

## National Association of Congregational Christian Churches Historian's Annual Report 2021

This has been an interesting year to start my term as Historian, as none of the meetings or events of historical interest have come off as planned in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, which has changed the ways that we have met and shared our work in Congregational Churches, Regional Associations, and the NACCC.

In addition to the transitioning of the NACCC meetings for 2020 and 2021 to virtual zoom gatherings, much of the Plymouth 400 celebration as well as a symposium on the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary planned by the Congregational Library and Archives were postponed. Many aspects of these events may be held as virtual events in the fall of 2021; in the meantime, I hope that our churches have used and will continue to use the resources prepared by our colleagues and available on the website at <https://www.naccc.org/resources-to-commemorate-400-years-of-american-congregationalism/>

The Congregational Library and Archives also has prepared a four-part curriculum, "Plymouth's Pilgrims: Their Church, Their World, and Ours." This resource comes in versions for adult and youth study groups, with introductory essays and discussion questions intended to help people of the 21<sup>st</sup> century draw connections between contemporary life and religious practice and the lives and faith of the Pilgrims. That material may be found at: [www.congregationallibrary.org/PlymouthsPilgrims](http://www.congregationallibrary.org/PlymouthsPilgrims)

As I transition into this role, I am grateful for the advice and support of the Rev. Will Lange, my predecessor as Historian, as well as the NACCC office staff for forwarding word of deaths and events, and to Marianne King, editor of the Congregationalist Magazine, for her collection of photographs and biographies. The Necrology has been developed from notifications I've received; there are some gaps in my information which I hope can be filled. This is a reminder that the only way for us to know about the death of a minister, clergy spouse, or those who've served the NACCC in an elected capacity is through your reports to the NACCC office; thanks to those who've notified us and also shared biographical information.

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