



# **70TH ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE**

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

Saturday, June 22–Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Spokane, Washington

*Hosted by the Pacific Northwest Association*



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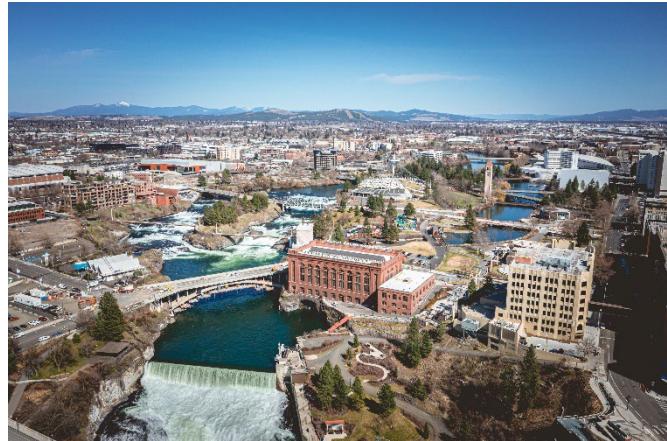
# Join Us at the 2024 Annual Meeting & Conference in Spokane!

Hosted by the Pacific Northwest Association, our 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference will be a hybrid event with in-person and virtual attendance options.

To register for our in-person meeting go to the Annual Meeting & Conference web page:

[www.nacc.org/events/2024-annual-meeting-conference/](https://www.nacc.org/events/2024-annual-meeting-conference/)

To register for VIRTUAL Annual Meeting please visit: <https://www.nacc.org/events/2024-virtual-annual-meeting-conference/>



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hotel Information

We are meeting from June 2024 for our Annual Meeting & Conference at **THE CENTENNIAL HOTEL in Spokane, Washington**. All guest rooms include a coffee maker / tea service, a microwave, and a refrigerator. A Lobby Espresso Bar is open from 6am-11am daily. The Centennial Restaurant offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Centennial offers a fitness center, a heated outdoor pool, complimentary Wi-Fi in the meeting space and guest rooms. The hotel is located just off the Centennial Trail and Spokane River, a quick walk from Riverfront Park.

### Hotel Reservations

The NACCC's group rate is \$129 plus tax. Reservations must be received by **May 10**. The discounted group rates will be extended three (3) days before and after the conference, based on availability.

To make your reservation online, visit this link:  
**NACCC 2024 AMC HOTEL RESERVATION.**  
When calling, dial **(509) 598-4554**, mention the group name **National Association of Congregational Christian Churches**.

### Delegate and Alternate Credentials

Delegates and Alternates must be certified with a signed Credentials card on file with the NACCC office. Certification is required before a Delegate or Alternate can vote at the Annual Meeting & Conference. Please pay special attention to the Alternate cards which have a priority voting number on each card. According to the Bylaws, the church must indicate an order of who can vote if the Delegate is not in the room when a vote is taken.

All Credentials cards need to be signed by an officer of the church. The Delegate and Alternate Credentials cards are being emailed to the churches with the Registration Brochure. If you would like to receive printed materials, please contact our office at [amccall@nacc.org](mailto:amccall@nacc.org). You may also print these cards and other materials from the Annual Meeting page on the NACCC's Website: <https://www.nacc.org/events/2024-annual-meeting-conference/>

Please scan/email completed Delegate & Alternate Credentials to [amccall@nacc.org](mailto:amccall@nacc.org) as soon as you register, or mail to our NACCC office and confirm that your church's Credentials card(s) has/have been received. Your help to expedite this registration process is appreciated.

## PLENARY SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

Saturday, June 22

8:30 AM

### EVERY SEASON IS A TIME FOR RACIAL JUSTICE: SHARING WHAT WE ARE DOING TO REFLECT THE HOLISTIC NATURE OF GOD'S FAMILY?

Amana Talala Mbise

8:30 AM

### THE MISSION ADVENTURE KIT

Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC)

9:45 AM

### GETTING STARTED IN GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker/Washington Gladden Society

3:00 PM

### IT'S A NEW SEASON, IT'S A NEW DAY!

Stephy Nobles-Beans

4:15 PM & 7:30 PM

### WHERE ARE WE AND WHAT HAPPENED?

Sessions 1 and 2

Alan Roxburgh

Sunday, June 23

1:30 PM

### WHERE ARE WE AND WHAT HAPPENED?

Session 3

Alan Roxburgh

2:45 PM

### FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH

Carol Seppilu/Native American Speaker

Monday, June 24

11:00 AM & 3:30 PM

### WHAT DO WE LEARN ON THE ROAD?

Using the Emmaus narrative as a model for shared ministry, shared leadership, and shared story.

