



72ND ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE



**JUNE 27-30, 2026
SPRINGFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS**

8473 S. Howell Avenue, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53254
(414) 764-1620
www.naccc.org

JOIN US FOR THE 72ND AMC!

Registration is open now!

[Click here](#) to register for the in-person meeting.

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Prefer not to register online? Call the NACCC office at (414) 856-1620 to register over the phone.



HOTEL INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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The 2026 Annual Meeting and Conference will take place at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel, located at One Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts, 01144.

The hotel is located in the heart of the city and is within walking distance of MGM Springfield. Other popular attractions, including the Basketball Hall of Fame, Six Flags New England, and Dr. Seuss Museum, are close by. All guest rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi, and the hotel offers an indoor heated pool, fitness center, and an on-site restaurant and bar.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The NACCC's group rate is \$139 plus taxes and fees. Reservations must be placed by June 1st. The discounted group rate will be available 3 days before and after the conference, subject to availability.

To make your reservation online, [click here](#). If you'd prefer to call to make your reservation, dial 413-781-1010 and choose option 2. Make sure to mention the group name NACCC to receive the group rate.

DELEGATE & ALTERNATE CREDENTIALS

Delegates and Alternates must be certified with a signed credential card on file with the NACCC office. Certification is required before a Delegate or Alternate can vote at the Annual Meeting & Conference.

Please pay special attention to the Alternate cards which have a priority voting number on each card. According to the bylaws, the church must indicate an order of who can vote if the Delegate is not in the room when a vote is taken.

All credential cards must be signed by a church officer.

Delegate and Alternate credential cards will be emailed to member churches with the Registration Brochure. You may also print these cards and other materials using the PDFs on the Annual Meeting and Conference webpage on the NACCC's website.

Please email completed Delegate and Alternate credential cards to ssobecke@naccc.org upon registration. Alternatively, you can mail copies of completed Delegate and Alternate credential cards to the NACCC office at:

8473 S Howell Ave
PO Box 288
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Cards are DUE MAY 31st.

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Saturday, June 27th

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast- MOMC Meet & Greet Mission Partners
9:15-10:15 am	Workshop- Rev. Ian Macdonald
9:15-10:15 am	Workshop- David Pier
10:30-11:30 am	First-Time Attendees' Welcome Orientation
10:30-11:30 am	Workshop- Jessie Grabill
10:30-11:30 am	Workshop- Rev. Robb Tarr
11:30-12:45 pm	Lunch Break
12:45-1:00 pm	A Time for Song and Prayer
1:00-2:30 pm	Business Session 1
2:30-3:00 pm	Break
3:00-4:00 pm	Plenary Session 1- Rev. Doug Stivison
4:15-5:15 pm	Plenary Session 2- Dr. Allison Norton
5:15-7:30 pm	Dinner Break
5:30-7:15 pm	Donor Reception
7:30-8:30 pm	Town Hall
9:00-9:30 pm	Vespers

Sunday, June 28th

7:00-8:30 am	Breakfast- Sponsored by Congregational Library and Archives
10:00-11:30 am	Worship Service and Communion
11:30-1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00-2:00 pm	Activity- Intergenerational Mission Project
2:15-3:15 pm	Plenary Session 3- Dr. Tricia Peone
3:30-4:30 pm	Plenary Session 4- Rev. Doug Stivison
4:45-5:45 pm	Workshop- Deborah Boud
4:45-5:45 pm	Workshop- Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff
5:45-7:30 pm	Dinner Break
6:00-7:30 pm	Dinner Meeting- AMCO/ICF

Sunday, continued

7:30-9:00 pm	Game on! Fun and Games with Mission Partners, Followed by a Dessert Reception
9:00-10:00 pm	Healing Service

Monday, June 29th

6:30-7:00 am	Morning Devotions
7:15-8:30 am	Breakfast- Executive Director Gerry Krupp
8:45-9:00 am	A Time for Song and Prayer
9:00-10:30 am	Business Session 2
10:30-11:00 am	Break
11:00-12:00 pm	Panel Discussion - Rev. Dr. Marisa Egerstrom, Rev. Jon MacDonald, Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff, Dr. Synthia Taylor
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch Break
1:30-3:00 pm	Business Session 3
3:00-3:30 pm	Ice Cream Break
3:30-4:30 pm	Workshop- Rev. Carol Taylor
3:30-4:30 pm	Workshop- Rev. Dr. Charles Packer & Rev. Wendy Van Tassel
6:00-8:30 pm	Dinner and a Show! Amanda Mammana

Tuesday, June 30th

6:30-7:00 am	Morning Devotions
7:15-8:30 am	Breakfast- State and Regional Moderators' Meeting
7:15-8:30 am	Breakfast- Congregational Retreat Society Meeting
8:45-9:00 am	A Time for Prayer and Song
9:00-12:00 pm	Final Business Session
12:00 pm	Adjourn Meeting- Until Michigan 2027!

