

## **Moderator and Leadership Council Annual Report 2026**

***Jodee Lord, Moderator***

The 71st Annual Meeting and Conference was held in St. Louis, Missouri, from June 21 to June 24, 2025. The event was a vibrant gathering of our churches, with attendance both in person and virtually, exemplifying our collective commitment to faith, fellowship, and service.

The host committee, comprised of dedicated individuals from across the country, diligently organized the conference, forming committees based on shared interests and talents. This collaborative effort facilitated a diverse and enriching experience for all participants. We proudly extended the right hand of fellowship to Grace Christian Church as they joined the NACCC, marking a meaningful addition to our association.

Throughout the assembly, we conducted NACCC business, worshiped together, and shared in Communion on Sunday morning, fostering spiritual connection and renewal. Attendees engaged with inspiring speakers, plenary sessions, workshops, and the many opportunities for fellowship. An Intergenerational Mission Project with the assembly and NAPF/HOPE exemplified our ongoing commitment to community and youth engagement. Our ministry councils played a vital role in the conference's success.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) continues to nurture communities impacted by natural disasters, war, and hunger through the One Great Hour of Sharing initiative. Some participated actively in hands-on rebuilding efforts and worked tirelessly to raise awareness and support for global missions, including fostering relationships through the Cultural Exploration Ministry.

The Growth Ministry Council remains dedicated to nurturing new churches through prayer, conversation, and support for the Leaders Table/Companion Cohorts, facilitated by our leaders. At the conference, they delivered impactful workshops supporting churches within the NA. Growth Ministry Council continued its spiritual and financial support to NAPF/HOPE. The youth participated in Sunday worship and the Intergenerational Mission Project at the 2025 AMC.

The Vitality Ministry Council successfully facilitated a Ministers' Convocation for seasoned and new pastors, offering encouragement and resources. Several churches received grants to fund inspiring and creative programs, and the council actively supported LMTP and CFTS initiatives, fostering collaboration and encouragement. Their support extended to the Leaders Table/Companion Cohorts and the promotion of the Russell Preaching Award.

We are deeply grateful to all members of our ministry councils for their time, talents, and unwavering dedication. Their service supports our churches and advances the Congregational Way, embodying our shared mission to serve God and the wider community.