Ned Parker/Andover Newton

11:00 AM & 3:30 PM

### BEING A CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR IN A MULTI-FAITH WORLD

Beth McCaw/Sam Felderman/Dubuque University

## OUR SPEAKERS

**Alan Roxburgh** lives in an extended household in Vancouver, Canada with his wife and two poodles. He's an avid hiker, cyclist and cook when not reading books. Alan has served as pastor, seminary professor and consultant on leadership and missional transformation to church systems around the world. He has written 14 books on themes of missional life, leadership, and culture change within the church. He grew up in the inner city of Liverpool, immigrated to Canada as a teenager. As a young pastor he saw that church growth was mostly a "circulation of the saints" as his own generation no longer saw the church as a meaningful response to the unravelling of Western societies. As a teacher, writer, and consultant he sought to address the question of being the church in a massive unravelling. Those experiences convinced him that the Spirit is fermenting a movement of God's people than can no longer be contained in narratives of renewal, reform, or the fixing existing systems. Alan has worked with congregations and denominational systems around the world. He is co-leader of the podcast *Leaving Egypt*. Currently, he is co-directing a major research project on the question of Christian life and economics in an age of unraveling.

**Stephy Nobles-Beans** is an Educator, Professor, Assistant Pastor, Campus Pastor, Speaker, Associate Chaplain for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Campus Ministries at Whitworth University. Her passion is leadership and to help women step into their calling of leadership and vocation, and to help build the Kingdom of God. As a self-published author, producer, poet, Steph loves the spoken word and has written 5 books, with her newest authored work, "Born To Be A Boss, Brown Skin Girls Lead Too," a resourceful tool designed to help women of color to create their own narrative. She is always ready to encourage, empower, and equip women for leadership, especially women of color. She has been called "Daughter of Thunder."

**The Rev. Dr. Ned Allyn Parker** is the Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement for Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. He is also an ordained minister with the American Baptist Churches and served churches in Newton, MA, and Seattle, WA. He regularly leads workshops on the intersection of storytelling and leadership for churches and organizations. Ned and his dog Lucky are currently training JR, the new puppy of the household, to be an upstanding member of the canine community.

Title: "What do we learn on the road? Using the Emmaus narrative as a model for shared ministry, shared leadership, and shared story."

**Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw**, DMin, serves as associate professor of ministry at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, as dean of the seminary and vice president of the university. McCaw began her faithful service to UDTs nearly 20 years

ago. She also serves on the Wendt Character Initiative's Advisory Board. Recently, she was a major author on a proposal that received \$1.25 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish Plentiful Gifts: Nourishing Members for the Flourishing of Small Member Congregations. The NACCC is an inaugural partner in the grant.

**Samuel J. Felderman**, Director of Seminary Admissions at University of Dubuque, earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies at University of Dubuque.

**Carol Seppilu** was born and raised on St Lawrence Island. As a Siberian Yupik, she lives in Nome, Alaska. Her love for nature is evident in how she spends much of her time outdoors. She shares her story with the hope of inspiring others.

**Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker (Washington Gladden)** currently serves as the Director of Contextual Education and Visiting Professor of Community Engagement at Eden Theological Seminary. She is the Founding Faculty Director of The Center of Lived Faith & Organizing. She has matriculated through post-secondary, where she earned the following: Bachelor of Science from Howard University, Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary and Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology.

**Amana Talala Mbise** - Since joining the First Congregational Church of Anchorage in 2019, Amana has been an active member serving as chair of the worship ministry, a board member of the Dancing Owls Learning Center (a proposed after school program to serve the children of the University of Alaska Anchorage students) and playing in the handbells choir. He is also a member of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council and served on the NACCC Racial Justice Task Team. Outside FCC, Amana works as an Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He brings over ten years of experience in social work, global health, and community development in Tanzania, Denmark, and the US. His research interests center around immigration, human trafficking, and rights-based approaches to social work. Currently, he is leading the first health needs assessment for Black-Identifying Alaskans in collaboration with the Alaska Black Caucus.