This tentative agenda is subject to change. For more information on scheduled events, see the following pages of the Registration Brochure.

SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

Rev. Ian Macdonald - Gospel Spice

Saturday 9:15-10:15 am

Rev. Ian Macdonald is the senior minister at Anamesa, a hybrid Congregational house and online church. He holds an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and a B.A. in Communication from Cal State Fullerton. Serving churches since 2010, he is a former award-winning creative director and author of *\$h!t Jesus Says: Reclaiming Love in the Kingdom of Heaven* (2025).

Workshop Sponsored by Washington Gladden Society

David Pier- Is Your "Inherited" Church Getting in the Way of Being a "Relevant" Church?

Saturday 9:15-10:15 am

David Pier is a retired dentist who continues to practice part-time, providing pro bono care for survivors of domestic abuse. He has taught across the U.S. and Canada on leadership, communication, and relationship-centered care. A longtime leader at Rockland Congregational Church, he lives with his wife of 46 years and enjoys family, skiing, sailing, hiking, and reading.

Workshop Sponsored by the Growth Ministry Council

First-Time Attendees' Welcome Orientation

Saturday 10:30-11:30 am

Moderator Jodee Lord, Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Marty Hall, and Foundation President Laura Hamby will share what is happening at the NACCC, how our structure works, and what opportunities you can take advantage of at this year's AMC.

Jessie Grabill - Plan Your Year in Local Missions with Convoy of Hope

Saturday 10:30-11:30 am

Jessie Grabill leads a team at Convoy of Hope, helping churches live out God's calling in their communities. When she's not creating resources for ministry, she enjoys leading worship at her church and spending time with her husband, Ryan, and their dog, Finley.

Workshop Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council

Rev. Robb Tarr - Vitality Ministry Grantee Progress Reports

Saturday 10:30-11:30 am

Rev. Robb Tarr has served as the pastor of Gahanna Community Congregational Church in Columbus, Ohio, since 2019. He is a graduate of Florida State University and Fuller Theological Seminary. Robb has a passion for ministry at the connection point of churches and the broader community, which he has put into practice as a parish pastor and through his work with faith-based nonprofits.

Workshop Sponsored by Vitality Ministry Council

Rev. Douglas Stivison - Prophetic Preaching

Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm; Sunday 3:30-4:30

Rev. Douglas Stivison is chaplain of the historic Seamen's Bethel and pastor of First Congregational Church at Lund's Corner in New Bedford. He earned an M.Div. from New York Theological Seminary and has served NACCC, UCC, and Presbyterian churches for 25 years. He is the former editor and publisher of *The Living Pulpit*, and previously held leadership roles with Reed-Elsevier, PwC, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Plenary Session 1

SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

Dr. Allison Norton - A Future and a Hope: What the Data Says About Congregations After the Pandemic

Saturday 4:15-5:15 pm

Dr. Allison L. Norton is associate professor of migration studies and congregational life at Hartford International University. She co-directs the Hartford Institute for Religion Research and directs the Pastoral Innovation Network of New England. Her work focuses on applied research that makes a tangible difference for religious communities and congregations. She is co-authoring *Migrant God, Migrant Faith* (IVP Academic) and serving as co-investigator on the Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations study.
Plenary Session 2

Dr. Tricia Peone - Sacred Rebellion: Congregationalists in the American Revolution

Sunday 2:15- 3:15 pm

Dr. Tricia Peone joined the Congregational Library & Archives in 2022 as Project Director for New England's Hidden Histories, a digital archive of early Congregational records. She holds a PhD in history from the University of New Hampshire. She was a research scholar at Historic New England and public programs director at New Hampshire Humanities. She has taught on the Salem witch trials and early New England and worked with cultural heritage organizations.

Plenary Session 3

Deborah Boud - The Power of Invitation: Helping the Next Generation Step Into Faith

Sunday 4:45 - 5:45 pm

Deborah Boud is program coordinator for A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP), supporting young adults serving diverse communities in national parks. Since joining in 2023, she has witnessed its impact on shaping leaders and reaching visitors. A Trevecca Nazarene University graduate, her time serving in Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve deepened her conviction that God uses both stillness and community to form faithful disciples.

Workshop Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council

Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff - The Well-Tempered Copyright: Faithful Music Licensing as an Act of Worship

Sunday 4:45 - 5:45 pm

Rev. Dr. Daniel Rodriguez Schlorff is senior minister of Third Congregational Church in Middletown, CT. In addition to serving God and the Church, Daniel works as a professional musician.

