational Church of Etna, in addition to working full time as an administrative assistant for a Pittsburgh attorney. She also shared her talent with the NACCC in several capacities, culminating with ten years as Association and Corporation Secretary. The opportunity to worship in different churches and build lasting friendships with people around the country was a "great plus" for Lois, and is a joy that continues as she keeps in touch with scholarship recipients.

Send Me Your News

Submissions for the June edition are due by May 20, 2017

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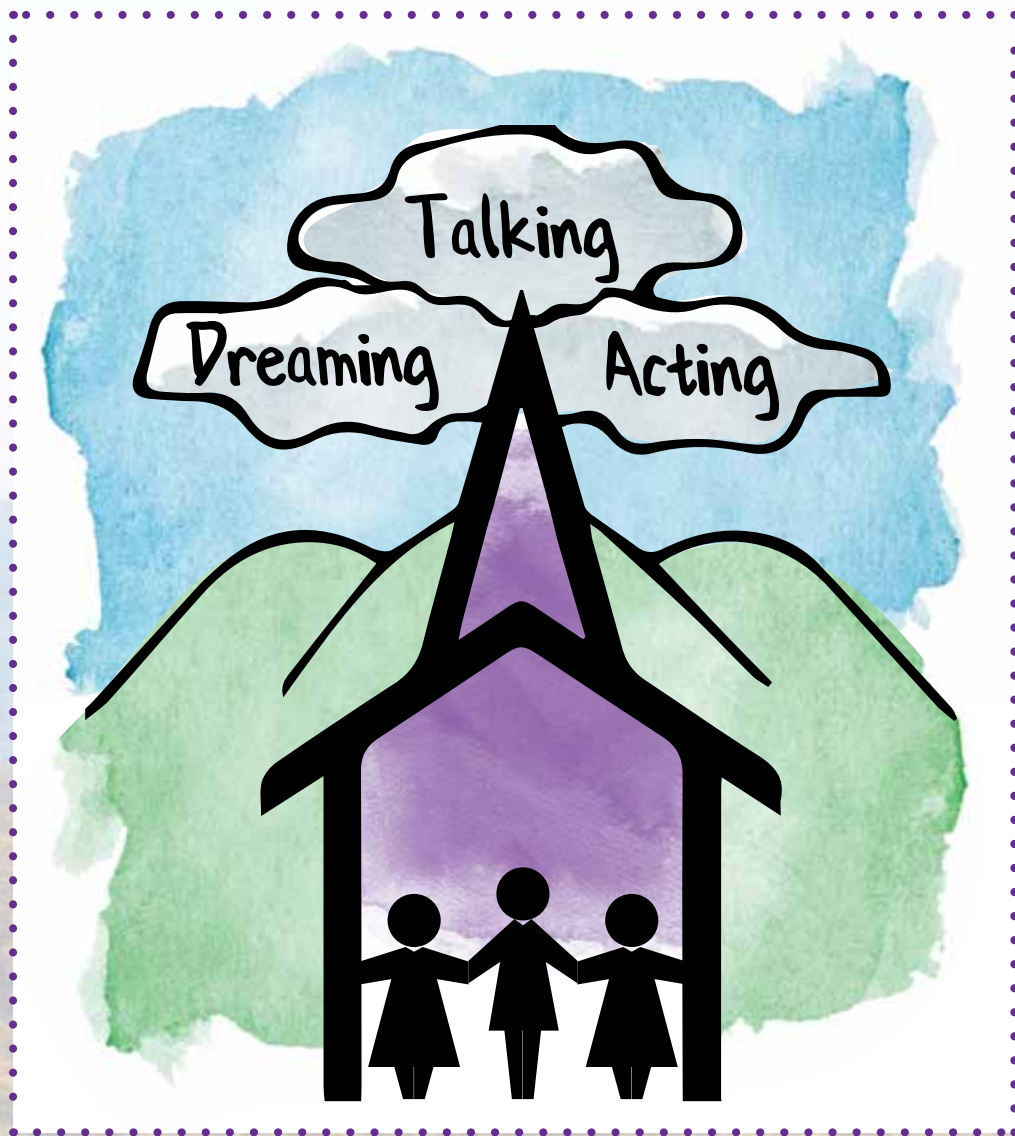
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63RD ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 - TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

*Hosted by the Methodist Congregational Federated Church
and hosted and held at Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia*



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WELCOME TO DEMOREST AND NORTHEAST GEORGIA!

“Dreaming, Talking and Acting” is the theme of the upcoming NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference, June 24–27, 2017, in Demorest, Georgia. Your hosts, Piedmont College and Demorest Methodist-Congregational Federated Church, welcome you and look forward to a conference of renewal and fellowship.

