



**68th Annual Meeting & Conference  
of the  
National Association of  
Congregational Christian Churches**

**Saturday, June 25 ~ Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

**Hosted by the Plymouth Congregational Church  
and the University Congregational Church  
Wichita, Kansas**

*...And the Greatest of These is Love*



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# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (NACCC) 2022 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE IN-PERSON REGISTRATION FORM

We encourage you to go online <https://www.naccc.org/2022amc> to view ALL the Annual Meeting & Conference information and to register to attend in-person or virtually. Complete a separate registration for each person. **ALL Registrations must be completed and/or postmarked by May 20.** [Attention NACCC Leadership Team: Please use this form, there is no separate form for Leadership.]

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All persons attending functions/meal events must be registered and wear a badge. Delegates and Alternates - please mail/submit your credentials card with your registration form. If you register online, you may scan/email your Delegate or Alternate Card to Carrie Dahm at [cdahm@naccc.org](mailto:cdahm@naccc.org) and confirm with her that your Credentials Card has been received.

Check one:

\_\_\_ **Delegate**/one Delegate per Church \_\_\_ **Alternate** \_\_\_ **Attendee**/member of a NACCC Church \_\_\_ **Observer**/not a member of a NACCC Church

\_\_\_ Check here if you require special accessibility or accommodations. Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 25 – Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00  
 Sunday, June 26 – Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00  
 Monday, June 27 – Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00  
 Tuesday, June 28 – Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00

## MEAL EVENTS

Lunch is NOT included with each day's registration. The following group lunches and Tuesday's dinner are optional for an additional cost. Please mark your selection and include in your total.

Saturday, June 25 - Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00  
 Sunday, June 26 - Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00  
 Monday, June 27 - Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00  
 Tuesday, June 28 - Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00  
 Tuesday - Museum Admission/Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00

Dietary Restrictions:  Vegetarian  Vegan  Lactose Intolerant  Gluten Free

TOTAL COST FROM ABOVE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My contribution to the NAPF/HOPE Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (This fund helps churches send youth delegates to their annual conference.)

My contribution to the Providence Endowment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (This endowment supports the presence of small churches at NACCC Annual Meetings.)

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

This form registers you for the days and meals paid. See the **Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita** section of the Registration Brochure to book your hotel room. Contact Carrie with questions: [cdahm@naccc.org](mailto:cdahm@naccc.org) or (800) 262-1620 ext.1612 or (414) 856-1612. Registration cancellations will be charged \$75 and there will be no refund for the meals purchased. Please go to <https://www.naccc.org/2022amc> to register online to attend in-person or virtually or to print Delegate & Alternate cards that were mailed to your church. If paying by check, make checks payable to the NACCC and mail with this form, and a signed credentials card, if applicable, to: NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Keep a copy of this registration form for your reference.

# Join Us at the 2022 Annual Meeting & Conference in Wichita!

Our 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference will be a hybrid event which is both an in-person and virtual attendance meeting. We encourage everyone to register online for in-person attendance or to attend virtually. Go to the Annual Meeting & Conference Website page: <https://www.naccc.org/2022amc>.

The Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview in Wichita is following guidelines of Sedgwick County, Kansas: <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/communications/news-releases/>. Attendees will be expected to adhere to those guidelines as a minimum requirement. The NACCC Board of Directors currently is monitoring the situation and may add more protocols.

Amid the changing Covid-19 situation, please watch the NACCC's Annual Meeting & Conference Website page for updates: <https://www.naccc.org/2022amc>.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hotel Information

This year's Annual Meeting & Conference will take place at the **Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview**, 400 West Douglas Ave., Wichita, Kansas. To book online, visit [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com), go to Book Now, and add Group Code 2401088. Call-In reservations (800) 325-0720 and reference group code 2401088.

**Reservations:** The NACCC's group rate is \$112 and reservations must be received by May 30. The discounted group rates will be extended three (3) days before and after the conference, based on availability.

**Roommate:** If you are looking for a roommate to share the cost of a guest room, please make your hotel reservation and contact Carrie at the NACCC office, [cdahm@naccc.org](mailto:cdahm@naccc.org) or (800) 262-1620 ext. 1612. She will let you know if another individual may be looking for a roommate. You can contact that person to make the arrangements for a reservation and direct payment to the Drury Hotel.

