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Jodee Lord, Moderator



The Annual Meeting & Conference Committee is busy at work planning for the 2025 AM&C to be held in St. Louis.

This year, we are working with a different model. There are no Congregational Churches right in St. Louis, but oh what possibilities there are.

We are looking for volunteers from Congregational Churches throughout the country to help by bringing their gifts and talents to the planning of the 2025 AM&C.

There will be a special Zoom meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. CT. We will be forming committees in the areas of worship, music, social gatherings, marshals, and registration, and I'm sure we will have other needs.

If you would like to be part of this Zoom call or have any questions, please email me at lordjodee@yahoo.com or call me at 917-676-2801.

The Proverbial Needle...

Rev. Martin Hall, Vice-Moderator



It's one of the job search websites (Indeed, ZipRecruiter... I don't remember which) that has a commercial that reminds us that hiring can often feel like trying to find that 'needle in the haystack.' Finding the right person, with the right skills, and the right background, and the right temperament, and... and... and... is extraordinarily difficult. It is also, however, precisely what we are trying to do!

In the coming days and weeks, you will see the earliest marketing pieces that speak to our search for a new Executive Director for the NACCC. In *The Congregationalist*, the e-news, on social media, and more, you will find opportunities to learn (and SHARE) more information about this critical position. And while we may use Indeed, ZipRecruiter, or other such services, our greatest asset in finding the right person for this role very well may be you.

Somewhere out there is the right person, with the right skills, and the right background, and the right temperament, and... and... and... Are you that person? Do you know someone who might be? If so, reach out to them, or us, or both! At best, we are looking for the proverbial needle. Some might suggest we are looking for a unicorn. If you know someone who might be that one, please make the call – it could be the one that makes the difference!

What *Is* the Congregational Foundation?

Laura Hamby, Board of Governors

The Congregational Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to raise funds and administer endowments that benefit the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Overseen by the Board of Governors, all permanent endowments are administered for fiscal sustainability and strict adherence to donor wishes.

We take our mission seriously! *The Congregational Foundation supports the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches in its ministries and programs through a commitment to current donors and the development of prospective donors.*

Our vision is clear! *To develop long-term, sustainable sources of revenue that support the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches' ministries and programs.*

To learn more and consider the best way for you to become a donor, we invite you to contact one of our board members: Rebekah Barsch, Laura Hamby, Sandra Leonard, Bob Smith, Richard Davis, Kevin Gromley, Varn Philbrook, or our Director of Development, Kristin Ward.

Event Calendar

September 18, 12pm-1pm CT

Webinar: Celebrating Your Church's Anniversary

Get inspired for your next church anniversary with tips and tricks for a memorable commemoration! [Click here](#) to learn more about the event or to register to attend.

September 25, 6pm-7pm CT

Webinar: Plentiful Gifts

Learn more about Plentiful Gifts - a free program for nurturing lay gifts and leadership in small congregations! [Click here](#) for more information or to register to attend.

October 17, 2pm-3pm CT

Webinar: Cultivating Generosity

An interactive seminar offered by Lake Institute on Faith & Giving. To sign up, please contact [Kristin Ward](#).

Your NACCC Staff

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