

Answers to 2020 June Questions

Questions from NA Staff

1. Have you registered for the Virtual Annual Meeting?
 2. Have you previously attended an Annual Meeting?
 3. Do you like the availability of a Virtual Annual Meeting?
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Rev. S. Blackburn, YRD/Minister, Colebrook Congregational Church, Colebrook, CT

Yes, I have registered for the Annual Meeting. This will be my first since the 1990's, when I attended as Chair of the World Christian Relations Commission.

I have some trepidation concerning dozens, if not hundreds, of delegates / churches coming online at once. While meetings of small committees of our Northeast (formerly Connecticut) Fellowship have gone well, meetings of the Fellowship's Executive Committee have been iffy in quality. I assume that is due to having a dozen persons logging / dialing in.

Or perhaps it's due to GoToMeeting, as opposed to Zoom. As a Seminary professor I used Zoom to advantage for blended classes. GoToMeeting has been less felicitous (alas!)

Maggi Payne, YRD, First Congregational Church, Cape Coral, FL

Yes, I am registered as my church's delegate

Yes, I attended an annual meeting held in Orlando several years ago.

Under the current circumstances, the Virtual Annual Meeting is the best option.

Nancy Haynes, YRD, The Shandon Congregational Church, Shandon, OH

Yes to all 3 questions!

1. I have registered for the annual meeting.
2. The last annual meeting I attended was as a PF'er in high school in 1977!
3. I am glad we have the availability to do virtual meeting this year. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen!

Dale Sharp, YRD, First Congregational Church, Porterville, CA

Yes! I am "attending" as the Delegate Alternate

Yes! Have been fortunate enough to attend two AMC's

Absolutely. Especially appreciate the time convenience, living in the Pacific time zone.

Cinda Walton, YRD, First Congregational Church of Pittsford, Pittsford, MI

Answers to your questions - Our church - The First Congregational Church of Pittsford has signed up for the Virtual Meeting - our church has almost always attended the annual meeting. Lastly the Virtual meeting is great due to the virus concerns but would hate to see these meetings replace the Annual Meeting permanently.

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Marcia Cidaldos, YRD, Second Congregational Church, Warren, ME

1. Yes I (and one other person) have registered for the virtual meeting.
2. Yes, I have attended NA annual meetings before.
3. This year a virtual meeting is ok. But the regular annual meetings are better.

Nancy Hayes, YRD, First Congregational Church, Royal Oak, MI

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Curt Schmidt, YRD & Senior Deacon, Congregational Church, Bound Brook, NJ

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes. While we will miss the camaraderie of face to face meeting and worshipping, I think it's a great opportunity for churches that rarely attend the AM to participate in NACCC business decisions.

Polly Bodjanac, YRD, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Green Bay, WI

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes, only because in person is not an option.

Jennifer Morse Halsey, YRD, Demorest Methodist Congregational Federated Church, Demorest, GA

- 1,2,3: Yes! I'm pleased that we've moved to a Virtual Annual Meeting rather than cancel or delay.

Cindy Petrie, YRD, Campton Congregational Church, Campton, NH

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3. Yes (Curt Schmidt, well said)

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Donna Couden Trimm, YRD, First Congregational Church, Beloit, WI

Yes, I'm registered.

No, I have never attended an annual meeting,

Yes, I like the availability of a virtual annual meeting. As moderator, I have held a zoom meeting with my local pastors since COVID stopped us meeting face-to-face.

Natalie Blake, Minister, First Congregational Church, East Baldwin, ME

Yes, I am registered.

Yes, I like the idea of having a virtual meeting instead of canceling the whole thing.

Cathy Brockington, YRD, First Congregational Church, Saugatuck, MI

1 Yes

2. Yes

3. In the days of Rob Brink and "Netmending", he and a few others did send out news from the Annual Meeting in real time. Now, it will be much easier to broadcast parts of the AM online. Let's plan for this in the future, please.

Diane Williams, YRD, First Congregational Church, Mukwonago, WI

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. I appreciate it as a resource, not the preferable way to go when things are normal.

However, I loved it when you could get the Bible Lectures, congregational lecture on cd and then online.