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2026 BOSTON SEMINAR

REV. DR. GERRY KRUPP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2026 Boston Seminar recently came to a close. The Boston Seminar is an immersive experience that includes our Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies fellows, Lay Ministry Training Program graduates, and ministers of our member churches who are newer to the NACCC. We had 11 participants this year, including three faculty and staff members. The Boston Seminar allows our participants to bond with other Congregationalists, learn about our history and traditions, and enjoy some excellent food and beverages. It is a great time every year. We are so grateful for this year's faculty. Norm Erlandson was our historian, and Don Bliss taught the Congregational Way. As always, the team from the Congregational Library & Archives was stellar, beginning with the friendship and hospitality of Kyle Roberts, Executive Director.

Our Boston Seminar participants also journeyed down to Plimoth Patuxet Museums, where we were privileged to spend time with our wonderful host, Richard Pickering, Deputy Executive Director and Senior Historian. We are so grateful for all the instructors, staff, and leaders who participate in this crown jewel of the NACCC.

CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

JULIE ROBIE, MISSIONS COORDINATOR

Sometimes, changing the world begins with changing the world for one child. Every child at Happy Life Mission carries a unique story, and every story reflects the power of love, consistency, faith, and community.

As of July 2026, Happy Life Mission has rescued 1,080 children, 480 of which have been adopted to forever families, and 313 reintegrated with their families and relatives. These are not mere numbers but lives God has given a second chance.

We ask that you join Happy Life Mission in praising God for baby Mwamba's healing (a pre-term baby who is now thriving) and in praying for the healing of baby Tyrone (who has been receiving treatment for several weeks).

2026 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

The [NACCC's 2026 Fiscal Year Annual Report](#) is now available! Hear from our leaders about all that the past year has entailed, explore meaningful statistics, and learn about the collective impact of our shared ministry. Because of your prayers, generosity, and partnership, Congregational churches and the communities they serve continue to grow stronger. We invite you to read through the report, celebrate what we've accomplished together, and see how your support is making a lasting difference. Thank you for being an important part of this ministry - we couldn't do it without you!

SHARING VITALITY GRANTS

Does your church have an idea that could bring new energy, strengthen your ministry, or help your congregation thrive?

The NACCC's Sharing Vitality Grants are designed to help churches turn those ideas into action!

In 2027, our Vitality Ministry Council is looking to award up to ten grants of \$2,500 each to support new or expanding ministries, creative initiatives, and projects that foster vitality and strengthen the life of the local church.

Don't miss this opportunity! Applications are due November 1, 2026.

A LASTING LEGACY

Did you know that if each subscriber to *The Congregationalist* donated just \$13 per year, it would fully cover the annual costs involved in producing the magazine?

As a subscription-free magazine, *The Congregationalist* is made possible through the generosity of donors. Through *The Congregationalist* Campaign, we're working to strengthen the magazine's endowment so this historic publication remains fiscally sustainable and continues serving Congregational churches for generations to come.

Whether you can give \$13, \$25, or more, every gift makes a meaningful difference.

SEEKING SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submissions to December's wonder-themed edition of *The Congregationalist* is Oct. 1, 2026. Contributions can be emailed to mhelmick@nacc.org.

CONGREGATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Are you a current seminary student or looking to start seminary soon? Or do you know of seminary students who could benefit from Congregational-specific support and education? Our Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies was created for exactly that purpose - supporting seminarians in their educational journey toward leadership in NACCC churches and ministries.

The CFTS program is intended to supplement seminary education by offering an opportunity for students at any seminary school to engage in Congregational studies and experiences. Additionally, the CFTS program can provide financial assistance to seminary students through fellowship awards, scholarships, and postgraduate grants.

Interested in learning more about the CFTS program? Reach out to NACCC Executive Director Gerry Krupp (gkrupp@nacc.org) for more information or visit the [CFTS page](#) on the NACCC site.

2026 AMC RECORDINGS

Recordings of the [2026 Annual Meeting & Conference](#) Business and Plenary Sessions are now available on the NACCC website!

Whether you joined us in person, tuned in virtually, or weren't able to attend this year, you can now catch up on the important conversations, inspiring presentations, and key moments from the conference at your convenience.

We hope you'll take some time to watch, revisit your favorite sessions, and continue engaging with the ideas and discussions that help shape our shared ministry and community.