

# NACCC E-NEWS



August 1, 2025

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### GRATEFUL

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

Although it may be August, I am still reflecting on our 71st Annual Meeting and Conference.

What a joy it was to see old friends and to make new friends. I am thankful to those who attended the meeting in person and to those who joined us virtually. I am grateful to all the volunteers from our churches who helped form the Host Committees. We had people from all over the country serve on Registration, Marshalls, Worship, and Music Committees.

Our Plenary and Workshop sessions, I believe, gave our churches hope for the future. Our presenters shared words of hope, support, encouragement, and a feeling of community. Please share what you heard and learned with your congregation.

I am still excited from the evening with our Mission Partners. Getting to know them better while playing games and interacting with fellow Congregationalists.

Please mark your calendar for next year's meeting in Springfield, MA., June 27-30, 2026.

### WE'RE HIRING!

The NACCC is seeking a part-time Office Assistant to join our team in Oak Creek, Wisconsin! This on-location role (8–12 hours/week with a flexible schedule) will support the administrative and development efforts of the NACCC, helping strengthen connections with our member churches, donors, and wider community.

Interested, or know someone who might be a good fit? Check out the [job description](#) for more information!

To apply, send your resume/CV and cover letter to NACCC Executive Assistant Sarah Sobecke at [ssobecke@naccc.org](mailto:ssobecke@naccc.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

### SHARING VITALITY GRANTS PROGRESS REPORTS

Curious about what church vitality looks like in action? In early 2025, the NACCC Vitality Ministry Council awarded ten one-time grants to member churches launching bold, collaborative, and Spirit-led projects aimed at renewing local ministry. These grantees are already making remarkable strides, tackling real-world challenges and embracing fresh opportunities to serve their communities. Their work is not only inspiring - it may also spark ideas for your own ministry context. [Click here](#) to explore their progress reports, connect with their stories, and discover how you might be part of next year's cohort. Application details are included at the end of the report and can also be found [here](#).

## AFTER THE PAUSE...

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE MODERATOR

Authoring this month's note for the E-news got a way from me a bit. Some changes at our church, along with the nature of the summer season, allowed it to fade into the background. Luckily, our dutiful NA staff gently prodded me to get on task. The truth, however, is that I'm certain that I was not alone. There is a bit of a communal 'deep breath' that happens in the NA after the Annual Meeting and Conference. We tend to pause for a moment, many leadership groups will take July away from holding regular meetings, and everyone embraces a flash of respite. This is all well and good (and needed!). Just as I was beckoned back to task, however, much of our remaining leadership will do the same in the coming weeks. So, if you are part of that group – read this as part of your gentle 'nudge' to look at that NA project or responsibility that has faded into the background. If you are not part of that group – pray for those who are! It is that time. The next year is getting underway. And I, for one, am very much looking forward to seeing where it goes!

## RECOGNIZING DEDICATION, EMBRACING NEW SERVICE

VARN PHILBROOK, CHAIR CIT COMMITTEE

The Board of Governors wishes to offer a big thank you and a warm welcome. Following the course of our standard 5-year terms, Dick Davis is stepping down after his term of service to the Board and the Board's Finance Committee. We want to recognize and thank Dick for his past service AND his continued service as he will be serving as a Member-at-Large on the Congregational Investment Trust. We cannot completely say goodbye! At the same time, we want to welcome Beth Borland, who is joining and beginning her 5-year term of service. Beth brings a sharp wit and has very deep NA roots. She has served on several boards already, and we look forward to her service to the BoG. Welcome Beth!

## Mission Partner Spotlight

## EVENT CALENDAR

October 15, 2025, 12:30 - 3:30 pm CT

Webinar Series: Effective Transitional Leadership

This four-part virtual seminar is designed to equip church leaders with the practical tools, insights, and confidence they need to navigate periods of change with purpose and clarity. [Click here](#) for more information.

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