

NACCC E-NEWS

THE MESSENGER



September 15, 2025

THE RHYTHMS OF FALL

REV. DR. GERRY KRUPP, NACCC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings, Congregational Friends,

September is here, and in Oak Creek we're settling into the rhythms of fall—as I suspect many of you are as well. At the NACCC, autumn shifts our focus toward the future. Across our Association, plans are underway for Spring Convocation, our Annual Meeting in Springfield, MA, and the Boston Seminar.

At the same time, many of our ongoing ministries continue to flourish. The Congregationalist has released another excellent edition, and our Lay Ministry Training Program (LMTP) is equipping members to serve their churches in new ways. Each month, a different faculty member leads courses that strengthen our congregations. Churches are also finding encouragement through the Plentiful Gifts partnership with Dubuque Seminary.

Opportunities like the Leaders' and Companions' Tables invite us to explore how we lead from uncharted places. Together, we celebrate the fellowship of our churches, our associations, and our shared call to serve Christ.

Be encouraged!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

As we step into a new program year, we invite all member churches to renew their commitment to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Your membership makes possible the programs, resources, and connections that strengthen our shared Congregational life—pastoral support, workshops, youth and young adult events, leadership development, and so much more. Together, we extend the witness of Christ through collaboration, fellowship, and service.

Renew today to ensure your church continues to benefit from these opportunities and to affirm our enduring covenant with one another.

Contact kward@naccc.org for more information.

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RESTORATION-THEMED
SEPT. EDITION OF THE
CONGREGATIONALIST

VIEW OUR RECENT
CALLS, ORDINATIONS,
AND INSTALLATIONS

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UPCOMING
EVENTS!



THE NACCC ANNUAL MEETING 2026 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

JULIE ROBIE, NACCC MISSION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The Intergenerational Mission Project at the Annual Meeting in Springfield, MA June 2026 will be partnering with the NACCC mission partner Seafarer's Friend located in Boston. Due to their close proximity to the Annual Meeting location, it seemed a win win that we work with them.

We will be filling "Ditty bags" given out to mariners on ships that come into port.

Here's where your help comes in. We need people to knit/crochet hats and scarves to put into the bags. BUT, we also need to have bags sewn as well. Instructions for the knitting and sewing are found on Seafarer's Friend website www.seafarersfriend.org or email js2026ma@gmail.com for instructions.

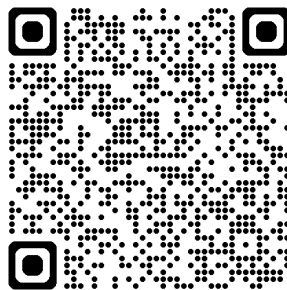
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STRENGTHEN YOUR LEADERSHIP THROUGH CHANGE

Are you leading your congregation or association through transitions? If so, the **Effective Transitional Leadership Webinar Series** - composed of four interactive sessions running from October 15 to October 23 - could be just what you need. Designed for clergy and lay leaders (active and retired), this series empowers participants with practical tools, insightful strategies, and real-world case studies to confidently guide their communities during periods of change. Attendees will explore change theory, strengthen conflict-management skills, and practice facilitation techniques that foster healthy growth, leaving them equipped to lead with clarity and purpose. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your leadership impact!

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