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Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director



Like many NACCC churches, the congregations I served renewed their covenant whenever people joined. Before saying those words of promise, we acknowledged that a covenant, defined by those who share in that binding commitment, changes based on who participates.

While the congregations comprising the NACCC are not formally united by a covenant, a sense of togetherness shapes our identity. We open each annual meeting and conference with a vote by the delegates and a service of installation for congregations that the Leadership Council approved for membership during the preceding year. Likewise, member churches call pastors and receive members from traditions beyond the NACCC to their pulpits.

The 27,300 souls who comprise the National Association do not remain constant. In the spirit of the Congregational Way, individuals and churches who enter our midst transform who we are. Through word and deed, we extend welcome!

Spring Ministers' Convocation

Rev. Dr. Gerry Brannon Krupp, Director of Programs



NACCC clergy are invited to the delightful space called University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois for our Spring Ministers' Convocation, April 8-11, 2024!

Featuring guest speaker, Dr. John Mabry, writer, singer/songwriter, pastor and so much more.

Theme: Growing into God! Cost: \$150.00 per person with budget support from the Vitality Ministry Council. Plus: Travel reimbursement up to \$250.00 (see registration form). Pastors of NACCC churches and retired ministers are invited to a season of personal reflection, fellowship, and spiritual revitalization. Please make plans to join your co-laborers in God's work. Fly to O'Hare, drive, or take a train to Mundelein, IL. Details about shuttle/ridesharing will be forthcoming. Check-in is Monday, April 8 beginning at 3:00 pm CT. Check-out is Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 am CT. [Visit our website](#) for more information and to register.

Building Strengthening Relationships

Rev. Dr. Charles Nyane, President



Plans are under way to organize a retreat, workshop and seminar for Pastors and presiding elders of all the churches for a three-day gathering during the first quarter of 2024. The Mission Board is also planning a Pastors and wives' retreat. The idea is to bring them to a hotel for two nights to enable them to relax and refresh for ministry. During this program, a seasoned marriage counselor will be brought in to speak.

In 2023 private school games, Word Alive Christian Academy Junior High School (JHS) boys maintained their 1st position in the field of soccer and the girls came in 3rd. In

volleyball, both boys and girls had the 3rd position. In the Primary school games, our school secured the 3rd position in both boys and girls. Together, we are touching people through the academics and sports. We are grateful for the MOMC, member churches, and individuals for standing with us over the years. With your help, we spread the gospel and do projects that have positive influence in the lives of the people in Ghana. May Elohim bless you all.

Event Calendar

Webinars

Thursday, February 29, 2024, 2pm-3pm – Youth Ministry Network; "How to connect our children and student ministries within the Association."

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 2pm-3pm - Strong Church Cohort; NACCC Lead or Executive Ministers from strong (larger) churches exchange ideas and talk about ministry, leadership, stewardship, staffing, and volunteers.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 2pm-3pm - Interim Ministry Network joins with the NACCC to talk about navigating the crisis of change.

There is NO COST to attend these webinars. [Visit our website to register.](#) These webinars are organized by the NACCC Director of Programs, [Rev. Gerry Brannon Krupp](#).

April 8 - 11, 2024

Spring Ministers' Convocation, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL. Register by March 15 on our [website](#).

June 22 - 25, 2024

Mark your calendar! The **70th Annual Meeting & Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches** takes place in Spokane, Washington from **June 22-25, 2024**, hosted by the Pacific Northwest Association.

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