

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Leadership Council Annual Report
June 2020

The Leadership Council is made up of two representatives from the Growth Ministry Council, Mission & Outreach Ministry Council and Vitality Ministry Council, representatives from Youth, the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies, the Board of Directors, the Board of Governors of the Congregational Foundation, the NACCC Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and the Executive Director and other designated NACCC staff members. The combined wisdom, talent and experience of the Leadership Council is aimed at creating the vision and implementing NACCC programs to directly help our member churches.

Any program initiated by the Leadership Council must help with achieving the Mission and Vision Statements approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting. These statements are:

NACCC Mission Statement (June 2018)

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

NACCC Vision Statement (June 2018)

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

The annual reports from each of the Ministry Councils and the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies will give you a full perspective on all the good work being done implement these Mission and Vision Statements. In addition, the Leadership Council oversees several task teams to help accomplish special undertakings. This past year these task teams include **Plymouth 400** task team providing ideas and materials to our churches for celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock; the **Annual Meeting Accessibility** task team making final recommendations on what the NACCC can do to make our future Annual Meetings more accessible; the **Center for Congregational Leadership** task team re-envisioning this very important resource for our churches; the **Year Round Delegate** task team helping clarify and promote the role of these delegates; the **Ambassador** task team making recommendations for this means of connecting with local churches; the **Joint Board of Directors—Board of Governors Relationship** task team making final recommendations for enhancing the relationship and communications between the two boards; the **Youth Intern Program** task team searching for ways to re-establish youth participation in the Ministry Councils; and the **Website** task team finalizing recommendations for the next generation of our website. The Website task team reports to the Board of Governors, but their work is fully supported by the Leadership Council.

On behalf of the NACCC churches and their members I would like to thank those serving the Leadership Council including Cindy Bacon Hammer, Judy Campbell, Michael Chittum, Barbara Dabul, Jeff Dillon, Debra Fulton, Marianne King, Will Lange, Justin Nierer, Charles Packer, Mary Prendergast, Bob Smith, Patrick Stewart, John Tamilio, Sarah Gladstone Terlouw and Janet Wilson. Your countless hours, thoughtful vision and caring wisdom have turned the Leadership Council into God's workers here on earth. It is a pleasure serving our NACCC churches with all of you.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity,
James Waechter, Moderator
& Chair of the Leadership Council