

VITALITY MINISTRY COUNCIL REPORT
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Greetings my amazing and dearest friends!

As I write this, I am looking forward to seeing many of you in person. You might even be reading this right now while in Wichita!

In the late spring after Easter, we had three regional Convocations (East Coast, Midwest, and West Coast). We just recently saw the launch of the first cohort of a re-developed lay ministry program (led by their own editorial council) and we will be having an in-depth workshop/seminar this fall for those pastors that feel a call to an interim-style ministry. It is the goal of the Vitality Council to one day have a network of 10-12 pastors focused on healthy interim ministries throughout the nation, helping churches that find themselves in a season of transition.

The Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies (CFTS) falls 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.

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.

Now, you need to know, if you haven’t realized already these programs take hundreds of hours by an incredible team of volunteers to make these happen. Countless zoom meetings, text messages, phone calls, and emails. This amazing group of people share a love and devotion toward the NACCC and for the future of true Congregationalism.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Irv Gammon whose term is up this year. He has been a wonderful Vitality Council member, and during most of that time, he has been our most trusted secretary. Thank you, Irv, for all your hard work!

Forever In Your Service,
Rev. Justin J. Nierer
Vitality Council Chair