The theme is taken from a quotation by civil rights pioneer Lillian E. Smith, who attended Piedmont and lived nearby when she wrote about segregation in the U.S. from the 1940s to the 1960s. The four-day event will feature three Bible lectures by the Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor, the Harry R. Butman Professor of Religion at Piedmont and author of 13 books on preaching and religion.

While here, take time to experience the natural beauty and local attractions of northeast Georgia. Demorest may be a small town, but it is big on hospitality and Congregational history. Piedmont College, where many of you will be staying, was founded in 1897, and has been affiliated with Congregational churches since 1901. A short walk brings you to the historic Methodist Congregational Federated Church, which was built in 1908.

Demorest is in the green foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and there are nine state and national parks nearby, including lakes Russell and Burton in Habersham County and Lake Lanier Islands Water Park. Whether you drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains, or walk the many scenic trails, there are waterfalls, trout streams, and mountain views to explore in every direction.

You can visit and dine at more than a half-dozen local wineries, or spend a day on the links at some of Georgia's most beautiful golf courses. Northeast Georgia is home to numerous small towns that take pride in retaining their mountain heritage. You'll find plenty of restaurants in Demorest, Cornelia, and Clarkesville, or venture out to the City of Helen, modeled after a Bavarian village, just up the road.

The cities of Athens, Atlanta, and Greenville (S.C.) are an easy drive. In Atlanta, you can take in a Braves' game in their new stadium, or visit the renowned Atlanta Zoo, Aquarium, or Stone Mountain Park. Atlanta is also home to the Carter Center Library and Museum, the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site, and the High Museum of Art. For more information, start with a visit to www.piedmont.edu/naccc2017.

So let us say it first: “Welcome y’all!”

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE *(subject to change)*

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

8:00am Quiet Day Retreat

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

7:00am Morning Devotions

9:00am Workshops

10:15am Year Round Delegates Q&A

11:00am First Time Attendees Orientation

11:00am Missionary Society Alumni Meeting

1:30pm Opening/Business Session 1

4:15pm Congregational Panel Presentation

7:30pm Congregational Panel Dialogue

7:45pm Missionary Mixer

9:00pm Healing Prayer Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:00am Committee for Continuation of CCC Meeting

9:30am Worship & Communion

1:00pm Bible Lecture 1

2:15pm Workshops

3:45pm Workshops

6:00pm Congregational Foundation Donors Reception

7:30pm Piedmont College Theater

MONDAY, JUNE 26

7:00am Morning Devotions

7:15am State/Regional Moderators Meeting

8:30am Business Session 2

10:15am Bible Lecture 2

11:30am Missionaries Presentation

1:30pm Worship & Mission Project
(including NAPF/HOPE participants)

4:15pm Town Hall Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00am Morning Devotions

7:15am Congregational Society of Classical Retreat Guides Meeting

8:30am Business Session 3

10:30am Bible Lecture 3

11:30am Missionaries Presentation

1:30pm 2017/2018 Presentations

2:00pm Business Session 4

3:30pm Workshops

6:00pm Dinner with Music by Piedmont College

GATHERINGS & SPECIAL ROOMS

Quiet Day Retreat - Friday, 8:00am

"From, Within, Beyond: Wombs to Tombs"

This quiet day, at the Lillian E. Smith Center, offers a place to rest and consider the many boundaries in your life. Some protect you and keep you safe, creating a space where you can grow. Others may be stifling, holding you back. Individual quiet times will include multiple learning centers for peaceful contemplation to help you enter more fully into the theme. The day's leader is the Rev. Wendy G. Van Tassell, who co-pastors First Congregational Church of Spencer, IA, along with her husband, Tom. Plan to leave the dorms or the Hampton Inn at 8:00 am. The retreat begins with registration at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Contact Rev. Dr. Charles Packer to register or for more information at (734) 755-4131 or drcapacker@gmail.com. Registration is due June 9.

Year Round Delegates' Q&A Session - Saturday, 10:15am

Year Round Delegates are invited to attend a special gathering to thank you for your faithful service as a vital communication link between your local church and the NACCC. We'll fill you in on the latest news and take your questions, and are especially interested in your views on the monthly YRD Line eNewsletter. If your church has not yet appointed a Year Round Delegate, we invite you to send a representative to the session to hear about this important work and obtain a sign-up form. Forms can also be found at www.naccc.org.

Welcome, All First-Time Attendees! - Saturday, 11:00am

To get the most out of our time together, Laura Hamby, Moderator, and Jim Waechter, Vice-Moderator, invite you to a short orientation. Learn what to expect and how to be a part of the fellowship, worship, meetings, and workshops. Meet the chairs of the ministry councils, get helpful hints, answers to questions and sources for assistance during the conference.

Pastoral Search and Interview Room

Searching churches and clergy are encouraged to take advantage of the room, open 24/7 during the Annual Meeting. Rev. Phil Jackson, Vitality Council, will be on hand or available by cell phone throughout the meeting.

