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Opportunities for Member Churches

Michael Chittum, Executive Director

I have just finished two stints of training through the Center for Parish Development (CPD). The first session in May was entitled “Building Capacities for Missional Renewal.” In June was the “Coaches Training For Missional Renewal.” I am now a certified coach for CPD and am ready to walk with a church or a cluster of churches through a process of renewal that will involve the entire congregation.

I am excited by this possibility for our member churches. The foundational work is based on prayer and Bible study leading a church to discern God’s direction for them. It is NOT a cookie cutter, one size fits all, do these 3 things approach. Rather, it helps a church look at who they are, at where they minister, and at what God is calling them to be and to do.

You will hear more from me about this, but I hope you begin to consider whether your church will want to begin this journey of renewal.

Maine Seacoast Mission

Julie Robie, Missions Administrator

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME — With the Sunbeam V out of the water for a routine major refit, the Mission had to find a way for the Sunbeam crew to travel among the islands. After researching, locating, and inspecting several boats, Sunbeam Engineer Storey King identified a 34-foot wooden Downeast Cruiser to serve as six-month transportation. On Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 12:30 pm, the Sunbeam crew, Mission staff, and others gathered while the three Isle au Haut students who helped choose the boat's name poured sparkling cider over the bow while Moonbeam Captain Storey King said, "I christen thee, Moonbeam."



Explore the Churches of the NACCC

Tracy Bernhardt, Development & Communications

This year, a Website Task Team was formed to explore the development of a new and improved website for the National Association of Congregational Churches (NACCC). One of the first steps was to create a [survey](#) and ask for input about the [current website](#). The team is still collecting survey responses, but one of the recurring themes on the surveys already received was the desire to have a better way to search for NACCC member churches. We will definitely incorporate this into plans for a new website, but in the meantime we are excited to offer an [interactive map of all NACCC churches on our current website](#). We hope you will enjoy exploring the map and discovering churches near you and around the country.



Member Church News

The Siegmann Family Band performed a Bluegrass & Gospel concert at [First Congregational Church of Mukwonago, WI](#) on May 29th. The church received a [John Richard Memorial Endowment Grant](#) for this event.

[Gilmanton Community Church of Gilmanton, NH](#) is inviting furry friends to church on June 16th for a [Blessing of the Animals](#).

An exhibit of quilts about civil and human rights topics is on display at [Plymouth Church in Minneapolis, MN](#)



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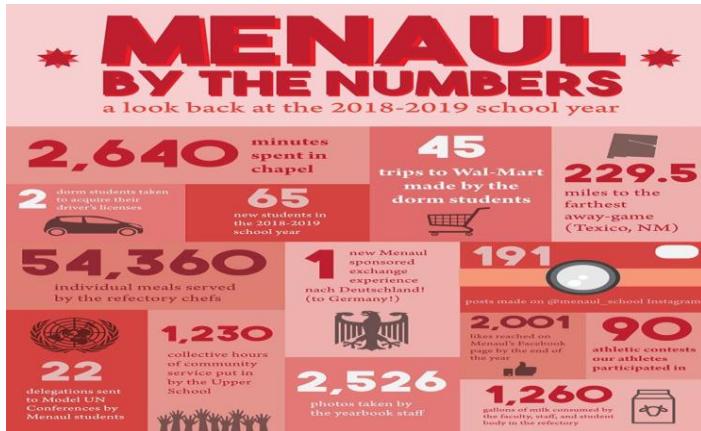
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By Julie Robie

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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