



**THE OFFICIAL CALL
OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CONGREGATIONAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
72nd ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE**

All member churches of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches are notified and eagerly invited to attend the 72nd Annual Meeting and Conference from June 27- 30, 2026, in Springfield, MA. This year's AMC will take place at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel in Springfield, MA. It is conveniently located near local attractions, many restaurants, and transportation. There is also the option of joining virtually if you are unable to attend in person.

The Host Committee is chaired by Jeff Kauffman and is comprised of individuals from churches in the New England area. The theme they chose for this year's conference is: "HOPE AND A FUTURE," based on Jeremiah 29:11.

There will be three different plenary presenters. **The Reverend Douglas Stivison** is chaplain at the historic Seaman's Bethel and pastor of New Bedford's First Congregational Church at Lund's Corner. The topic of his presentation is **Jeremiah and the NACCC: Prophetic Preaching Never Out of Style**.

Dr. Tricia Peone will explore the Congregational Library & Archive's new in-person exhibition, **Sacred Rebellion: Congregationalists in Revolutionary Massachusetts**, featuring many treasures from the CLA's collections. Dr. Peone joined the CLA in 2022 as the Project Director for New England's Hidden Histories, a digital archive of early church records. She is also curator of two recent exhibitions at the Congregational Library on religion in the American Revolution.

Dr. Allison Norton is the Associate Professor of Migration Studies and Congregational Life at Hartford International University, where she co-directs the Hartford Institute for Religion Research and directs the Pastoral Innovation Network of New England. Through her presentation, **A Future and a Hope: What the Data Says About Congregations After the Pandemic**, we will explore trends in congregational participation, the rise and ongoing role of hybrid and online worship, patterns among new church attenders, and the ways congregations are engaging their communities.

Starting Saturday morning, we look forward to many exciting workshops with varied topics for you to explore. On Sunday, we will worship and share Communion together, joined by NAPF/HOPE attendees, followed by an Intergenerational Mission Project.



Our business sessions will begin with a motivating time of song and prayer, followed by a presentation from our Mission Partners. Our conference room will adorn banners from NA churches as we conduct our business sessions. We look forward to presentations from our boards, councils, ministry teams, and missionaries. On Monday evening, we will gather for dinner, music, and fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you in Springfield, MA, or to having you join us virtually, and to seeing God's love in action.

Blessings,
Jodee Lord
Moderator