Interested clergy can access:

- Information on accessing/updating their Minister's Information Form (MIF) and disclosure file.
- Contact information for search committee representatives attending the meeting to arrange an interview/meeting.

Search Committee Representatives can:

- Leave non-confidential church/community information in the room.
- Schedule conversations/interviews with interested clergy with or without assistance from Rev. Jackson.

Rise Against Hunger - Monday, 1:30pm

NAPF/HOPE will join with Meeting & Conference attendees to worship and pack healthy meals for people with food insecurities. We have teamed with Rise Against Hunger. Our achievable goal is 27,500 meals! There will be jobs for people of all ages and abilities. Grab some gloves and a hair net, and let's be part of the solution!

MEALS & RECEPTIONS

Meals

Breakfast is included if you are staying at the Hampton Inn. You may want to add breakfasts to your Registration Form if you are staying in a dorm. Additional meal options are available if you arrive before Saturday and stay after Tuesday evening. Lunch and dinner are included with Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday registration. Mark your dinner choices on your registration form. A campus Starbucks café will be open for those arriving late afternoon/evening on Wed., June 21, and will open at 5:00 am on Wed., June 28.

AMCO/ICF Dinner - Saturday, 5:30pm

The American Committee for the International Congregational Fellowship invites you to its annual dinner meeting. We will discuss the upcoming International Congregational Fellowship (ICF) Conference in Cape Town, South Africa. We will also consider which U.S. related items/events to include in our quadrennial report to our international brothers and sisters in Christ. Please join us!

Editor's Round Table Dinner - Monday, 5:45pm

Donors of \$100 or more to *THE CONGREGATIONALIST* are invited to share their suggestions and ideas for the magazine over dinner.

Committee for Continuation of Congregational Christian Churches' Breakfast Meeting - Sunday, 8:00am

The Committee for Continuation was formed, before the founding of the NACCC, to perpetuate the Congregational Way. It meets annually to consider the best ways to aid in the support of Congregational churches. All are welcome.

Missionary Mixer: "Sticking with our Missions" - Saturday, 7:45pm

Our missionaries and missions depend on us for encouragement and support. "Mix and Mingle," and learn how to begin and sustain a loving and enduring relationship with missionaries. Picture stickers will be available to help you get to know them. If you're good at matching games, you'll be great at this!

Congregational Foundation Donors' Reception - Sunday, 6:00pm

Join the Congregational Foundation's Board of Governors in thanking the generous individual donors and Leadership Team members who contribute financially in support of our Congregational Way, and acknowledge the positive results of their continued generosity. Enjoy light refreshments as we also honor grant recipients and celebrate recent Foundation successes.

Missionaries' Dinner - Sunday, 5:45pm

Join the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council members for dinner. Enjoy presentations from our featured Missionaries and engage with our amazing friends from the Mission Fields! All are welcome! Your annual Missionary Society membership contribution allows us to maintain "dollar for dollar" support for our missions. Dinner is free to members who have contributed at one of the Annual Membership levels below between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Bronze Annual Membership	\$100
Silver Annual Membership	\$250
Gold Annual Membership	\$500

State & Regional Moderators' Breakfast Meeting

Monday, 7:15am

State and Regional Moderators are invited to our annual meeting. It is much easier to discuss issues and concerns and to support each other face-to-face. Come greet each other, and let's see what we can accomplish.

Congregational Society of Classical Retreat Guides'

Breakfast Meeting - Tuesday, 7:15am

The Congregational Society of Classical Retreat Guides encourages the classical retreat—a time of planned withdrawal from routine for worship, prayer, study, and work in silence. We also encourage schools of prayer and quiet days, utilizing the insights and contributions of various spiritual traditions, and provide resources to assist churches in planning and conducting quiet days and retreats. All are welcome.

LECTURES



The Bible Lecturer ~ *The Reverend Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor*

Barbara Brown Taylor is a New York Times best-selling author, college professor, and Episcopal priest. Her first memoir, "Leaving Church," won a 2006 Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. Her most recent book, "Learning to Walk in the Dark," was featured on the cover of TIME magazine, which also selected Taylor as one of its "100 Most Influential People" in 2014. She has served on the faculty of Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia, since 1998 as the Butman Professor of Religion and has been a guest speaker at Emory, Duke, Princeton, and Yale, as well as a guest on "SuperSoul Sunday" with Oprah Winfrey.

PANEL PRESENTATION:

A panel discussion will take the place of the standard Congregational Lecturer on Saturday afternoon and will answer the question, 'What does being a Congregationalist mean to you?' Panelists will include Rev. Garry Fisher, Rev. Julie Johnson Staples, Rev. Kay Miller-Todd, Rev. Dr. Martin Hall, and Rev. J.R. McAliley, III. The panel discussion will include various subjects about Congregationalism and will help facilitate further dialogue on Saturday evening when attendees will have a chance to ask questions.

