



***Finding our Way in the Future:
'I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.' Psalm 32:8***

Join Us Virtually - Saturday, June 19 & Sunday, June 20, 2021

Official Call to the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

All member churches of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches are notified and invited to attend the 67th Annual Meeting and Conference of the NACCC, beginning Saturday, June 19, and closing Sunday evening, June 20, 2021.

The Reverend Ed and Mrs. Jami Backell, 2021 Annual Meeting & Conference Host Committee Co-Chairs and the Pacific Northwest Association, which is comprised of churches from both Washington and Oregon, along with the leadership and staff of the NACCC, are planning a joyous meeting to conduct our business, learn from workshops and lectures, hear updates from our missionaries, spend time with one another socializing, and worship together.

Highlights will include: The Rev. Dr. Mary (Mimi) Biedron, as the Congregational Lecturer. Mimi is the Senior Minister of North Congregational Church in Farmington Hill, Michigan. The Bible Lecturer, Dr. David Clark, is writer of eight books and dozens of articles, and former Dean of Bethel University. He now serves the wider church through consulting and public speaking.

As you can see, though we are meeting virtually again this year, we have expanded the offerings from last year's business meeting only, to include many of the other activities included in a face-to-face Annual Meeting and Conference.

Please read the registration information carefully, that you may register on time, and properly offer any items for new business.

Please join us online for the 67th Annual Meeting and Conference. For more information, please go to www.naccc.org.

In Christ and Friendship,
Cynthia Bacon Hammer, Moderator

**Join fellow Congregationalists from across the country for a
Virtual Worship Service
Sunday, June 20 ~ 4:00pm Central Time; 5:00pm Eastern Time**
[To connect, watch for a Zoom link to be posted on the NACCC Website, www.naccc.org.]
Presented by the Pacific Northwest Association

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GENERAL INFO

Registration

- There is no registration fee, but registration is required and necessary to connect via Zoom. Please watch for registration instructions that will be posted in early March on the Annual Meeting page of our Website: www.naccc.org.
You will have an option to make a donation to help offset the cost of this important annual event.
- All necessary information and voting documents will be available on our Website. Please continue to watch for updates.
- The Delegate and Alternate must be able to connect via Zoom to vote. A person connecting via phone, will not be able to vote.
- Only Registered Delegates, [OR Registered Alternates if your Church's Delegate cannot be present], may vote.

Delegate and Alternate Certificates

Attention Churches – Assign a Delegate and Alternate and return the signed Credentials Cards. Delegates and Alternates will not be certified without a signed credentials card on file with the NACCC office. Certification is required before a Delegate or Alternate can vote at the Annual Meeting & Conference. Credentials cards will be mailed to the churches and need to be signed by an officer of the church. You may also print Delegate and Alternate Cards from the NACCC Website: www.naccc.org; click on the 2021 Annual Meeting graphic. **Signed Credentials Cards must be received at the NACCC Office no later than 5:00pm Central Time on Saturday, May 1, 2021.**

2021 Standing Rules

- A "Virtual" Annual Meeting and Conference will be held by the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches on Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20, 2021, with the business session to take place on June 19 at 1:00 p.m. CDT. The following standing rules will be used to conduct the meeting:
- **All Delegates and Alternate Delegates need to be registered with Carrie Dahm at the NACCC office; email cdahm@naccc.org no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time on Saturday, May 1, 2021.** Registration needs to include an email address for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate.
- Only registered Delegates (or Alternate Delegates if the Delegate is unavailable) will be allowed to vote on NACCC motions.
- All Annual Meeting materials, including the meeting agenda, will be provided to member churches in advance of the meeting.
- To obtain the floor, a person should "virtually" raise their hand and be recognized by the presiding officer, and then give his/her name and church affiliation before speaking.
- No person shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question or longer than two minutes each time; nor shall any person be recognized to debate for the second time unless those who have not previously spoken on the question have been recognized.

2021 Emergency By-Laws

Whereas the face to face meeting scheduled for June 19 through June 22, 2021 in Spokane, Washington has been canceled due to continuing health concerns caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of the NACCC, as allowed by Chapter 181 of the State of Wisconsin Statutes, adopts these emergency bylaws to call for a "virtual" Annual Meeting. This motion waives applicable paragraph or sentence of the Bylaws of the NACCC, Article III. Meetings of the Member Churches, and calls for the 67th Annual Meeting of the NACCC to take place on June 19 and 20, 2021 by "virtual" video conferencing with the virtual business meeting on June 19 at 1:00 p.m. CDT. Business to be conducted shall include: Approval of prior year minutes; Ratification of Board of Directors and Leadership Council actions; Election of directors, officers, council and committee members as nominated; Approval of the 2021/2022 Budget; and any other business to be brought before the membership. **New business and nominations usually made from the floor during the meeting shall be received by the NACCC office no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.** These emergency bylaws will be in effect until July 30, 2021.