**Amenities:** All guest rooms include a microwave, refrigerator, and wireless internet.

**FREE Meals at the Drury:** Hotel guests of the Drury will receive DAILY free hot breakfast, and free hot food and cold beverages at the 5:30pm 'Kickback.' Saturday through Tuesday Lunches at the Drury will be optional for an additional cost of \$20 per day. See the registration form to sign-up.

**Parking:** NACCC overnight guests at the Drury will receive complimentary parking.

**Hotel Airport Shuttle:** The Drury offers complimentary shuttle service from/to the Wichita National Airport (ICT) for NACCC Hotel guests. Call the Drury (316) 358-6806 from your cell phone or from a courtesy phone in the baggage claim area after you have picked up your luggage.

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### Delegate and Alternate Credentials

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. Please pay special attention to the Alternate cards which have a priority voting number on each card. According to the Bylaws adopted in 2016, Art. 3, #5, the church must indicate an order of who can vote if the Delegate is not in the room when a vote is taken.

All Credentials cards need to be signed by an officer of the church. The Delegate and Alternate Credentials cards will be mailed to the churches with the Registration Brochure. You may also print these cards from the Annual Meeting page on the NACCC's Website: <https://www.naccc.org/2022amc>.

Please mail completed cards to the NACCC office as soon as you register or scan/email to [cdahm@naccc.org](mailto:cdahm@naccc.org) and confirm with Carrie that your church's Credentials card(s) has been received. Your help to expedite the registration process is appreciated.

# WORKSHOPS

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## **Faith and Finance: but wait there's more...**

### **Presented by the Congregational Foundation**

Leaving a legacy gift to your church can be very rewarding. Join this workshop to consider the following questions: Is legacy giving appropriate for me? How does giving relate to my faith? Is a legacy gift easy to set up? Must I consult an attorney? And so much more! Discover the advantages of leaving a gift and the impact it could have on the future of your church.

## **The Post-Covid Church**

### **Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council**

Covid has set a lot of churches searching for new ways to gather their congregations back to "normal." But what if instead of trying to recreate what once was, churches focused on creating something new altogether. Come and be inspired as we walk you through alternative ways to gather and build up your church. This workshop will help you take a serious inventory of the traditions that might be holding you back and to inspire and create new traditions to take into the future. God has given us a gift, not only to recalibrate ourselves in a post-Covid world but to redefine the church for generations to come.

## **Prepping Your Church for a Sabbatical**

### **Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council**

Are you a pastor starting to dream and plan for a sabbatical? Are you in church leadership wondering how to even begin writing a sabbatical policy or wondering how to "sell" the idea of sabbatical to the congregation? Sabbaticals are a part of a healthy relationship between pastor and congregation, and there are plenty of resources and best-practices to share around. This workshop will feature a panel discussion between clergy who have taken spiritually fruitful sabbaticals and laity to have found creative ways to foster unity in their congregation while the pastor has been away. Bring your questions!

## **How to be a Reconciler**

### **Presented by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council**

In this workshop we will be introduced to four practical steps everyone can take to engage reconciliation in our areas of influence. With 2nd Corinthians 5:14-20 providing a foundation, this interactive workshop will encourage, equip, and empower each of us to grow as ambassadors of reconciliation.

## **General Financial Health for Youth**

### **Presented by the Growth Ministry Council**

Discussing debt management, like repaying student loans, opening, and maintaining bank accounts and credit card accounts; understanding simple/fixed interest vs. revolving debt/interest; and what types of retirement options are available and learning to save money.

## **Write On!**

### **Presented by the Growth Ministry Council**

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

## **Growing Common Bonds: Overcoming the Impact of Cultural Polarization on our Churches**

### **Presented by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council**

In this workshop we will be introduced to five orienting steps for addressing the challenge of polarization in our churches. With Ephesians 4:3 compelling us, "Make every effort to keep the unity through the bond of peace," this interactive workshop will provide guidance on principled and practical ways to keep the unity and grow our common bonds.

