



January 1, 2023 Community Connections



NACCC NEWS

Something New

Rev. Arthur Ritter, Moderator



Happy New Year! I remember as a child running down the stairs on New Year's Day, anxious to take down all of the old calendars and put up the new ones. It was

exciting to see those clean, empty pages which represented a lot of bright future hopes and dreams.

As I look ahead into the coming year, I am excited about what the new year can bring for the NACCC. Even if some of the concerns we face may be the same, I pray that God will provide new inspiration and a fresh spirit to meet them. Even as we continue to give thanks for all we have been blessed with in the past, I pray that God will provide us with the vision to create future goals and celebrate further achievements.

In 2023, may God bless the ministries of our churches and our work together in the NACCC!

Building & Loan Fund

Jodee Lord, Vice-Moderator, Chair, Board of Directors

As we enter a new year, many churches will be thinking about building repairs or remodeling projects. The **Building and Loan Fund** is available to member churches within the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Congregations have used this fund for remodeling and repairing their church property. Loans have been used for small repairs while others were applied to larger remodeling projects. Some work that churches have completed include a new roof, remodeled bathrooms, electrical repairs, and handicap ramps.

If your church is facing any of these needs, you may want to consider applying to the Building and Loan Fund by contacting the **NACCC office** for more information.

Wishing you a Blessed New Year.

An Investment Opportunity

Richard Davis, Congregational Foundation Board of Governors & Congregational Investment Trust Oversight Committee



Does your church have long-term funds that need to be invested to preserve the purchasing power of the original gift? Consider the [Congregational Investment Trust](#) (CIT).

The CIT is a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, and alternative investments, made up of assets from the NACCC, Congregational Foundation, and 33 member churches. The CIT is managed by Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services and overseen by the CIT Oversight Committee.

Participants have easy access to their funds and can have a separate account balance for each fund they wish to establish. Becoming part of an investment pool with other churches increases your investment return potential as well as the potential to lower investment fees.

To learn more, plan to join the CIT Oversight Committee on February 10, 2023, for our virtual Annual Meeting. [Click here to register](#). Have questions- [email Cheryl Milnes](#) or call 414-856-1616.

Listening Tour Update

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director

December 4 marked the completion of Listening Tour stops for 2022 with worship at the Methodist Congregational Federated Church of Demorest, Georgia (#28), where I have been a member since 1999. The Rev. Joyce Acree presented me with newspaper clippings celebrating the congregation's generosity to a local soup kitchen and a free medical clinic. The church, which has close ties to neighboring NACCC-related Piedmont University, was buzzing about the announcement of the new president, **Marshall Criser**, who begins on January 1, 2023.



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