

# **National Association of Congregational Christian Churches**

## **Vitality Ministry Council**

### **Annual Report 2020**

Greetings my dear friends!

The Vitality Council of the NACCC is involved in many different avenues of ministry that are put in place to encourage our churches and their leadership. You will find a number of them highlighted within this report.

The Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies (CFTS) does fall under the financial umbrella of the Vitality Council. We are also always available to encourage Rev. Dr. Charles Packer as he connects with seminary students across the country and they pursue full time ministry service within the association. I would highly encourage you to read his report.

Under the amazing leadership of Rev. Doug Gray, the lay ministry program is being developed. We were hoping to have a “sample class” available at Portland 2020 but that just gives us more time for the lay ministry task team to make it even better for Spokane! Be on the lookout for updates from Rev. Gray throughout the year!

This year we had to make the heartbreaking decision to cancel all the Ministers Convocations for 2020. We had amazing speakers lined up for all the events in Massachusetts, Michigan, and Nevada. The Vitality Council along with Laura Wright do a phenomenal job tracking down above par speakers that truly make these times together wonderful and enriching. As of this writing it does not look like any of the three events will take place at the same time in 2021 but we celebrate the fact that they will take place. I encourage any pastor to attend one of these life changing/ministry changing events.

I would also like to encourage anyone reading this report to think about the Harry and Jeanette Butman awards. These are the “Oscars of the NACCC” and a really big deal. Please take the time to think about a pastor or their spouse that you think you would like to nominate for this incredible honor.

In conclusion I want to thank the Vitality Council of the NACCC for their hard work, their friendship, their Christlike joy and focus and their amazing love for Congregationalism and the NACCC.

Submitted and In Your Service Because of Christ,

Rev. Justin J. Nierer, Vitality Council Chair