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NACCC NEWS

And Now There Are Six!

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director



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Days before the Annual Meeting and Conference, the Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp will begin employment as the first-ever NACCC Director of Programs. In this capacity, he will collaborate with the Growth and Vitality Ministry Councils and walk alongside churches in transition.

As we prepare for this comprehensive role that includes oversight of the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies, we thank the Rev. Dr. Charles Packer as he completes his tenure as Dean.

To mark the conclusion of Gerry's temporary, part-time role and the formation of a six-person full-time team in Oak Creek, we recently retreated to a nearby nature center and then got better acquainted over sushi.

Julie Robie will continue as Missions Coordinator, working remotely from New Hampshire. A search team is interviewing candidates for an editor of *The Congregationalist* to succeed Marianne King.

Cherokee Cultural Exploration Ministry Trip

Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator



Cherokee Cultural Exploration Ministry Trip participants went to the Eastern Band of the Cherokee in North Carolina. They spent five days learning about the Cherokee culture through the schools, museums, native foods, religion, arts, nature, and dance. Amos Smith, Program Coordinator from [A Christian Ministry in the National Parks](#), Colorado, lead their daily study of Paul.

The time with the Cherokee United Methodist Church was informative and heartwarming. Participants Jodee Lord, Rich and Kay Miller-Todd, and Pat Smith will be attending the Annual Meeting and Conference in Milwaukee. Please ask them about their experience!

Zoom In to Milwaukee Next Week!

We've been talking a lot about how excited we are to welcome you to our home town of Milwaukee for the 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference, taking place June 24-27.

But we are just as excited to welcome you virtually, if you are unable to join us in the land of brats and cheese!



You can still register for the [Virtual Annual Meeting & Conference](#) and join us on Zoom. We have an [exciting lineup](#) of events that will be streamed via Zoom. See you there!

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