

# National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

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Dear Congregational Church Family,

Your minister is there to support all church members in times of crisis and need. But sometimes when your minister faces a crisis or conflict, your church may be unable to return that support. That is why the Division for Ministry of the NACCC makes a Christmas Appeal for the Ministerial Assistance and Enrichment Fund each year.

The Ministerial Assistance and Enrichment Fund provides much needed services for the ministers of our Association when they need help. It also supports continuing education for our ministers through the Minister's Convocation, as well as assistance with benefits and other supplemental financial support.

Since these funds are not endowed, only you make this help possible by participating in this Christmas offering. Think of it as a **Christmas Gift of Gratitude** for your minister and those who have ministered to you in the past. Our ministers have dedicated their lives to serving our churches, and with this gift, you can show your appreciation and support for them.

Enclosed you will find a poster, a master for a church bulletin insert and an envelope you can use to return your offering to the NACCC. Additional materials are available at no cost by calling Susan Carson (1-800-262-1620 ext.18)

As you plan your Christmas giving this year and reflect on God's precious Son given to you, won't you return a Gift of Gratitude for the Christ Child and those who serve Him? May God's peace and joy fill your hearts at this blessed time and throughout the year.

Faithfully in Christ's Service,

Rev. Patti Haaheim  
Chair, Division for Ministry

*Bringing together Congregational Christian Churches  
for mutual care and outreach to our world  
in the name of Jesus Christ.*