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## January 2023



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### The 2022 Summary by Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director

Some YRDs requested a [year-end summary](#) to include in their church's annual report. We are providing the attached document for you to distribute in whatever ways suit your congregation.

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### Congregational Investment Trust (CIT) Annual Meeting Friday, February 10, 2023 at 2:00 PM CST

We welcome both our existing churches who are already taking advantage of this service as well as all member churches who are interested in learning more about how their church could benefit from this opportunity. <https://www.nacc.org/events/2023-congregational-investment-trust-annual-meeting/>

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## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

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*California Relief Efforts*

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In 2022, we introduced people, practices, and possibilities into the life of the National Association and our member churches.

The Executive Director convened a Planning and Action Committee comprised of representatives of boards and councils. This team delivered objectives to cultivate continuity and cohesiveness among myriad organizational initiatives.

Supporting those who occupy pastoral leadership positions: The inaugural cohort of the Lay Ministry Training Program completed their first year of coursework while the second cohort began their studies. Partnering with the Interim Ministry Network, the Vitality Ministry Council sponsored a training for clergy. Forty-four pastoral leaders attended three in-person Ministers Convocations in Connecticut, Michigan, and Nevada.

The staff developed specialized social media to better respond to inquiries and foster connections among churches. Members of NACCC churches can exchange ideas by logging on to the Members Forum, a new feature on the website.

The Mission and Ministry Outreach Council completed a review of mission partners that will help local churches and individuals engaged in mission activity in new and meaningful ways. MOMC raised over \$70,000 to support Ukraine, in addition to receiving other substantial collections for natural disaster relief in the US.

Over 150 people attended our first hybrid annual meeting and conference, hosted by two churches in Wichita, Kansas. At that gathering, we welcomed six new member churches into the NACCC. Two more congregations were approved as provisional members during the second half of the year.

On July 1, the Executive Director embarked on a Listening Tour endeavoring to visit all 313 member churches. As of December 2022, she has completed stops at 28 churches in ten states. In addition, Rev. Cleere spoke at three state/regional association meetings and participated in an ordination. She preached at three churches on Sunday morning and also at an installation.

We are grateful for the countless hours committed Congregationalists contributed to these and other accomplishments.



## One Great Hour of Sharing *California Relief Efforts*

January 12, 2023

Our hearts go out to the people in areas of California where storm damage has left widespread flooding, landslides, power outages, and required people to evacuate their homes. A state of emergency has been declared. Congregationalists join together lifting the state in prayer. They also have inquired about opportunities to offer tangible support.

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In times of crisis, the MOMC makes every effort to work through member churches and missions closest to those in need. The Congregational Church of Soquel, CA, has contacted [Santa Cruz County Community Foundation](#), a vetted 501(c)3 organization that will be helping with relief efforts. Where our churches and missions are not present, we work through respected and responsible organizations such as the [Salvation Army](#), [Habitat for Humanity](#), [World Vision](#), [Samaritan's Purse](#), [Church World Services](#), [Convoy of Hope](#), and the [Red Cross](#).

**To mail a check or donate online, *please include a note with your donation indicating that the funds are for California relief efforts.***

**Mailing address:**

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**On-line donations:**

Donate online at [www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org), [Venmo](#), [or click here](#).

If you have questions, or if your church is working to help in this crisis, please contact Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator: [jrobie@naccc.org](mailto:jrobie@naccc.org).

### **NACCC Mission Statement**

*Our 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*

**CHEROKEE IMPACT MISSION TRIP**  
May 17-21, 2023  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
From: The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC)  
For details, please contact:  
[Rich Miller-Todd, Chair](#) or [Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator](#)

This mission trip is a MOMC collaboration with Cherokee United Methodist Church and A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, Colorado, an NACCC mission.

**EXPERIENCE**

1. The Cherokee Culture:
  - by Worship which celebrates tradition
  - by visiting the Oconaluftee Village
  - by sharing in a Cherokee Meal
  - by visiting the Cherokee Museum
2. The Essence of Community:
  - Shared meal preparation
  - Camp style bunk house living
  - A trail hike (for those who are able)
3. The Real Cost of Moving a Nation of Cherokee:
  - A Trail of Tears history
  - The nature of the reservation
  - Cultural statistics and modern practices
4. The joys of a Blue Ridge Mountain hike:
  - Acknowledging the wonders of nature
  - Finding God in our adventure
  - Renewing our Faith

**Mission and Outreach Council Members:**

Rev. Rich Miller-Todd, chair	Katie Mullins, Treasurer
Rev. Bob Higgins, vice chair	Jerry Zwaga, Secretary
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**Advent begins  
Nov 27, 2022**

**Ash  
Wednesday  
Feb 22, 2023**

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