## **Mission Stories that Reflect God's Call**

### **Presented by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council**

Through the NACCC missions, we learn of Christ's actions in places both near and far. During this panel discussion you will hear updates from missionaries, how Covid impacted their ministry, and how they plan to move forward. There will also be information about how One Great Hour of Sharing funds have been used and upcoming mission projects.

## **How Does Your Garden Grow?**

### **Presented by the Gahanna Community Congregational Church**

Churches know active ministries and connections with their community are vital but figuring out the best options to pursue can often be difficult. Our church recently started a community garden to help alleviate food insecurity. We have found important lessons and metaphors in that work for "planting" ministries of any kind as a church "rooted" in the community. Come join a conversation about ways we can all keep understanding our unique gifts, our communities' unique contexts, and God's leading to find our local churches' exciting places in God's Kingdom.

## **Youth Resource Conversations**

### **Presented by the Growth Ministry Council**

Studies have shown that church youth participation has been declining across the board, but do we know why? Both youth and youth leaders will sit down together to present a roundtable discussion about how to be relevant to youth and how we in the NACCC can all work together for the future of our communities and our churches!

## **Church-Related Colleges in Our Midst**

### **Presented by Piedmont University**

Colleges and universities with a church affiliation are often autonomous and as diverse and inclusive, if not more so, than non-affiliated schools. Learn more about well-known and lesser-known church-affiliated options for higher education around the country offering traditional programs, like business, education, and nursing, as a foundation for successful careers.

# ENTERTAINMENT & GATHERINGS

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## **First Time Attendees' Orientation**

**Saturday, 10:30am**

If you are a first-time attendee of the NACCC's Annual Meeting and Conference, we would love to meet with you Saturday morning! Moderator Cindy Bacon Hammer, Vice Moderator Art Ritter and Executive Director Ashley Cleere will share what is happening in the NACCC, how our structure works, and what opportunities you can take advantage of at this year's AMC. We look forward to welcoming you!

## **Evening Reception**

**Saturday, 6:00pm**

Meet, greet, and have conversation with Diana Butler Bass, Mihee Kim-Kort and Valarie Kaur (possible virtual only lecture for Kaur) about their Love Talk; and any other mutually engaging topics. Take a moment as well to have them autograph copies of their books. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Come to linger!

## **Communion Service**

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Sunday Worship with Communion will be held at Plymouth Church, 10:30am. It will feature the combined choirs of Plymouth Church and University Congregational Church. Additional instrumentation is planned. AMC attendees may join the choirs on a special music piece. Rehearsal for attendees will take place at 9:30am in Plymouth's Choir Room. Buses will begin to bring people to the church at 9:15am and return them to the Drury Hotel after worship.

## **AMCO/ICF Meeting**

**Monday, 7:30am**

Please join us for our AMCO/ICF update meeting. We will provide information about upcoming International Congregational Fellowship (ICF) meeting dates, locations, and activities. We will also be discussing changes to the American Committee for the International Congregational Fellowship (AMCO) bylaws and holding our regular business meeting. We are not able to have a regularly scheduled meal meeting this year, due to the venue. But we do hope to set up an activity during the Annual Meeting for attendees interested in fellowship at the international level. Come join us and see what adventures and opportunities await you!

## **Music & Missionaries**

**Monday, 6:30pm**

An informal time of gathering with NACCC missionaries will include an opportunity to make joyful music together. A piano will be available, but you are invited to bring your own instruments to add to the fun.

## **Congregational Retreat Society Meeting**

**Tuesday, 7:45am**

We welcome everyone to the Congregational Retreat Society's annual meeting on Tuesday morning. The CRS is committed to helping with the spiritual fellowship and devotional life of our NACCC family by several means. We will participate in the Lectio Divina method of meditating on the Scriptures on Saturday, Vespers on Saturday and Monday night, a Healing Service on Sunday night, and Devotions on Monday and Tuesday morning.

## **Tuesday Evening at the Museum**

Starting at 5:30pm, guests will be bused from the Drury Hotel to the Wichita Art Museum where you will be greeted by the smooth jazz of guitarist Micha White and hors d'oeuvres and cocktails from a cash bar. Touring of the museum galleries precedes a dinner buffet that begins at 7:00pm. After dinner, Karen and Tim Robu of Plymouth Congregational Church and Paul Jackson of University Congregational Church will provide entertainment. All perform with the Music Theater Wichita. Guests will be bused back to the hotel between 9:30pm and 10:00pm. Dress is business casual.