**Rev. Richard Miller-Todd, Congregational Church, Berwick, Iowa** - Rich's involvement with missions began as a child when his dad led the Piedmont College summer camp and worked with their thrift shop. Upon graduating from seminary, he was a student leader for the Odyssey 80' Program (South Church, Hartford), a mission tour to several countries. With International Congregational Fellowship, he traveled to conferences in Greece, Great Britain, South Korea, Brazil, Argentina, and the United States. Rev. Miller-Todd has visited and worked at NA missions abroad and at Hosanna Industries and Morgan Scott in the US. Missionary efforts are a part of who Rich is. He sees that missions have given life to their church.

## AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

### Saturday, June 22

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| 8:30 am  | Racial Justice Workshop  |
| 8:30 am  | Mission Partner Workshop   |
| 9:45 am  | Getting Started in Grassroots Organizing in Your Community, Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker, Washington Gladden Society |
| 11:00 am | First-Time Attendees' Welcome  |
| 1:00 pm  | Welcome and Opening Business Session   |
| 3:00 pm  | Stephy Nobles-Beans  |
| 4:15 pm  | Alan Roxburgh / Session 1  |
| 5:45 pm  | Dinner on your own   |
| 7:30 pm  | Alan Roxburgh/ Session 2   |
| 9:00 pm  | Vespers  |

### Sunday, June 23

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| 10:00 am | Worship Service                          |
| 1:30 pm  | Youth Mission Activity                   |
| 2:45 pm  | Carol Seppilu/Native American Speaker    |
| 4:00 pm  | Alan Roxburgh / Session 3                |
| 5:30 pm  | AMCO/ICF Dinner                          |
| 6:30 pm  | Dessert Reception with Mission Partners  |
| 7:30 pm  | Informal conversation with Carol Seppilu |
| 7:30 pm  | Music and Mission Partners               |
| 9:00 pm  | Healing Service                          |

### Monday, June 24

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| 6:30 am  | Morning Devotions             |
| 7:15 am  | Dubuque Breakfast Gathering   |
| 9:00 am  | Business Session II           |
| 10:00 am | Mission Partner Presentations |
| 11:00 am | Dubuque Workshop              |
| 11:00 am | Andover Newton Workshop       |
| 11:00am  | Walking Tour Option           |
| 1:30 pm  | Mission Partner Presentations |
| 3:30 pm  | Dubuque Workshop              |
| 3:30 pm  | Andover Newton Workshop       |
| 3:30 pm  | Walking Tour Option           |
| 5:00 pm  | Picnic at the park            |
| 8:00 pm  | Karaoke                       |

### Tuesday, June 25

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| 6:30 am  | Morning Devotions                         |
| 7:00 am  | State & Regional Moderators' Meeting      |
| 7:45 am  | Congregational Retreat Society breakfast  |
| 9:00 am  | Final Business Session                    |
| 12:00 pm | Adjourn until 2025 in St. Louis, Missouri |

# GATHERINGS/ENTERTAINMENT

**Friday, June 21**

**8:00-10:00 PM**

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**WELCOME RECEPTION**

hosted by the Host Committee

**Saturday, June 22**

**11:00 AM**

**FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES' WELCOME**

If you are a first-time attendee of the NACCC's Annual Meeting and Conference, we would love to meet with you Saturday morning! Moderator Art Ritter, Vice Moderator Jodee Lord, and Executive Director Ashley Cleere will share what is happening in the NACCC, how our structure works, and what opportunities you can take advantage of at this year's AMC. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Sunday, June 23**

**7:15 AM**

**BREAKFAST GATHERING**

Sponsored by Congregational Library & Archives

**11:00 AM**

**COMMUNION WORSHIP**

**5:30 PM**

**DINNER GATHERING**

American Committee for the International Congregational Fellowship (AMCO/ICF)

**6:30 PM**

**DESSERT RECEPTION WITH MISSION PARTNERS**

**7:30 PM**

**MUSIC WITH MISSION PARTNERS**

**7:30 PM**

**INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH CAROL SEPPILU**

**Monday, June 24**

**11:00 AM & 3:30 PM**

**WALKING TOUR OPTION**

**5:00 PM**

**PICNIC AT THE PARK**

**8:00 PM**

**KARAOKE NIGHT AT THE HOTEL**

## **TAKING YOU OUT TO A BALL GAME**

If you happen to fly into town by Thursday afternoon, plan on going to see the Spokane Indians play baseball! The Thursday game is at 6:35 pm. We have reserved a section for whoever is up for this fun event. A [registration link](#) to the game, including food options, will be **available six weeks before the event**. Please reserve your seats at least **48 hours** before the game. Transportation to and from the game will be provided.

