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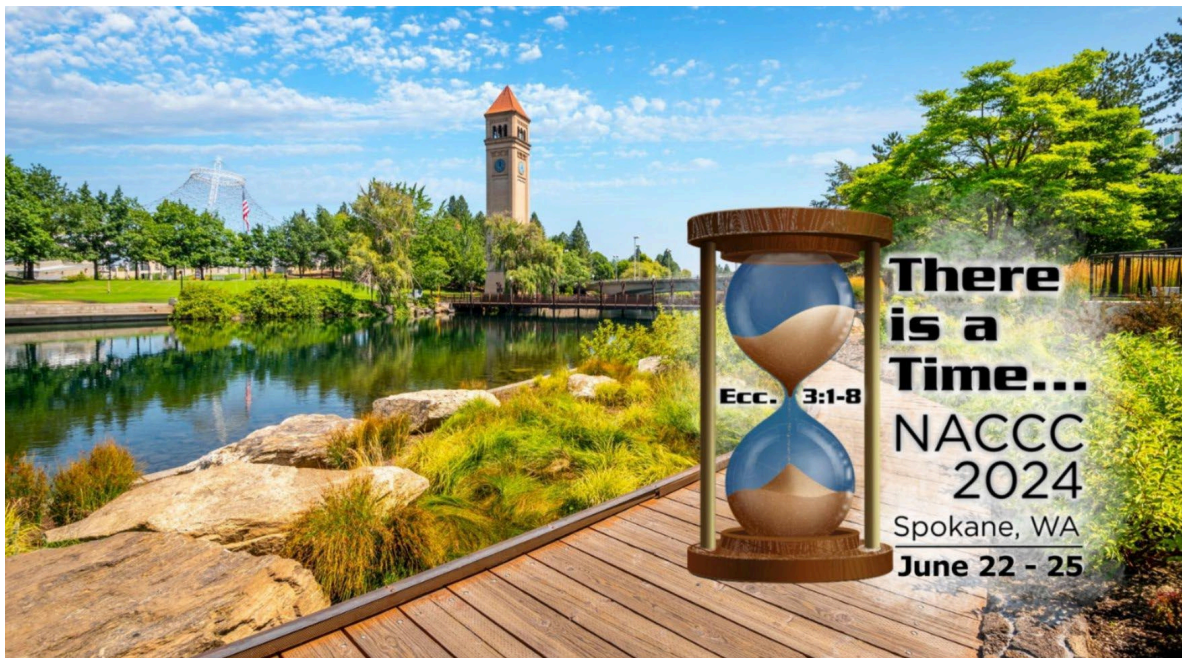
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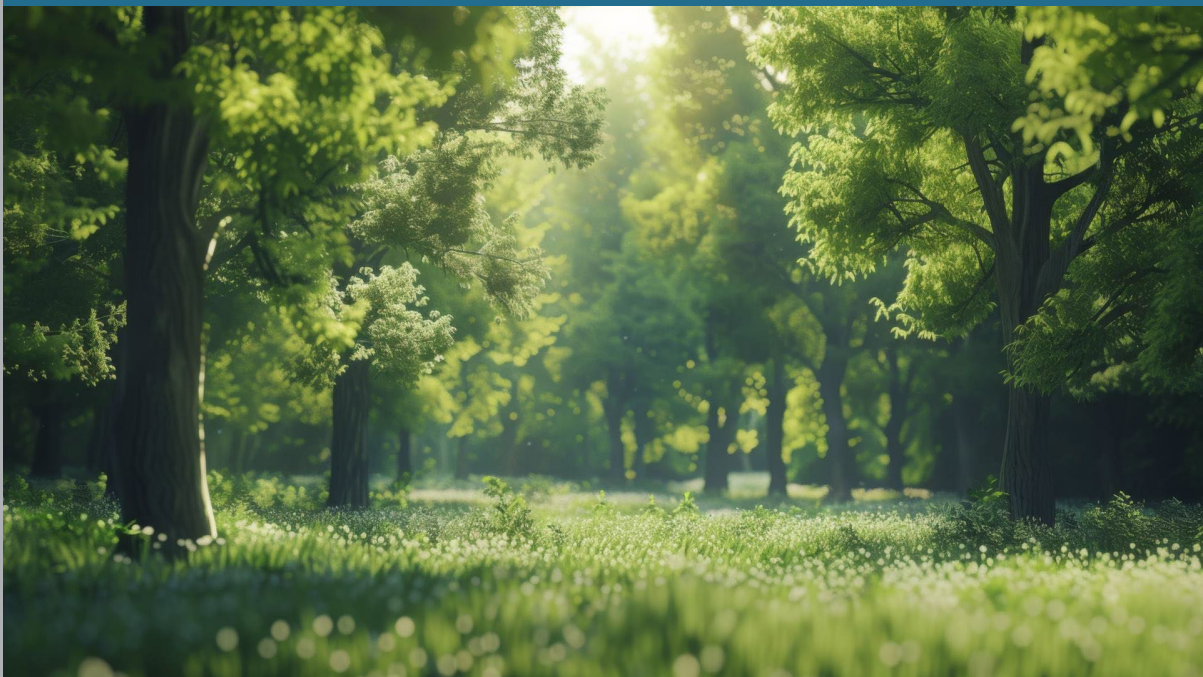
Join us virtually!



Even if you can't make the trip to Spokane you can still join your fellow Congregationalists from across the country in June. The member churches of the Pacific Northwest Association will be your hosts for the meeting and are excited to welcome you **virtually**!

There is no cost to virtually attend the 2024 Annual Meeting & Conference. You may, however, consider making a donation to offset the technology costs of the conference. Suggested donation is \$20 per person or \$100 per church. To register, visit our [2024 Virtual Annual Meeting event page](#) and click on '**Register Here**' to receive your zoom link for the meeting. **See you in June!**

Quiet Day Retreat in Spokane



This year's Quiet Day Retreat takes place on June 26 at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, and lunch and transportation to and from the hotel are included. This year's topic is "Silence is the language of heaven."

The day fee is \$30, and the enrollment deadline is **June 1, 2024**. ([Click Here for Registration Form](#)). Please make checks payable to: Congregational Retreat Society and mail it to: First Congregational Church, Attn: Miriam Bryant, Treasurer, 312 W. Main St, Marshalltown, IA 50158.

Membership in the Congregational Retreat Society has annual dues of \$25 per year and a chance to explore retreat options with like-minded individuals.

We encourage you to take the time to seek the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit and invest in prayer, contemplation, and fellowship.

Any inquiries or questions can be addressed to [Lisa S. Bircher, Ph.D.](#) or [Laura Wright](#).

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Event Calendar

June 22 - 25, 2024

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

June 22 - 27, 2024

NAPF/HOPE NACCC Youth Conference in Spokane, Washington. We will be gathering in beautiful and scenic Spokane, Washington at Whitworth University. Register by **June 1 for \$475**. Find more information and registration forms on our event page: [NAPF & HOPE CONFERENCE](#).

June 26, 2024

Quiet Day Retreat, hosted by the Congregational Retreat Society. This year's Quiet Day will be held at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center after the Annual Meeting has concluded. This year's topic: "Silence is the language of heaven." Register for this event by contacting [Laura Wright](#).

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