



## 2026

JODEE LORD, MODERATOR

During my family's Thanksgiving dinner this year, we all shared what we were thankful for. I now wait with anticipation to see what will be shared at our New Year's Day dinner when we share our look back on 2025. Who will share their blessings, and who will be thankful that 2025 is in the past? When I reflect on the NACCC in 2025, I am grateful for the churches, pastors, volunteers, and staff who all work so hard to share the gifts God has given them. We are blessed. As we look ahead to 2026, how will God be working through our volunteers and staff? How will we see God moving among us? I pray that you will have a blessed 2026, and that you will hold the NACCC in your prayers during the coming year.

A very happy and blessed New Year to you!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

REV. DR. MARTIN HALL, VICE MODERATOR

The New Year often comes with a plethora of feelings. Sometimes we find ourselves looking back with gratitude (perhaps even a bit of sorrow) over a year of particular blessings and fortune that is coming to a close. Sometimes we find ourselves more than ready to close the book and claim the fresh start of the year that is about to begin. Often, there is a mix of both. No matter the sensibility of a given year, however, I always find myself looking back with deep gratitude for those who have walked the journey of the year with me. As I look back upon both the victories and vicissitudes of 2025, that gratitude and appreciation extends to so many in our National Association. The staff who work hard to foster our mission every day... the leadership that is constantly devoted to the bettering of our churches... the clergy and laity who serve day in and day out to further God's love in meaningful ways... I am deeply thankful for each and every one, and pray for you a blessed 2026. Happy New Year!

## THE YEAR AHEAD

KATHERINE MILLER-TODD, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Happy New Year! This is often a time to examine how we can make this year even better than previous years. Resolutions abound! The NACCC Foundation is eager to provide a strong, permanent endowment for *The Congregationalist* magazine. The magazine has, for nearly 200 years, been a record of faith in action, a mirror of our values, and a meeting ground for diverse perspectives. The Foundation invites each of you to ensure that the magazine continues to thrive! As this year unfolds, watch for the various ways you and your church can be involved in making a gift to an endowment for *The Congregationalist*. With your participation, this legacy will continue to inform, connect, and inspire generations to come.

## CHARLES RUSH AWARD

JULIE ROBIE, MISSIONS COORDINATOR

Do you know a minority person who is working with Congregational Christian churches to accomplish worthwhile social and personal goals? Consider nominating them for the Charles Rush Award - an award intended to exemplify the excellent spirit of the late Rev. Charles Rush and emphasize the importance of Christian social involvement!

Search "Charles Rush Award" on the NACCC website to learn more.

## JOIN US IN WELCOMING CHILDVOICE!

The NACCC is excited to welcome ChildVoice as our newest Global Mission Partner. Based in Newmarket, New Hampshire, ChildVoice serves children and youth affected by war and exploitation by providing safe, therapeutic care, spiritual and emotional counseling, education, and vocational training. With a vision to bring God's restoration to every conflict zone, they have already reached more than 15,000 children, youth, and families, achieving remarkable success in helping girls complete vocational programs and reintegrate into their communities. Join us in embracing and supporting this transformative ministry! Search "ChildVoice" on the NACCC website to learn more.

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## ORDER LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Prepare your heart for the season ahead by ordering your Lent Devotional Booklets today! These thoughtfully crafted reflections are a wonderful companion for daily prayer and spiritual renewal throughout Lent. With Lent beginning on February 18, now is the perfect time to reserve your copies and ensure you're ready for the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Search "Advent & Lent Devotionals" on the NACCC website to order yours so that you and those you share them with can start Lent well prepared.

## SUPPORT THE 2026 INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION PROJECT

Help us prepare for the Intergenerational Mission Project at the 2026 Annual Meeting and Conference by gathering the items we need to fill the "ditty bags" we'll be assembling for seafarers.

Additionally, we would love for the members of your church to write encouraging letters for the mariners or craft colorful pictures to be included in the bags.

Search "Intergenerational" on the NACCC website to learn how you can participate in this exciting project and help out our mission partner, Seafarers' Friend!