Workshop

Rev. Dr. Marisa Egerstrom, Rev. Jon MacDonald, Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff, and Dr. Synthia Taylor - Revolutionary Models of Church Revitalization

Monday 11:00-12:00 pm

Being a church leader responsible for church revitalization in 2026 can feel isolating, but it doesn't have to be. For the past year, a small group of pastors from coast to coast has met monthly to explore the revitalization needs of the local church. Their stories are as diverse as they are, but the pattern of church revitalization is the same.

Panel Discussion Sponsored by the Vitality Ministry Council

SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

Rev. Carol Taylor - Praying the Psalms

Monday 3:30-4:30 pm

Rev. Carol Taylor has served as a licensed minister at the United Church of Beloit, WI, since completing the NACCC Lay Ministry Training Program in 2006. Active in community outreach and missions, she is a former chair of the Growth Ministry Council and now serves on the Board of Directors. Carol also co-edits the annual Lenten and Advent devotionals and regularly attends NACCC Annual Meetings with her husband, Martin.

Workshop

Rev. Dr. Charles Packer and Rev. Wendy Van Tassell - Reading as Sacred Practice: Lectio Divina

Monday 3:30-4:30 pm

Rev. Dr. Charles Packer, Trustee of the Congregational Retreat Society, serves as senior minister of Pine Hill Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, MI, and teaches at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. Rev. Wendy Van Tassell, also a Trustee, has long served NACCC churches, co-edits devotional booklets, and leads retreats, Quiet Days, and ministry training.

Workshop Sponsored by the Congregational Retreat Society

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Business Sessions 1-4

Saturday from 1:00-2:30 pm; Monday from 9:00-10:30 am and 1:30-3:00 pm; Tuesday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

The agenda for each business session will be shared in the Program Booklet.

Town Hall

Saturday 7:30-8:30 pm

A dedicated time to meet with NACCC Leadership to discuss the proposed budget for the NACCC. There will be time for a Q&A.

GATHERINGS & ENTERTAINMENT

Host Committee Welcome Reception

Friday 8:00-10:00 pm

Kick off the AMC at the Welcome Reception! Enjoy appetizers and drinks, connect with others, and begin the experience together.

A Time for Song and Prayer

Saturday 12:45-1:00 pm; Monday 8:45-9:00 am; Tuesday 8:45-9:00 am

This gathering invites attendees to join in lifting their voices in song and offering prayers for unity, peace, and spiritual connection.

Donor Reception

Saturday 5:30-7:15 pm

(By Invitation) An evening of gratitude and fellowship hosted by the NACCC Board of Governors, honoring those whose generous gifts of \$250 or more help carry our mission forward. The reception features heavy appetizers and beverages in an intimate setting and offers an opportunity to connect with fellow supporters and the leaders who steward your investment in our fellowship.

Vespers- Lisa Bircher

Saturday 9:00-9:30 pm

Led by the Congregational Retreat Society, Vespers is a time of reflection, prayer, and evening worship to close the day in spiritual tranquility.

Worship Service and Communion- Sermon by Rev. Ron Toliver

Sunday 10:00-11:30 am

The worship service and Communion are sacred times for collective worship, reflection, and the shared observance of Communion, deepening our connection to God and one another.

Intergenerational Mission Project with Seafarers' Friend

Sunday 1:00-2:00 pm

Help fill ditty bags for seafarers! Seafarers' Friend, one of the oldest Congregational missions, has supported merchant mariners for nearly 200 years. Each year, churches and community groups donate items like sewing kits, toiletries, and clothing. These are packed into ditty bags and distributed during the holidays to seafarers in port, offering practical care and encouragement.

Game on! Fun and Games with Mission Partners Followed by a Dessert Reception

Sunday 7:30-9:00 pm

Join our NACCC Mission Partners and Affiliates for a casual evening of fun and games followed by a dessert reception. Laughter and smiles are guaranteed! There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is required.

Healing Service- Led by Rev. Margery M. Briggs

Sunday 9:00-10:00 pm

The Congregational Retreat Society invites you to a time of restorative prayer, healing, comfort, and spiritual renewal.

GATHERINGS & ENTERTAINMENT

Morning Devotions- Led by Graduates of the Lay Ministry Training Program
Monday 6:30-7:00 am; Tuesday 6:30-7:00 am

Start your day with the Congregational Retreat Society for a peaceful time of reflection, prayer, and spiritual connection to center yourself for the day ahead.

