

# NACCC E-NEWS

## THE MESSENGER



April 15, 2026

### REGISTER FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE!

REV. DR. GERRY KRUPP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April opened our registration portal for the [2026 Annual Meeting and Conference](#). Our theme is "Hope and A Future." I want to add my personal invitation to all member churches of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches to consider attending this year's meeting. We are returning to our New England roots. The New England host committee is like every other host committee in that they want to assemble the best meeting possible and roll out the red carpet for all Congregationalists. Come to Springfield and experience the business and the reunion! There is something for everyone at this year's gathering: plenary sessions and workshops on topics like developing local mission programs, reaching young people, and experiencing church revitalization, and spiritual nourishment through worship, inspiration, and service.

Business will be conducted. We have over 57 different people serving on boards, councils, committees, task teams, and working groups. Each year, the conference elects additional leaders to our regular leadership groups. We will approve budgets, ratify decisions, celebrate milestones, and fellowship intergenerationally. Hopefully, we will enjoy some moments of laughter and tears together as we reconnect with our loved ones across the association. The Annual Meeting and Conference is always dynamic, energetic, and life-giving. I look forward to seeing you in Springfield.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – NEBRASKA WILDFIRES

JULIE ROBIE, MISSIONS COORDINATOR

Over the past several weeks, Nebraska has suffered the most devastating wildfires in the state's history, with more than 827,000 acres having burned across the state, causing widespread damage to homes, livelihoods, and entire communities. Recovery will take years, as land, crops, and critical infrastructure must be restored to support daily life and livestock once again.

In response, we are gratefully receiving donations to support relief efforts through our One Great Hour of Sharing crisis relief fund to provide immediate aid and long-term recovery support in impacted areas.

[Donations can be made online](#), and we ask that you please designate your gift to: 2026 Nebraska Wildfire Relief. Contributions by check are also welcome.

### INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION PROJECT 2026

We need your help to make the 2026 NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference Intergenerational Mission Project a success! This year, we will be filling hundreds of ditty bags for Seafarer's Friend. Learn more about the work of Seafarer's Friend, what this mission project will entail, and how you can help on our [website](#).

## GUIDE FOR MEMBER RESOURCES

Have you explored our [Guide for Member Resources](#)? This guide was designed to help you easily access and navigate the resources available through the NACCC. Whether you're looking for details about our purpose and structure, financial support opportunities, education and training programs, or ways to stay connected, here you can find it all in one convenient place. Use it as your go-to reference anytime you need information on how we support our member churches!

## QUIET DAY RETREAT

The Congregational Retreat Society invites you to participate in a [transformative retreat](#) focused on reflection and renewal through periods of quiet and silence following this year's Annual Meeting and Conference.

This retreat will take place on July 1, 2026, at the Florence Congregational Church in Florence, Massachusetts.

## EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY AWARDS

Last call for nominations for the 2026 [Excellence in Ministry Awards](#)! This set of three awards honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to ministry and exemplify dedication to faith, freedom, and fellowship.

## JOIN US FOR SHARING SUNDAY!

We invite you to join us for [Sharing Sunday](#) on April 19 - an easy yet meaningful way to uplift and support The Congregationalist Campaign and the important role The Congregationalist magazine plays in our shared ministry.

As part of your worship service, you might consider including a prayer for the campaign's success and the continued future of the magazine, offering a brief reflection on how the magazine informs, inspires, and connects our churches, and making campaign flyers available for your congregation to take and review.

Even a brief acknowledgment can make a lasting impact, strengthening this collective ministry and reminding us of the deep connections we share as Congregational churches.

## MISSION PARTNER UPDATE: CHILDVOICE

[Check out an update](#) from our newest Global Mission Partner, ChildVoice, which is continuing to share God's hope and restoration with children and communities impacted by war.

We are grateful for God's protection over a staff member in Nigeria who recently walked away unharmed from a serious accident - a meaningful reminder of His presence in difficult moments. We're also encouraged by new partnerships that are opening doors to expand ChildVoice's impact and reach more children in need.

As conflicts around the world continue to affect vulnerable young lives, we invite you to join us in prayer for protection, healing, and hope for these children, for strength and safety for ChildVoice staff, and for peace in regions facing ongoing violence.

