

# NACCC E-NEWS

## THE MESSENGER



June 15, 2026

### **GATHER, CONNECT, LEAD** REV. DR. GERRY KRUPP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The [NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference](#) encompasses foundational and important elements that contribute to our culture as an association. We enjoy fellowship, elect leaders, review mission, ratify actions by our Board of Directors and Leadership Council, find inspiration, participate in mission activities, welcome new churches, celebrate milestones, meet mission partners, and so much more!

Every year, there are first-time attendees. We welcome you! Whether you're a long-time Annual Meeting participant or relatively new, please use the Annual Meeting as an opportunity to explore ways of getting involved in the NACCC. Each year, we need 70 or more volunteers to assist us in the work we do on committees, task teams, boards, and councils. Speak to one of our staff members if you're interested in connecting with one of the many facets of the NACCC. Our work is incredibly collaborative! Much of our work is internal, but we are looking for new ways to reach out beyond ourselves to promote and expand our Association. The message of Faith, Freedom, and Fellowship is very welcome in today's broader culture. We need YOUR energy, vision, and strength to help propel us forward toward a new generation of Congregationalists.

### **MOMC AT THE AMC** JULIE ROBIE, MISSIONS COORDINATOR

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is excited to welcome Annual Meeting and Conference attendees to join in on a variety of opportunities to deepen their relationships with NACCC mission partners and affiliates while in Springfield this summer.

We hope you'll join us for a games and dessert reception, visit mission partner display tables in the hallways, attend mission partner presentations at the beginning of business sessions, participate in the Intergenerational Mission Project with Seafarer's Friend, and take advantage of workshops led by A Christian Ministry in the National Parks and Convoy of Hope.

Together, we'll join in support of MOMC's mission to nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian churches and to support ministries of the local church in its community and to the world, all in the name of Christ.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **AMC MEAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APPROACHING**

Planning to join us for meals during the [Annual Meeting and Conference](#)? Be sure to register by June 18, as meal registration will close after that date. We look forward to sharing fellowship around the table with you!

## SHARING VITALITY IN ACTION

We're excited to highlight the meaningful, community-centered work North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point, Wisconsin, has brought to life through its Sharing Vitality Grant from the NACCC's Vitality Ministry Council.

Through their "Power Up Parenting Speaker Series," North Shore Congregational Church created opportunities for parents, caregivers, and children to engage with trusted experts on topics including technology and screen use, friendship and emotional development, and teen anxiety and mental health.

With intentional outreach to local schools and libraries, strong community promotion, and the support of dedicated church volunteers, the series provided practical guidance, encouragement, and connection for families navigating everyday challenges.

We look forward to seeing how this ministry continues to flourish, inspire, and spark new ideas across the NACCC.

## CALL FOR ARTICLES

*The Congregationalist* is now accepting submissions for our September issue, centered on the theme of covenant. Topics might include God's covenant with humanity; the evolution of church covenants, both traditional and modern; social contracts such as marriage or ethical commitments within faith communities; and even broader frameworks like constitutional or civic agreements. We also welcome reflections on trust, accountability, faithfulness, and how covenants shape relationships and responsibilities in today's world.

If you have a perspective to share, we would love to hear it! Contributions can be emailed to Editor [Maggie Helmick](#).

## ANNUAL MEETING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Will you be attending this year's Annual Meeting and Conference in person in Springfield, MA? We're looking for service-oriented volunteers to man the reception table and serve as marshals from Friday, June 26, to Tuesday, June 30. If you're interested in volunteering, fill out [the interest form](#) with your contact information and availability!

## FORMED BY FAITH AND WORDS

As part of our story series celebrating the lasting impact of *The Congregationalist*, we're honored to share our third feature: "Formed by Faith and Words: My Life with *The Congregationalist*" by Rev. Richard Miller-Todd.

In this personal reflection, Richard shares how growing up in Springfield, Massachusetts, shaped a lifelong understanding of faith, community, and Congregational identity. Through memories of his father's ministry, youth fellowship, civil rights engagement, and the enduring influence of *The Congregationalist*, he reflects on how Congregational churches helped form generations through shared faith, thoughtful dialogue, and meaningful connection.

From church newsletters and mission projects to NAPF gatherings and service during the Vietnam War, this story beautifully captures the power of Congregationalism to bring people together across differences while nurturing a strong sense of belonging and purpose.

To read this inspiring look at Congregational history and influence, visit the [campaign's webpage](#), scroll down to "Real Stories of Impact," and choose "Personal Transformation."

More stories are still to come as we celebrate the enduring impact of this historic ministry.