SPEAKERS

THE CONGREGATIONAL LECTURER



Rev. Dr. Mary E. Biedron is the Senior Minister of North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and has been active in local, statewide, and national fellowships among churches affiliated with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches for over

30 years. She is a graduate of Methodist Theological School in Ohio, M.Div (1999) and D.Min (2015). Her dissertation explored the historical practice and contemporary possibilities for discernment in Congregational churches.

THE BIBLE LECTURER



David Clark, PhD, and his family moved to Minnesota in 1988 to teach at Bethel Seminary. He has served in senior leadership in a church and at Bethel University. Dr. Clark just retired from his last role as VP and Dean of Bethel Seminary. During his years as faculty, he wrote eight books and dozens of articles and contributed

as a member of several boards, including the national board of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Dr. Clark now serves the wider church through consulting and public speaking.

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

(subject to change)

*Start Time: Alaska-8:00am; Pacific-9:00am; Mountain-10:00am; Central-11:00am; Eastern-12:00pm-Noon

Saturday, June 19, Central Time

* 11:00 am	Moderator Cindy Bacon Hammer Greets Newcomers
11:30 am	Congregational Lecturer
12:30 pm	Break
1:00 pm	Business Meeting
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	Introducing the New Lay Ministry Training Program
3:00 pm	Chat with the New Executive Director
3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm	Bible Lecture #1
5:00 pm	Workshop 1—Write-On
5:45 pm	Workshop 2—Lectio Divina
6:30 pm	Workshop 3—Younger Generation/Christian Mission
7:15 pm	Break
7:30 pm	Social Break-Out Rooms

Sunday, June 20, Central Time

2:00 pm	Workshop 4—Lay Ministry Class
2:45 pm	Workshop 5—Ecclesiastical Council Panel
3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm	Worship (with Necrology)
5:30 pm	Bible Lecture #2
6:30 pm	Dinner with Missionaries
8:00 pm	Bible Lecture #3
9:00 pm	Goodbyes and Thank You
9:15 pm	Social Break-Out Rooms

WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE

Please visit the NACCC's Website [www.naccc.org]
to view more details about each Workshop.

All Workshops will be recorded and available on our Website after the Annual Meeting.

The following Pre-Recorded Workshops will be available to view before the Annual Meeting.

The Congregationalist Magazine in the 21st Century

A look at the role of the magazine in an uncertain future.

How to Organize a Church Group Mission Trip

You will receive a list of planning stages and timelines and be able to speak directly with NACCC associated missions interested in hosting groups.

Repairing A Broken Bible

"If your Bible is falling apart, you probably aren't." A nice sentiment, but what happens when your Bible IS falling apart? Do you have a damaged cover? Torn pages? Loose sections? Find out how to make repairs to your favorite book!

Social Action and the Spirit of Jubilee

The Spirit of Biblical Jubilee is Restorative Justice for the Land and its People, (Leviticus 25). Social Justice is also the basis and mission of Congregational life. This workshop will inspire churches in every community to look for opportunities to work for justice and experience the joy of Jubilee for themselves.

Self-Care in Ministry: Running the Race Through the Land of Chaos

Remember Self-care *before* the pandemic? Yeah, me neither. And now, *after* the pandemic? What does *self-care* even mean? Engaging emotional intelligence, imagination, and metaphor, come explore and redefine self-care in this new world, where we can discover what *self-care* means to each of us as unique children of God.

Lay Ministry Overview

The Lay Ministry program has recently been revamped, changing over to a fully virtual, instructor led program. Come learn more about this amazing distance learning opportunity. It provides basic training for people who desire to serve the church more fully, either as a lay minister or as a lay leader.

The following Live/Virtual via Zoom Workshops will be presented during the Annual Meeting - See the Agenda for date and time.

Write On!

Have some quiet time to write a devotional for the NACCC Advent or Lent Devotional booklet.

Reading and Praying the Scriptures with Our Ancestors

Lectio Divina is a way to read the Scriptures with the emotions and the heart, and to learn together (or by oneself) what words speak most deeply to you and why.

Understanding and Engaging the Younger Generation in Christian Mission

Learn more about the nuances of Millennials, Gen-Z, and Generation Alpha, what they are looking for in a church, and identify ways you can more easily target these younger generations.

Lay Ministry class on Spiritual Formations

Join us for a sample course under the new Lay Ministry program. Spiritual Formations will give you an idea of a year one-session long course. This course will provide an introduction to spiritual formation, discipleship, and the practice of spiritual disciplines.

What is an Ecclesiastical Council?

Attend this workshop and hear from churches, lay leaders, and pastors on how they use Ecclesiastical Councils to guide their churches and ministries.