## **WALKING TOUR RIVERFRONT PARK**

Want to stretch your legs, discover Spokane's scenic Riverfront Park? If you are looking to get out and take in the scenery, join Peggy Jones (Claudia Kniefel's sister!) for an informative and enjoyable stroll through the park adjacent to the Centennial Hotel. There will be scheduled times throughout the event OR you may pick up a map and head out whenever you're ready to go.

## **YOU'RE INVITED: BREAKFAST GATHERING**

### **Congregational Library & Archives**

Kyle Roberts and Heather Kurtz invite you to a breakfast on Sunday morning – a chance to mingle and learn more about what the Congregational Library & Archives is all about! RSVP on our Registration page. Space is limited to 40, so please register early!

## **PICNIC AT THE PARK**

Take a stroll over to Riverfront Park on Monday evening and mingle with fellow Congregationalists! You can purchase food from a couple of Food Trucks that will be parked nearby. Transportation from the hotel will be available.

## **IT'S KARAOKE NIGHT AT THE HOTEL**

You have read that right! We are doing it! Warm up your vocal chords and get ready to sing the night away! We have very talented individuals in the NACCC. The Pacific Northwest Churches are hosting a Karaoke Party on Monday night, and all are welcome! We'll have a huge selection of songs to choose from. And if you just want to come listen, an appreciative audience is always welcome!

## 2024 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE IN-PERSON REGISTRATION FORM

We encourage you to complete the **EVENT REGISTRATION** online at <https://www.nacc.org/events/2024-annual-meeting-conference>.  
**Complete a separate registration for each person. ALL registrations must be completed/postmarked by May 10**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME ON BADGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Home / Business / Cell

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All persons attending functions/meal events must be registered and wear a badge. Delegates and Alternates - please mail/submit your credentials card with your registration form. If you register online, you may scan/email your Delegate or Alternate Card to [amccall@nacc.org](mailto:amccall@nacc.org) and **confirm that your Credentials Card has been received**.

Check one:

Delegate/one Delegate per Church  Alternate  Attendee/Member of an NACCC Church  Observer/not a member of an NACCC Church

Check here if you require special accessibility or accommodations. Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 22 – Registration  \$125.00

Sunday, June 23 – Registration  \$125.00

Monday, June 24 – Registration  \$125.00

Tuesday, June 25 – Registration  \$125.00 Number of days attending: # \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRATION TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### MEAL EVENTS

The following meals are available for an additional cost. Please mark your daily selected meal choices and include in your total payment.

#### BREAKFAST

FREE Sunday, June 23  
 Breakfast Gathering  
 Congregational Library  
and Archives (Limited to 40 guests)  
 \$35.00 Tuesday, June 25  
 Breakfast Meeting Congregational  
Retreat Society

#### LUNCH

\$35.00 Saturday, June 22  
 \$35.00 Sunday, June 23  
 \$35.00 Monday, June 24

#### DINNER

\$55.00 Sunday, June 23 – Dinner  
Gathering American for the  
International Congregational  
Fellowship (AMCO/ICF)

Number of Meals: # \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ + MEALS TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL PAYMENT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions:  Vegetarian  Vegan  Lactose Intolerant  Gluten Free  Other/allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

This form registers you for the days and meals paid. See **THE CENTENNIAL in Spokane, Washington** section of the Registration Brochure to book your hotel room. Email questions and request printed forms to: [amccall@nacc.org](mailto:amccall@nacc.org) or call (414) 856-1620. Registration cancellations will be charged \$75 and there will be no refund for the meals purchased. Please go to <https://www.nacc.org/events/2024-annual-meeting-conference/> to register online and to print Delegate & Alternate cards. If paying by check, make checks payable to the NACCC and mail with this form with a signed credentials card, if applicable, to **NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154**. Keep a copy of this registration form for your reference.