SPECIAL EVENTS/ENTERTAINMENT



Dinner at the Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art

Saturday, June 24, 5:30pm

Piedmont is pleased to provide music during dinner in the Mason- Scharfenstein Museum of Art. Come enjoy a relaxing dinner among 19th and 20th century American art and sculptures while enjoying upbeat live guitar music. The Museum also showcases special exhibits of the Northeast Georgia region.

Piedmont College Theatre

Sunday, June 25, 7:30pm

The Department of Theatre presents "The Valley Where They Danced." The play is written by a local playwright and novelist, Emory Jones, and centers around the origins of the Sautee Nacoochee Valley. Join us on a journey back through the ages and enjoy this carefully researched work of historical fiction.



Bluegrass Band & Dinner

Tuesday, June 27, 6:00pm

Enjoy authentic bluegrass music, dinner, and interaction with your fellow Congregationalists in Lane Hall. Influenced by the music of Appalachia, bluegrass music has mixed roots in country music as well as Irish, Scottish and English traditional music.



Hampton Inn Hospitality Suite

Friday and Monday 8:30pm-10:00pm

Piedmont is pleased to welcome you to a hosted happy hour on Friday, June 23rd and Monday, June 26th from 8:30pm - 10:00pm. The hospitality suite will be located in the Cornelia Room on the third floor of the Hampton Inn.

WORKSHOPS (subject to change)

How to Sponsor a Mission will touch on itinerating visiting Missionaries and will include a panel discussion.

It Couldn't Happen Here - Or Could It? Once upon a time, the lack of peace and safety church leaders worried about mostly happened somewhere else. Now, the rise in deadly shootings and other crimes has disproportionately visited churches. Join us as the Growth Ministry Council helps you understand the need for a plan and the pieces to put in place for a safe church.

Write it Right and Write it Now! Ever read something and think, I could write like this! Here's your chance! NACCC annually publishes devotional booklets for the Advent and Lenten seasons. These short devotions are composed by lay people and pastors just like you. Join our writing workshop for information, ideas, and to write a devotion!

The Church and Law Enforcement Recent, negative events have created a tenuous relationship between law enforcement and the community. This workshop will present ways in which the church can become actively involved in developing a positive relationship between law enforcement and the community.

Small, Medium or Large. Thriving Congregational churches come in all sizes.

Three ministers from NACCC churches speak on successful programs in their churches.

- Rev. Sarah Gladstone, First Congregational Church, Saugatuck, MI, represents a small-size church.
- Rev. Les Wicker, First Congregational Church, Naples, FL, represents a medium-size church.
- Rev. Bill Trump, First Congregational Church Wauwatosa, WI, represents a large-size church.

What are young parents looking for in a church?

Karen Massey, a professional in Christian Education, helps answer this important question. Karen is the Associate Professor of Christian Education and Faith Development at the McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta. She teaches Faith Development, Worship, Church Administration, Christian Education, and Women's studies. Karen is a founding member and past president of the Christian Educators' Network, a professional ecumenical organization for ministers in the field of Christian education.

How to successfully resolve church conflict

David Brubacker, a nationally respected expert in church conflict resolution, discusses what can be done when a church is in conflict. David, a member of Congregational Consulting Group, was formerly with the Alban Institute. He wrote *Promise and Peril*, which presented discoveries from his dissertation research on congregational conflict. He has consulted with congregations for over 25 years and is a professor at Eastern Mennonite University.

Preaching with Imagination: Preaching that Keeps the Preacher's Soul Alive Rev. Brett Younger, Senior Minister, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, NY, conducts a workshop for ministers answering questions: How does a preacher keep offering a fresh and lively word? Can the preparation and delivery of sermons be a source of spiritual renewal week in and week out? Learn ways preachers can engage their own journey, the Scripture, the church, and the world. Brett previously served

eight years as a preaching professor at the McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Why you should consider becoming an Ambassador to NACCC churches

to NACCC churches Rev. Michael Chittum, Executive Director, NACCC, discusses plans for recruiting and training volunteer Ambassadors to visit neighboring NACCC churches, bringing greetings and assistance from the national organization. The goal is to contact and visit our 350+ churches. This means recruiting and training 70 Ambassadors to each contact and visit on average 5 churches.

Exploring the History of American Congregationalism

This workshop explains the main distinctives of the Congregational tradition, and how it changed and developed over time. It will also answer the question "Were there Congregationalists south of the Mason-Dixon line?"

Being a 'First Responder': How to Identify and Encourage Gifts for Ministry in the Local Church

Encourage Gifts for Ministry in the Local Church Pastors, lay leaders, and members of our churches can be “first responders” in recognizing the presence of gifts for ministry and fostering a sense of vocation in those who possess them. “First responders” work to connect those who are called with the education and support required to serve our churches. Learn to cultivate the instincts and skills needed to be a “first responder” from those who have been involved in receiving or confirming a call to ministry!

