



# Church Fair Share Giving

## Why Contribute?

- As an organization, our vitality is directly tied to the support our member churches provide. The NACCC exists to serve our churches and relies on financial contributions to carry out our various programs and services.
- While every congregation is unique, we strive to be valuable and relevant to all our member churches, regardless of size and needs of the church.
- Whether you see value in being a part of a national organization, utilize our networking opportunities, take advantage of our leadership resources, or rely on us to help find a pastor, we ask you to contribute your Fair Share to ensure we are able to help all of our congregations for years to come.

## What is Fair Share Giving?

- The NACCC requires each of our member churches to make an annual contribution to our Shared Ministries Fund, which directly supports our programs and services.
- FAIR SHARE gift refers to our suggested contribution. We do not require a membership fee, but we do expect that each church support the organization through an annual gift. Currently, the Fair Share we ask our churches to contribute is \$13 a member per year.
- FAIR SHARE PLUS refers to member churches who give at a “Fair Share Plus” level, which is a contribution of \$15 or more a member. This level of giving has a significant impact on the ability of the NACCC to help churches.

## How does the NACCC support our churches?

- Pastoral Searches
  - Assisting and guiding member churches and clergy in pastoral searches through a pastoral search process
- Financial Opportunities
  - Granting funds to churches facing challenges through The Hurting Churches Fund
  - Providing professional management for church investments and endowments through the Congregational Investment Trust (CIT)
  - Loaning funds to member churches through the Building & Loan Fund
  - Subsidizing the cost of attendance at the Annual Meeting & Conference through the Providence Endowment Fund
  - Funding fine arts programs at member churches through the John Richard Memorial Endowment Fund

- Fellowship
  - Hosting the Annual Meeting & Conference
  - Coordinating and planning Ministers' Convocation
  - Preparing tomorrow's leaders through National Association of Pilgrim Fellowship (NAPF) and Heritage of Pilgrim Endeavor (HOPE) youth programs
  
- Education
  - Training lay ministers through our Lay Ministry Training Program
  - Providing seminary education and financial support through the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies (CFTS)
  - Hosting a variety of webinars and workshops
  - Printing, editing and distributing the *Congregationalist* Magazine
  
- Vetting and Supporting Missions
  - Vet and support 14 national and international missions
  - 100% of all donations made to specific missions goes directly to the mission.
  
- Providing guidance for:
  - Church growth and vitality
  - Assessing your organizational structure and practices
  - Managing conflict
  - Evaluating clergy and other church staff, lay leaders, and volunteers
  - Creating a culture of stewardship in your church
  - Strategic planning
  - Vetting missions

**“Our church gives at this level because we are grateful for all the NACCC has done to help our church. We realize the budget for the NA is not extravagant, and providing services to the local churches costs money. We have certainly benefited from the organization.”**

**-Fair Share Plus contributing church**

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## Mission

*To nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches  
and to support ministries of the local church in its community  
and to the world, all in the name of Christ.*