

**Conflict-of-Interest Policy Statement**  
**National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC)**

**Article I. Purpose**

The purpose of a conflict-of-interest policy is to protect an organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of one of its officers or directors, or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement, but not replace, any applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest.

**Article II. Definitions**

**1. Interested Person**

An interested person is any director, principle officer, or member of a committee with governing board-delegated powers who has a direct or indirect Financial Interest, as defined below.

**2. Financial Interest**

A person has a Financial Interest if the individual has, directly or indirectly, any actual or potential ownership, investment, or compensation arrangement with the NACCC or with any entity that conducts transactions with the NACCC.

A Financial Interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest in all cases. Under Article III, Section 2 of IRS Form 1023, a person with a Financial Interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

**Article III. Procedures**

**1. Duty to disclose**

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an Interested Person must disclose the existence of the Financial Interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of the committees with governing board-delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement. In an effort to aid such disclosure, each member (board, committee, or staff) shall complete a conflict-of-interest questionnaire as circumstances warrant, but no less frequently than annually.

**2. Determining whether a conflict of interest exists**

The board shall review each member questionnaire and any other disclosures regarding the Financial Interests of its members. After disclosure of the Financial Interest, the Interested Person shall leave the board meeting while the remaining board members discuss and vote on whether a conflict of interest exists.

**3. Procedures for addressing the conflict of interest**

After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the organization can obtain with reasonable effort a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not produce a conflict of interest. The Interested Person shall not be present in the room during the determination.

If an alternative transaction or arrangement is not possible, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the best interests of the organization, for its own benefit, and fair and reasonable. Based on these determinations, the board or committee shall make its decision on whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

**4. Disciplinary action**

If the committee has reason to believe an individual has failed to disclose actual or potential conflicts of interest, it will inform the member and allow him/her to explain the alleged failure to disclose. If the committee still has reason to believe a conflict of interest exists after the alleged conflict is explained, it will take corrective action.

## Conflict-of-Interest Questionnaire

The following questionnaire must be completed annually by all members and affiliates of the NACCC. Answers to this questionnaire should relate to relationships that occurred during the calendar year prior to signing. Once you have completed this questionnaire, please sign and date in the space provided and return it to:

Address: Carrie Dahm  
NACCC  
P. O. Box 288  
Oak Creek, WI 53154

OR

Fax to: 414.764.0319

Email to: cdahm@naccc.org

1. Are you an officer of a commercial entity that conducts business with the NACCC?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please define. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever served on the board of a business in which the NACCC invests?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please define. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have a family relationship with anyone who has a noted relationship with the NACCC? Family connections include an individual's spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, great-grandchild, and sibling. The spouses of any children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and siblings are considered family relationships as well.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please define. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you participated, directly or indirectly, in any employment agreement, compensation relationship, or any other arrangement/investment opportunity with a third-party vendor doing business with the NACCC that has resulted or could result in personal benefit to you?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please define. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you received, directly or indirectly, any salary payments, loans, or gifts of any kind or any free service, discounts, or other fees from any company or representative of it engaged in doing business with the NACCC?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please define. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you share ownership of a business that does business with the NACCC? Ownership means voting power in a corporation, profits interest in a partnership, or beneficial interest in a trust.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please define. \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below, I certify that all of my answers are true to the best of my knowledge and that I will abide by this conflict of interest policy.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_