Learn about indexing your investment portfolio Indexing

seeks to give you the most of what the markets offer, without the additional manager risk associated with active management. Learn how Vanguard uses index investing in the Congregational Investment Trust (CIT), available to all NACCC member churches, and how indexing can play a key role in any portfolio. Eric Salzer, Senior Investment Consultant from Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services who manages the CIT portfolio with the CIT Oversight Committee, will lead the discussion, answer questions, and explain how index investing helps the CIT achieve its goals.

Extending Congregational and Individual Prayer Life

This workshop, led by members of the Congregational Society of Classical Retreat Guides, will introduce the Society's efforts to promote the devotional life within Congregational churches and among their members, and explain Quiet Days and Silent Retreats. Participants will have the opportunity to practice prayer that is typically part of Society offering.

How your congregation can better serve, and make a difference in its community

the social betterment of its surrounding community? What social gospel values guide its mission and outreach ministries? Who are you becoming as a congregation in service to your neighbors? This workshop will discuss the core biblical, human, and social values on which a vision for a dynamic social service ministry modeled on the compassion of Jesus may be built.

Reimagining Church For nearly three decades U.S. Mainline

Protestant churches have struggled to grow, numerically and spiritually. There are multiple reasons for the exodus of Boomers and Gen Xers, and the unwillingness of Millennials to join churches. This workshop focuses on two: 1) Folks exiting/not participating in churches value a missional focus, and 2) these same folks are community-centric. It suggests that a church perceived to be anything other than community-centric will experience a lessening of influence and participation in the coming years.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Housing Options

PIEDMONT COLLEGE:

1021 Central Ave., Demorest, Georgia 30531

Dorms will be available Wednesday, June 21 through Wednesday, June 28 and will cost \$60 per person for a total stay (1-8 nights) regardless of the number of nights. Some dorms will be accessible from the outside; some will have elevators. All dorm rooms have single beds. One person will occupy a dorm room with a twin bed, and two rooms will share a bathroom with a shower. Some dorms are ADA accessible. Some have common areas and all will have access to a laundry facility, a refrigerator, and microwave. All dorms are air conditioned. Your total stay will also include one set of bed linens and one set of towels. There will be no cleaning service during your stay. Guests will need to bring their own toiletries and personal items such as; shampoo, soap, and a hairdryer. Alarm clocks will be available upon request. Parking is available at the residence halls.

HAMPTON INN CORNELIA:

161 Market Corners Drive, Cornelia, GA 30531;
706.778.0040

A limited number of rooms have been reserved, so please book early, the cutoff date is June 7. If you would like to arrive before June 21; or stay after June 27, please call the hotel to check availability. Call 1-800-HILTONS for reservations and mention the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, NACCC or use reference code: CHXCCC to receive the group rate of \$95 per night [& 15% tax & a \$5 per night state fee for a total of \$114.25]. Your stay will include a hot breakfast, 6am-10am, Wi-Fi, business center, fitness room, outdoor pool and complimentary parking.

Piedmont College will host a reception, in a hospitality suite, at the Hampton Inn, on Friday and Monday evening.

If you are looking for a roommate to share the cost at the Hampton Inn, please make your hotel reservation and contact Carrie at the NACCC office via email cdahm@naccc.org or (800) 262-1620 ext. 1612; she will let you know if there is another individual looking for a roommate that you can contact and make arrangements with for your reservation and payment.

Attention NACCC Leadership Team:

Complete the Leadership Team registration form that was mailed to you and return by April 15.

Atlanta Airport Transportation

Piedmont College and the Hampton Inn Cornelia is located 90 miles from the Atlanta Airport. You may want to coordinate travel with church members in your area. If you are not driving and need transportation from/to the Atlanta Airport (ATL), complete the Atlanta Airport Transportation section of your Registration Form and return

before May 1. Please don't be late; we must secure transportation vehicles at that time! The cost each way from/to the Atlanta Airport is \$35; a round-trip is \$70.

We will do our best to accommodate everyone but may need to adjust the transportation times depending on when most attendees will arrive and depart from the Atlanta Airport. Look for NACCC signage and be sure to check in with the NACCC greeter near the baggage claim area when you arrive. We don't want to miss anyone.

Delta Airlines Discounts

Delta discounts to the Atlanta Airport (ATL) are available with extended travel dates of June 15, 2017 - July 4, 2017. Reservations and ticketing are available via www.delta.com/meeting. Select "Book A Trip" and enter NMPHD in the meeting code box. Reservations may also be made, with no ticketing fee, by calling Delta Meeting Reservations at (800) 328-1111; Monday thru Friday, 7:00am-7:00pm CDT.

Delegate and Alternate Certificates

Delegates and Alternates will not be certified without a signed credentials card on file with the Credentials Committee. Certification is required before a Delegate or Alternate can vote at the Annual Meeting & Conference.

