

## From Our Grant Recipients

*“The funding was used for a Winterfest Christmas Concert. This year, thanks to the grant we welcomed the Laingsburg Community Singers and the Laingsburg Jazz Band to the meetinghouse to perform for the community. It was easily the most powerful/positive activity of the year.”*

-First Congregational Church  
Laingsburg, Michigan



*“Our director selected Godspell Jr. as our flagship performance and it was by every measure a success. Without this support we would never have been able to create such a wonderful and meaningful performing arts program.”*

-Second Congregational Church  
Warren, Maine

### Mission:

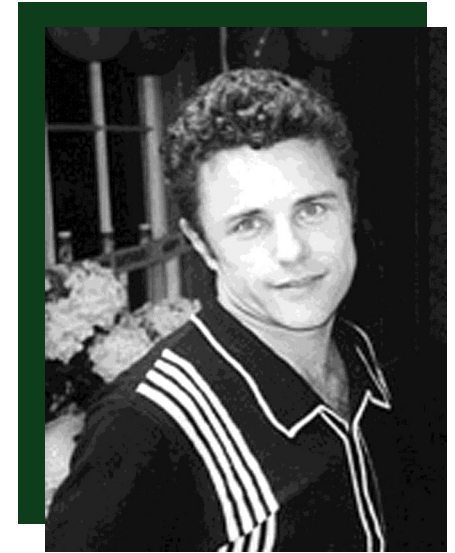
*To nurture fellowship among  
Congregational Christian  
Churches and to support  
ministries of the local church  
in its community and to the  
world, all in the name of  
Christ.*

### Vision:

*Vital and healthy  
Congregational Churches,  
sharing the love of  
Jesus the Christ.*

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## The JOHN RICHARD Memorial Endowment



John C. Richard  
1960-2006

Grants available for  
**Fine & Performing  
Arts Events**



# THE JOHN RICHARD MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

Through the Congregational Foundation, the Richard family established the John Richard Memorial Endowment in 2006 to honor John's lifelong love of music and theater.

*Praise God with the lyre,  
make melody to God with  
the harp of ten strings!  
Sing to God a new song.*  
*Psalms 33:2-3*

The sixteenth child in a family of twenty-three, John was a lover of music, film and the theater all of his life. A talented singer, actor and director, he sang in various choruses, church choirs and ensembles.

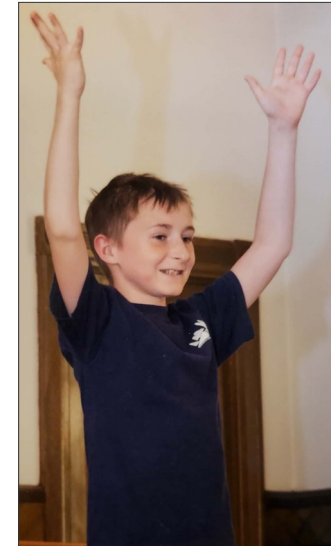


The Endowment awards annual grants to National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) active member churches of 200 members or less that are planning a fine or performing arts event in their church.

- To apply: fill out the Richard Memorial Endowment Application form found on our website at [naccc.org](http://naccc.org) and email, fax, or mail it to NACCC office. Applications must be postmarked before the stated deadline to be considered.
- Grants up to \$500 will be awarded.
- All funds will be awarded in May and must be used for programming by April of the following year.



Financial support is also important. Please consider a contribution to the John Richard Memorial Endowment.



***Your gift provides invaluable opportunities for arts programs at NACCC small member churches.***

*“Theater creates sacred space in which our beliefs and behaviors can be transformed through the distance and objectivity it provides. Theater was in Christian churches from early on, and even today the simple rituals of Protestant worship services have elements of this ancient art form in them. John saw acting and directing as a way to take people out of ordinary time and connect them with the past and the future.”*

- Dr. Thomas Richard