



## March 15, 2023 - The Messenger



# NACCC NEWS

### Alone Together

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Executive Director

The use of the oxymoron, 'alone together,' spiked as people sought to overcome pandemic isolation. Restaurants provided physical distance for diners. Technology brought us into each other's living rooms from the comfort of our own homes.

The concept pre-dates the recent public



health crisis. When social media emerged and escalated, counselors cautioned about the illusion of connection, citing risks associated with 'alone together.' Other writers waxed cozily about watching movies as a positive experience of being alone together.

Lent has embodied this notion for centuries. With prayerful contemplation, we reflect on our individual humanness, frailty, and sin as we journey together with Christians around the globe toward the promise of resurrection.

The Congregational Way illustrates 'alone together.' NACCC member churches cherish their uniqueness while choosing fellowship with other congregations. Thank you for uplifting 'alone together' as a blessing!

## Attention Member Churches:

**Make sure your church  
remains an active member of  
the NACCC with an annual  
contribution to the Shared  
Ministries Fund by March  
31st!**



If you have questions, email [Tracy Bernhardt](#) at call 414-856-1615.

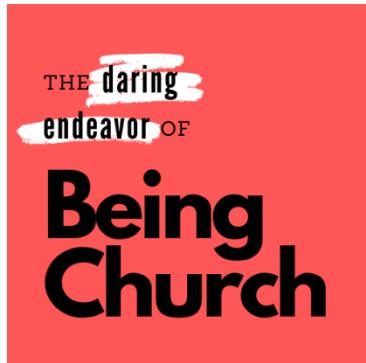
## Faith Community Church, Franklin, WI

Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator



Pastor Stu Merkel (3rd from right) and members of Faith Community Church, Franklin, WI, partnered with 4 churches in their area to pay off school lunch debt in the Franklin School District. Each church donated \$250.00 in this effort to support the community and experience the joy of serving. [Full article here](#). Photo by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

## Providence Endowment Grants for AMC



The 69th Annual Meeting & Conference (AMC) will be held June 24-27, 2023, virtually and at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The [Providence Endowment](#) provides grants to churches that have been unable to send a delegate to the [Annual Meeting and Conference](#) for the last three years due to financial reasons. Grants of up to \$500 may be awarded to offset associated expenses. For complete details and application materials, [click here](#). The application deadline is April 15, 2023.

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