



National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
2021 Virtual Annual Meeting & Conference

Pre-Recorded Workshop List with Presenters & Descriptions

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

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PRE-RECORDED

TITLE: The Congregationalist Magazine in the 21st Century

PRESENTER: Marianne King, Editor, The Congregationalist, First Congregational Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

What is the future of The Congregationalist magazine in a changing religious landscape? How can the magazine promote and support the Congregational Way? Readers and donors are encouraged to share their ideas.

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TITLE: How to Organize a Church Group Mission Trip

PRESENTER: Pastor Jamie Bonnema, Mission and Outreach Ministry Council Chair, Maple Hill Community Congregational Church, Kansas

Organizing and leading a team of volunteers on a mission trip can be a confusing and daunting task. You will receive a list of planning stages and timelines and be able to speak directly with NACCC associated missions interested in hosting groups.

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PRE-RECORDED

TITLE: Repairing A Broken Bible

PRESENTER: Rev. Ed Backell, Warden Community Church, Warden, Washington

"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!

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PRE-RECORDED

TITLE: Social Action and the Spirit of Jubilee

PRESENTER: Rev. Jacob Poindexter, First Congregational Church, Anchorage, Alaska

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. A full expression of the Spirit of God in a congregation necessitates participation in the work of justice in its community. Through sharing stories of Congregational Social Action in Anchorage, Alaska, Rev. Jacob Poindexter will show how judicious, persistent engagement in social action has broadened the influence, and enlivened the spiritual life of the First Congregational Church of Anchorage in exciting and unexpected ways. This workshop will inspire churches in every community to look for opportunities to work for justice and experience the joy of Jubilee for themselves.

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**PRE-RECORDED**

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

PRESENTER: Kathrin Gabriel-Jones, CPC, ELI-MP, Volunteer Encouragement Coach for Ministering to Ministers, Encouragement Coach at Gabriel-Jones Coaching, Host of Friends for the Journey Podcast and Here’s Hoping: Conversations with Kathrin

Have you ever heard the phrase, ‘it’s important for pastors to engage in proactive self-care’? In the “before-times” – when we hadn’t ever heard of Covid-19 – self-care often became item 9 on a list of the 3 most important things to do. But during the pandemic, self-care became the last ragged item on a discarded list found in the lint trap of the dryer. So now, in the wake of 2020, what does self-care mean? In order to explore how to engage in self-care, it’s worthwhile for us to explore what self-care actually means. Remember, each of us is unique, called to ministry in service to God’s creation. Yet because each of us is indeed unique, self-care is unique for each of us. Engaging emotional intelligence, imagination, and metaphor, we will explore the radical concept of self-care while answering the call of ministry, we will entertain the possibility that self-care is not the heresy we often think it to be.

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**PRE-RECORDED**

**TITLE: Lay Ministry Overview**

PRESENTER: Rev. Doug Gray, First Church of Squantum, Squantum, Massachusetts

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 program assists in the spiritual development of individuals and enhances knowledge in areas of biblical knowledge, theology, worship, Congregational history and polity, pastoral care, Christian education and others.

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**PRE-RECORDED**

**TITLE: BABES @ Worship: Talking to Kids About Racial Justice**

PRESENTERS: Rev. Dr. Lottie Jones Hood and the BABESWORLD Puppet Characters. Rev Lottie is Pastor Emeritus of First Congregational Church of Detroit; Creator, CEO of BABESWORLD Program, and a member of the NACCC Racial Justice Task Team (RJTT).

YOU ARE INVITED! If you want a safe environment in which to hear more about Racial Justice and how to talk to The Young in Age & The Young at Heart about it, this Workshop is for YOU!! The RJTT wants to help create a society that reflects the Will of God on earth. To accomplish this in the area of Racial Justice, the Team provides Resources for learning and discussion, which will help YOU decide the action YOU will take in YOUR Home, Congregation, & Community! The BABESWORLD Program, one of the Resources, will be described in the Workshop. Among other things, you will see and hear a Children’s Message in a Church setting featuring seven of the BABESWORLD puppet characters. Visit <http://babesworld.org/intro-video/> and Donovan Dignity will tell you how!

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