Please pay special attention to the Alternate Cards which now have a priority voting number on each card.

According to the By Laws adopted in 2016, Art. 3, #5, the church must indicate an order of who can vote if the delegate is not in the room when a vote is taken. The NACCC office will keep these on record. Credentials cards will be mailed to the churches and need to be signed by an officer of the church. You may also print cards from our Website: www.naccc.org; click on the 2017 Annual Meeting graphic. Please forward completed cards to the NACCC office with your registration form prior to May 1 to help expedite the registration process.

Friday Evening Dinner in Downtown Clarkesville

For those that will arrive by 5:00pm on Friday, June 23, please mark your registration form to note that you will join fellow attendees for dinner in downtown Clarkesville. Piedmont College will provide shuttle service to leave at 5:30pm. If time does not allow for you to join the group for this offsite dinner, a Starbucks café is located on the campus. For those staying at the Hampton Inn, there are a few dining options near the hotel.



Piedmont College Commons

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

2017 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Additional registration forms and information can be found at www.nacccc.org. Online registration is not available.
Please print & use a separate form for each person. Keep a copy of this form for your records.

[Attention NACCC Leadership Team: Do not use this form, please complete the Leadership Team Registration Form and return by April 15.]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____ FIRST NAME ON BADGE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

Circle: Home / Office / Cell

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

DAY PHONE (_____) _____ NIGHT PHONE (_____) _____

(During the Annual Meeting & Conference)

CHURCH _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All persons attending functions/meals must pay registration fees. Delegates and Alternates - please mail your credentials card with your registration form. Check one:

Member of a NACCC Church: ☐ Official Delegate ☐ Official Alternate ☐ Attendee

Not a member of a NACCC Church: ☐ Observer

☐ This is my first Annual Meeting & Conference.

A First Time Attendees Orientation will be held Saturday, June 24 at 11:00am.

☐ First Time Attendees: Check here if you would like to be engaged at the conference and receive periodic Text messages while at Piedmont College regarding events and suggestions.

Please include your cell number: (_____) _____ --- _____

Register before May 1 for additional savings ***Registration fee, if received on or after May 1**

[Please mark each day you will attend. Refer to the Registration Brochure for a description of the Dinners.]

_____ \$95.00: **Saturday, June 24:** (registration includes Lunch & Dinner) _____ \$115.00*

Choose your Dinner: ☐ General Dinner at the local Museum, transportation provided.
☐ AMCO/ICF Dinner in the Atrium of the Swanson Center

_____ \$95.00: **Sunday, June 25:** (registration includes Lunch & Dinner) _____ \$115.00*

Choose your Dinner: ☐ General Dinner at the Dining Hall/Commons
☐ Missionaries Dinner in the Atrium of the Swanson Center

_____ \$95.00: **Monday, June 26:** (registration includes Lunch & Dinner) _____ \$115.00*

Choose your Dinner: ☐ General Dinner at the Dining Hall/Commons
☐ Editor's Round Table Dinner in the Atrium of the Swanson Center

_____ \$95.00: **Tuesday, June 27:** (registration includes Lunch & Dinner) _____ \$115.00*

\$ _____ Registration Subtotal

HOUSING OPTIONS:

HAMPTON INN CORNELIA



I am staying at the Hampton Inn and will make my own reservation. To reserve your room see the Registration Brochure. Breakfast will be included with each night's stay. Shuttles will be provided between the Hampton Inn and Piedmont College.

OR

DORM HOUSING AT PIEDMONT COLLEGE



Yes, I would like to stay in a dorm at Piedmont College. Total room nights: _____.

\$ _____ **Add \$60 to the Dorm Housing Subtotal below. This is the total cost per person, per stay**
(1 to 8 nights). Dorms are available Wed, June 21 through Wed. June 28.

Arrival Day: _____, Date: June _____ Check-out Day: _____, Date: June _____

Please note with whom you would like to share an adjoining dorm and "Housing" will do their best to accommodate. _____

If staying in a dorm, please note if you have special requests or needs including handicap accessibility. _____

ADDITIONAL MEALS:

Lunch & Dinner on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday will be included with each day's registration fee. Please mark your choice of additional meals before Saturday and if staying in a dorm, breakfast at Piedmont College.

Thursday, June 22

_____ [\$7.50].....Breakfast Stations in
the Dining Hall/Commons
_____ [\$7.50].....Lunch Stations in
the Dining Hall/Commons
_____ [\$15.00]....Dinner Stations in
the Dining Hall/Commons

Friday, June 23

_____ [\$7.50].....Breakfast Stations in
the Dining Hall/Commons
_____ [\$7.50]..... Lunch Stations in the
Dining Hall/Commons

☐ Check if you would like to join the group for Dinner at a local restaurant in downtown Clarkesville. Piedmont College will provide transportation. Everyone is on their own for Dinner. A Starbucks café is located on campus.

