

All member churches of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches are notified and enthusiastically invited to attend the 70th Annual Meeting and Conference June 22-25, 2024 in Spokane, Washington. The theme of our conference will be "There is a Time." The AMC will take place at the Centennial Hotel in Spokane. The hotel is next to the Spokane River and the Centennial Trail and within walking distance of many shops and restaurants.

The Rev. Ed and Jami Backell lead the Host Committee, comprised of many churches from the Pacific Northwest Association. The group hoped to host our AMC back in 2021 and we finally get to experience their hospitality. They chose the theme to recognize God's hand in all of the times and seasons of ministry. Once again, those unable to join us in person will be able to attend virtually.

Our featured speaker will be Alan Roxburgh of the Missional Network, a consultant in Missional Formation and author of *Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World.* The Rev. Stephy Nobles Beans, Assistant Chaplain at Whitworth University will bring an inspirational welcome to us. We will also hear the inspirational story of Native Alaskan Carol Seppilu.

This year we will have plenary sessions with presentations from Dubuque and Andover Newton seminaries. There will be a handful of workshops beginning on Saturday morning. We will worship with communion on Sunday morning, joined by our NAPF and HOPE attendees. Each business session will begin with an inspirational time of music and prayer. We will hear from some Pacific Northwest churches about how they are "Being Church." We also look forward to the reports of our councils, committees, ministry teams, missions, and missionaries. On Monday night we will enjoy a picnic with food trucks beside the Spokane River. There will be opportunities for walking tours and receptions that will enhance our fellowship and friendship.

I hope to see everyone in Spokane or to have you join us online. We look forward to the promise of God in this time.

Peace and grace,

Art Ritter Moderator