

VITALITY MINISTRY COUNCIL REPORT

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In the “times of old” knights were awarded a plume as an award in order to be recognized for something they did. Hence, the saying, “a feather in your cap” when you accomplish something that needs to be remembered.

The Vitality Ministry Council through the last six years has a lot of feathers in our caps. Some of them include helping to start the now in its third year, lay ministry training program. Also, we were able to kick off three regional Convocations in order to better encourage and minister to the pastors in our association.

We worked hand in hand with the Rev. Dr. Charles Packer in his continued ministry as the Dean of CFTS. We celebrated with him the many stories of our seminary students and their journeys of preparation for full time ministry. Not having Charles in that role after this annual meeting is a huge loss for the NACCC but we know God will use him in ways he cannot even imagine right now and the VMC is honored to have worked with him throughout his tenure.

My time on the Vitality Ministry Council has come to an end. There have been many wonderful things and even a few disappointments, such as having to cancel the West Coast Convocation. I believe, as do others, that having a Convocation type event for pastors in that area is key to have some much-needed encouragement, rest, and healing happen. My prayer is that the future VMC find ways to facilitate this.

I am honored beyond mere words in have worked with an amazing group of people. They have worked tirelessly to make sure the VMC has been a true “feather in the cap” of the NACCC. I want to thank Sarah Terlouw, Ian MacDonald, Cynthia Hardy, Robb Tarr, Irv Gammon, Doug Gray, and other members of the VMC both former and recent for everything they have given our pastors and our beloved association. Thank you.

Your Servant,

Rev. Justin J. Nierer, Chair, the Vitality Ministry Council of the NACCC.