Saturday, June 24

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Dining Hall/Commons

Sunday, June 25

_____ [\$7.50].....Breakfast Stations in the
Dining Hall/Commons

Monday, June 26

_____ [\$7.50].....Breakfast Stations in the
Dining Hall/Commons

Tuesday, June 27

_____ [\$7.50].....Breakfast Stations in the
Dining Hall/Commons

\$ _____ **Dorm Housing & Additional Meals Subtotal**

Dietary Restrictions: ☐ Vegetarian; ☐ Vegan; ☐ Lactose Intolerant; ☐ Gluten Free

ATLANTA AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

The cost for one-way from/to the Atlanta Airport and Piedmont College is \$35; the round-trip cost is \$70. Everyone, including those staying at the Hampton Inn, will be dropped off at Piedmont College. Shuttle service to the Hampton Inn will be provided which is a 3 mile/5 minute ride.

- ☐ No, I do NOT need transportation from/to the Atlanta (ATL) Airport and Piedmont College.
- ☐ Yes, I will need transportation from/to the Atlanta (ATL) Airport and Piedmont College.
Complete the information below.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone [while traveling]: (____) _____

☐ Check here if you require a handicapped accessible vehicle and please explain:

Arrival at the Atlanta Airport:

Day _____ Date _____ Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Airline: _____ Flight Number: _____

Departure from the Atlanta Airport:

Day _____ Date _____ Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Airline: _____ Flight Number: _____

Shuttle times are noted below. We will do our best to accommodate (maintain these times) but may need to adjust the times depending on when most attendees will arrive and depart at the Atlanta Airport.

ARRIVAL: Transportation from the Atlanta Airport to Piedmont College; One Way=\$35:

Check one, all are Eastern Time:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, June 21: Noon ET | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 23: 3:00pm ET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, June 21: 4:30pm ET | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 23: 7:00pm ET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 23: Noon ET | |

DEPARTURE: Transportation from Piedmont College to the Atlanta Airport; One Way=\$35:

Please allow for a total of four (4) hours; two (2) hours for travel from Piedmont to the airport and two (2) hours at the airport.

Check one, all are Eastern Time:

- ☐ Wednesday, June 28: 6:00am ET
- ☐ Wednesday, June 28: 10:00am ET
- ☐ Wednesday, June 28: 2:00pm ET

\$ _____ **Atlanta Airport Transportation Subtotal** [One-Way=\$35; Round-Trip=\$70]

Arrivals at the Atlanta Airport:

1. Proceed to the baggage claim area to pick up your luggage.
2. Look for NACCC signage near the baggage claim area and check in with an NACCC greeter. We don't want to miss anyone.
3. To board the 'Daniels Charters' transportation vehicle, from the baggage claim area, proceed to the doorways at the west end, W 1 at the North Terminal or W 2 at the South Terminal. Pick up will be across from the South Terminal door W 2 which is very close to the North Terminal door.
4. In the event of an emergency or changes to your schedule, a contact name and phone number will be provided one week before the Annual Meeting & Conference to those requesting airport transportation in case they need to call regarding delays or flight changes. Please include your email and cell number in the airport transportation section of your registration form.
5. **It is important to complete your transportation information before Monday, May 1.** Daniels Charters' transportation vehicles will need to be secured at that time.

PAYMENT:

Registration Subtotal \$ _____

Dorm Housing & Additional Meals Subtotal \$ _____

Atlanta Airport Transportation Subtotal \$ _____

My contribution to the Youths' Scholarship Fund \$ _____

(This fund helps churches send youth delegates to their annual conference.)

My contribution to the Providence Fund \$ _____

(The Providence Fund supports the presence of small churches at NACCC Annual Meetings.)

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE: \$ _____

☐ A check is enclosed with this registration form made payable to NACCC

☐ Please charge my ____ VISA ____ MC

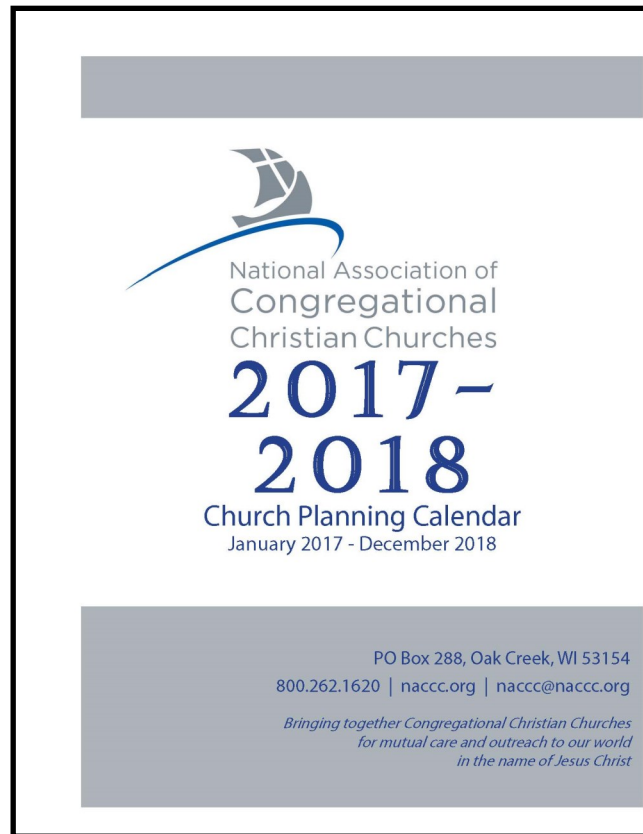
Name on Card: _____ 3 digit security code: ____ _