Ice Cream Break- Sponsored by Board of Governors

Monday 3:00-3:30 pm

Take a refreshing pause from business and learning with the NACCC Board of Governors to share in fellowship with other attendees.

Dinner and a Show! With Performer Amanda Mammana

Monday 6:00-8:30 pm

Join us for an inspiring evening featuring a three-course plated dinner and live music by Christian indie folk singer-songwriter Amanda Mammana. In 2022, she captured national attention as a semi-finalist on America's Got Talent, moving millions with her original song, "Back to Life." She writes about the human condition, tapping into the incredible power of hope and perseverance. Blending indie and folk sounds, rooted in faith and authenticity, Amanda's music reminds listeners that they are more than the challenges they've faced and that their story is still being written.

A cash bar will be available.

Cost: \$75 per person. Advanced payment and registration is required.



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MEALS

Breakfasts

MOMC Mission Partner Meet & Greet Breakfast

Saturday 8:00-9:00 am

Start off the AMC with the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC), NACCC Mission Partners, and affiliates. This informal light breakfast offers an opportunity to hear about ministries around the world.

There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is required.

Congregational Library and Archives Breakfast

Sunday 7:00-8:30 am

Join Congregational Library and Archives staff and leaders to mingle and learn more about what the Congregational Library and Archives is all about.

There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is required. Space is limited to 50 people, so please register early!

NACCC Executive Director Breakfast

Monday 7:15-8:30 am

Spend time with our Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp, and learn about the recent NACCC programs that are helping our churches, like the Plentiful Gifts Grants, the Revitalization and New Church Development Task Team, and more.

Cost: \$25 per person. Advanced payment and registration are required.

Congregational Retreat Society Breakfast

Tuesday 7:15-8:30 am

Visit with members of the Congregational Retreat Society and learn about the society's mission to offer silent retreats, days of prayer, and other useful means of lifting up the power of prayer.

Cost: \$25 per person. Advanced payment and registration are required.

State and Regional Moderators Breakfast

Tuesday 7:15-8:30 am

Led by MOMC Chair Rev. Rich Miller-Todd, state and regional moderators gather to meet new members, reconnect with friends, and share updates about their churches and communities. Light breakfast provided.

Lunches

Timing Varies

A lunch buffet will be offered on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of the Annual Meeting and Conference.

Cost: \$35 per person/per day. Advanced payment and registration are required.

The lunch buffets include an entree, soup or salad, sides, dessert, and coffee.

Dinners

AMCO/ICF Dinner

Sunday 6:00-7:30 pm

The American Committee for the International Congregational Fellowship invites you to its annual dinner meeting. They will be conversing about future plans for the Quadrennial Conference in 2029. Join them for a wonderful time of fellowship!

Cost: \$55 per person. Advanced payment and registration are required.

Dinner and a Show! With Performer Amanda Mammana

Monday 6:00-8:30 pm

(See *Gatherings and Entertainment*)

*All meals will include dietary-restricted options (gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.).

NACCC APPAREL

NACCC t-shirts are available for pre-order on the 2026 Annual Meeting and Conference registration form for pickup at the AMC in Springfield, MA. We hope to offer online orders with shipping for those not attending in person soon.

Order Deadline: May 25th, 2026

CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT

Available in sizes S to 5XL.

Cost: \$25



UNISEX CREWNECK T-SHIRT

Available in sizes S to 5XL.

Cost: \$15



WOMEN'S V-NECK T-SHIRT

Available in sizes S to 3XL.

Cost: \$15



MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

BRING YOUR BANNERS!

We'd love to decorate our space again with the beautiful banners of our member churches. Please plan to bring a banner that is up to four feet wide (including stand) that directly represents your church and its history.

Make sure you bring a stand to display it on, too!

GETTING THERE: Travel to Springfield

The hotel does not provide shuttle service to and from the airport.

Bradley International Airport (BDL)

The region's major airport, located 20 minutes from Springfield, offers more than 300 daily commercial flights to 35 North American cities through 15 carriers.

Distance from Property: 18.0 Miles

Taxi Service: Located outside of the arrivals/baggage claim level

Uber and Lyft: Drivers are stationed near the terminal and can arrive within 3-5 minutes of your ride request. The designated pickup area is marked.

EVENT PARKING

On-Site Parking

Overnight parking is \$19.95 per night, and day guest parking is \$10.00. Subject to change.

Off-Site Parking

Springfield Parking Authority: The Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel uses this lot for hotel guests and can validate parking on-site.

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OUR MISSION

To nurture fellowship among
Congregational Christian churches
and to support ministries of the
local church in its community and
to the world, all in the name of
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OUR VISION

Vital and healthy Congregational
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