## **Congregational Retreat Society Quiet Day**

**Wednesday, June 29**

To accommodate schedules related to the Annual Meeting and Conference, the Congregational Retreat Society is moving its annual Quiet Day for the first time in decades to Wednesday, June 29, after the AMC concludes. The venue and theme will be announced soon. The time of the retreat, 9:00am-3:30pm, should remain consistent as with past years. Those needing transportation should let the retreat planners know and be in the lobby of the Drury Hotel by 8:00am. For more information or to register, please contact Chaplain-Director Rev. Dr. Charles Packer at [drcapacker@gmail.com](mailto:drcapacker@gmail.com).

# SPEAKERS

## Love Talks ~ Saturday Afternoon with Book Signings

### **Love of God ~ Diana Butler Bass**

dianabutlerbass.com

Diana's passion is sharing great ideas to change lives and the world – a passion that ranges from informing the public about spiritual trends, challenging conventional narratives about religion practice, entering the fray of social media with spiritual wisdom and smart theology, and writing books to help readers see themselves, their place in history, and God differently. She does this with intelligence, joy, and a good dose of humor.

### **Love of Neighbor ~ Valarie Kaur**

valariekaur.com

Valarie is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author of *SEE NO STRANGER*. She leads the Revolutionary Love Project to reclaim love as a force for justice. Valarie burst into American consciousness in the wake of the 2016 election when her Watch Night Service address went viral with 40 million views worldwide. Her question "Is this the darkness of the tomb – or the darkness of the womb?" reframed the political moment and became a mantra for people fighting for change.

### **Love of Self ~ Mihee Kim-Kort**

mkimkort.com

Mihee is a Presbyterian minister, agitator, speaker, writer, and slinger of hopeful stories about faith and church. Her writing and commentary can be found in the *New York Times*, *TIME*, *BBC World Service*, *USA Today*, *Huffington Post*, *Christian Century*, *On Being*, *Sojourners*, *Faith and Leadership*, *The Revealer* (forthcoming), and *Religion Dispatches* (forthcoming). She is co-pastor, with her spouse, of First Presbyterian Church in Annapolis, MD and a doctoral candidate in Religious Studies at Indiana University.

## Congregational Talk ~ Monday Morning

### **Ashley Cleere, NACCC Executive Director**

In June, Ashley will complete her first year as Executive Director of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. A Congregational Foundation Theological Studies graduate, she served NACCC churches in Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Connecticut. Then, following the call to ministry kindled while in college, she held multiple positions at Piedmont University from 1999 to 2016. Her recent move to Milwaukee, returning to the Great Lakes region, recalls fond memories of her early childhood in northern Michigan.

# AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

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## Saturday, June 25

Morning Workshops

10:30am First Timer Attendees' Orientation

12:30pm Lectio Divina

1:00pm Welcome and Opening Session

1:30pm Love Talk I—Diana Butler Bass

3:00pm Love Talk II—Valerie Kaur

4:30pm Love Talk III—Mihee Kim-Kort

6:00pm Reception with Speakers

8:00pm Town Hall

9:00pm Vespers

## Sunday, June 26

10:30am Worship at Plymouth Congregational Church

~CFTS Graduation Ceremony

Afternoon Workshops

9:00pm Healing Service

## Monday, June 27

6:30am Morning Devotions

7:30am AMCO/ICF Meeting

9:00am Business Session I

11:00am Congregational Talk—Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere

1:30pm Plenary Session with Church Mutual

2:30pm Olivet Speaker

2:50pm Business Session II

4:10pm Piedmont Speaker

6:30pm Music & Missionaries

9:00pm Vespers

## Tuesday, June 28

6:30am Morning Devotions

7:45am Congregational Retreat Society Meeting

9:00am Missionary Presentations

10:45am Final Business Session

1:30pm NACCC Leadership Visioning

Afternoon Workshops

5:30pm Wichita Art Museum

## Wednesday, June 29

Quiet Day Retreat