Billing Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount \$ _____

Please see the **Housing** section of the Registration Brochure for information regarding the Hampton Inn and the Piedmont College Dorms. **Please note the higher registration fee if received on/after May 1.** Registration cancellations will be charged \$20; with no refunds after June 1. Online registration is not available. Delegate & alternate cards were sent to your church and can be found at www.naccc.org; click on the 2017 Annual Meeting graphic. **Mail** this form with amount due and a signed credentials card, if applicable to: NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154. If you are paying by credit card, you may **Fax** (414) 764-0319 or **Email** cdahm@naccc.org your scanned form. For confidentiality, we do not recommend that you email your credit card information. Please call Carrie (800) 262-1620 ext.1612 or (414) 856-1612 to confirm your form was received and to verbally give her your credit card information.

2017 - 2018 NACCC Planning Calendar Order Form



Please send _____ Two Year (2017-18) Calendars
Price: \$10.00 per copy – Plus shipping & handling charges

(Please Print Clearly) Send Calendars to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Please send completed form to:

NACCC

PO Box 288

Oak Creek, WI 53154-0288

or

Email your request to: lmiller@naccc.org

Telephone: (800) 262-1620 ext. 1618

Fax: (414) 764-0319

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 Marie Steele at:
msteele@naccc.org or
(269) 749-7245

Recent Calls

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Plain Congregational Church

Bowling Green, Ohio
Rev. Martin Braemer

Community Congregational Church

Kewaunee, Wisconsin
Rev. Dr. John Wallace

Wachogue Congregational Church

Springfield, Massachusetts
Rev. Renzo Ventrice

Recent Ordinations

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First Congregational Church of Marshfield

Marshfield, Massachusetts
Rev. John A. Robie

Sandstone Congregational Church

Jackson, Michigan
Rev. Justin Nierer

Union Congregational Church

Oakville, Connecticut
Rev. Jacqueline Ramos

Providence Fund

The Providence Fund was established and initially funded by the 2004 Annual Meeting and Conference Host Committee to help churches offset the expenses of sending a delegate to the Annual Meeting and Conference.

About:

- The Providence Fund will provide a grant to cover registration fees for the Annual Meeting and Conference.
- The registration fees provided by the Providence Fund will be directly paid from the Fund to the NACCC.
- Any remaining awarded funds will be sent to the church for use towards travel expenses.
- Grants will be awarded up to \$500 per church.
- Grant Recipients must complete and submit a Grant Report - a brief questionnaire, within 30 days of the Annual Meeting and Conference for which the funds were received.

Requirements:

1. The Member Church must partner with the Providence Fund in sending a delegate.
2. The Member Church must not have been able to send a delegate to the Annual Meeting for 3 or more years, due to financial reasons.

How to Apply:

- Complete the Providence Fund Grant Application found at:
<http://www.naccc.org/providence-fund.html>.
- Submit applications to the NACCC no later than **May 5, 2017** via email, fax or mail.
- Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

Apply to: mohara@naccc.org | FAX: 414.764.0319
PO Box 288 - Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154



PROVIDENCE FUND

GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline: May 5, 2017

Church Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Person _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
Minister (if not the contact person) _____
Number of years the Church has been a member of the NACCC _____
Number of Church Members _____
Estimated Total Cost of Attendance _____ Amount Requested (*not to exceed \$500*) _____

Attach a brief description (*1 page maximum*) that includes the following:

- Last time the Church sent a delegate to the Annual Meeting and Conference (AM&C)
- Reason the Church requires assistance with AM&C costs.
- Number of individuals who plan to attend the upcoming AM&C from your Church.
- The specific day(s) of AM&C your delegate will attend.

I/We have read the Guidelines for the Providence Fund for grant support and agree to the terms and conditions outlined therein.

Signature of Contact

Print Name and Title

Date _____

Please send this page to:

Congregational Foundation
PO Box 288
Oak Creek, WI 53154
FAX: 414-764-0319
EMAIL: mohara@naccc.org