



THE OFFICIAL CALL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES 65th ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

All member churches are notified and enthusiastically urged to attend the 65th Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. The conference and meeting begins on Saturday morning, June 22, and will close on Tuesday evening, June 25, 2019.

The NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference Committee, as well as the Host Committee Chair, Rev. Dr. Patrick Hunt and the Ohio Association of Congregational Christian Churches, are planning four wonderful days in Cleveland. Two outstanding speakers will help guide our thoughts and prompt discussion during the conference. The Rev. Dr. John Tamilio III, the Congregational Lecturer, is pastor of the Congregational Church of Canton, Massachusetts. John's talk is "The Heart of Our Heritage and Our Future Treasure" focusing on what is unique to our Congregational tradition. This year's Bible Lecturer is the Rev. Dr. Brett Younger, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New York. Brett will focus on the meeting's theme: Jesus, the heart of it all, *Matthew 6:21*.

Fifteen must-see workshops are planned for the conference, including Charles Warnock whose timely message will be "The Promising Future of Small Churches." Warnock has recently been appointed the Minister in Residence for Small Churches for the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Nightly entertainment throughout the conference will include a Monday evening dinner cruise aboard the Goodtime III, the largest quadruple-deck passenger ship on the Great Lakes, into Lake Erie and then up the Cuyahoga River. You'll see striking vistas of the changing Cleveland skyline; hear the history of how this All-American City started on the banks of the Cuyahoga; pass under the river's many significant bridges and glide by its river front parks and walkways, restaurants and nightclubs that now populate this reimagined city. The ship docks at the North Coast Inner Harbor which is adjacent to the world-famous Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and near the theatre district and Progressive Field (the Cleveland Indians will be playing the Detroit Tigers and Kansas City Royals while we are in town), shopping and other downtown attractions, meaning you may want to consider arriving early or staying an extra couple of days following the meeting to see modern-day Cleveland. For more information, go to: nacc.org.

I look forward to meeting with all of you in Cleveland.

Jim Waechter, Moderator