

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

### REPORT FOR THE CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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The Center for Congregational Leadership is a National Association of Congregational Christian Churches ministry committed to training leaders who are uniquely knowledgeable in Congregationalism, respectful and upholding of the diversity represented in our congregations, and who are especially equipped to meet the challenges of the church in the 21st century. It is committed to excellence in education, leadership, and vision. It draws upon the strong Congregational values of "an educated clergy and a literate laity." The Center gives support and encouragement to churches and their leaders through skill development and educated understanding of emerging needs, trends, and challenges.

In support of the purposes of the Center:

- A library of resources on a variety of topics is available on the Center's website, <http://www.centerforcongregationalleadership.org/>.
- Supported by the Vitality and Growth Ministry Councils, entered a ministry partnership with the Center for Parish Development supporting churches in church renewal processes. Two cohorts with 2 churches each were formed with coaching provided.
- In cooperation with the Growth Ministry Council, established a Monday evening Prayer Circle via Zoom.
- Continues to provide support for pastoral searches by our member churches.
- Continues to provide consultation with our member churches on such issues as church conflict, ministerial relations, and church governance questions.
- In process of developing instructional support videos for our member churches to assist in pastoral searches.

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