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SHARING THE JOURNEY



As I look out my window at the Oak Creek offices, out onto busy South Howell Avenue, I'm thinking about how that view is going to change. A landscape of mostly white will soon (but hopefully not too soon) replace my current view, in the cycle of the seasons. The view you have outside your window is different from mine. It may be a peaceful country setting or a residential area or the busy street of another city. You may not be looking ahead to a winter wonderland outside, but to some other seasonal landscape.

The views we experience are as unique as the places we live. They are as different as the many churches of our Association. My pondering reminds me of two truths about our NACCC: 1) Each of us has a unique perspective and 2) The changes that we face are specific to our circumstances. Yet even in the midst of change and even though the things we face, the things we are looking at, are not the same as anybody else's, we are united by a faith and by a way of doing church that means we are never alone. Each one of us and each one of our churches has the Spirit of God to accompany and to guide and to strengthen us. Each one of us has the loving care of sister churches to walk beside us in ministry. What a joy it is to be in relationship together, sharing this great journey.

I don't know exactly when the view outside my window will change any more than our churches can be certain of when things will change for them, for good or bad. I do know that, whatever the changes that come my way, I am not alone. May that sure knowledge of the Lord's presence and the fellowship of kindred hearts reassure you, in this season of Advent, through your Christmas celebrations, and on into the New Year. Blessings to you!

In Christ,
Casey vanderBent,
Interim Executive Secretary

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The Spirit is Alive in our Churches Preparing for the 2014 Omaha Conference

As the Iowa-Nebraska Association is preparing for the Omaha Conference, it has become clear to us that we are experiencing a **unique blessing** in our Association. For many years, we have functioned loosely as sister churches; but this year has helped us to celebrate who we are and how we can work together in our Regional and National Association. Rich and Kay Miller-Todd have traveled several hundred miles in the pursuit of connecting our churches-- every mile has been worth the effort. Our churches are joining together to make centerpieces for the tables and they are working on two major mission projects. You will read about the Hospital Kits in this publication. Read below about the happenings in just a few of our churches who are wishing to share with all of you the vitality of the Midwest.

Hemingford, Nebraska - Preparing for Bazaar



The Hemingford area was recently hit with the massive snowstorm which surprised the area ranchers who ended up losing thousands of cattle which were suffocated by the heavy snow and no way to get to higher ground. Our Association took up a special offering to show our support. The Miller-Todds arrived to find the Creative Crafters busy preparing for an upcoming bazaar.

These talented women can craft beautiful items for the home. The church had also recently planted a new garden around their front sign and had already made the church the only handicapped accessible church in town. The church was also reducing their winter heating costs with the use of solar panels. The church motto was fitting: "Small Enough to Care -- Large Enough to Share."

Ashby/ Hyannis, Nebraska - Ranch Country

Now these are two great ranch churches which have recently combined.

In this area of Nebraska, going to a store down the road may mean traveling 60 miles. Although the 2013 high school class graduated only 10 young people, they showed they are no slouches academically; one of the graduates entered the new class at the Air Force Academy. This is a unique and lovely setting in the midst of the Nebraska Sandhills. Hyannis and Ashby



are home to some terrific artists and Iowa-Nebraska plans to showcase some art at the Omaha Conference. The railroad is still king in Nebraska. One will meet a huge freight train every few minutes as it rolls toward Alliance with coal or airplane parts. These churches are currently seeking pastoral leadership and have shown an amazing resolve to worship, study and pray as they prepare for a new beginning. Linda Lacy of the Ashby church was recently highlighted in ***Nebraska Life***.

Nashua, Iowa - Historic Church

In recent years, **“The Little Brown Church”** of Nashua has joined our regional and national association. On a recent Sunday, the Miller-Todds enjoyed an old-fashioned hymn sing before the morning worship hour. This tourist destination is an active congregation and we were fortunate to share in their fellowship. The church is located in a beautiful grove of trees and maintains a thriving and unique ministry with the number of weddings performed there. Pastor Jim Mann also shared about the Blood for Missions program that his son began. This allows churches to arrange support for missions with each pint of blood donated.

Berwick, Iowa - Seminarian

Iowa-Nebraska Association is proud to have a CFTS seminarian attending Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas. Emily Miller-Todd is a second year student who will study in Israel over the Christmas break. We are glad to have a student in the foundation program and one who is a member of Berwick Congregational Church. Emily has a great relationship with her home church and communicates with individuals throughout the Iowa-Nebraska Association.

***Ashland, Nebraska - Revitalization Project***

Rev. Abel Sisco of Ashland Church is pictured with Rev. Jim Francisco (Burlington, Iowa) at the revitalization display. Abel has been the revitalization pastor in Ashland, Nebraska where a significant spirit-led revitalization is taking place. This is a program that has been supported by the Regional and National Association. We have been blessed with this opportunity and can see that it has touched the lives of those in Ashland. They have established a dynamic program for Mothers of Preschoolers and it was this church that provided us with the idea for one of our mission workshops: Happy Birthday Bags for the local food pantry. We encourage conference attendees to visit Ashland which is approximately 25 miles from the meeting location this June.



2014 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

June 28—July 1

Hosted by the Iowa/Nebraska Association

2014 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE . . .

Offer Your Heart

Help prepare hospital care kits at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Omaha.



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| Kid's activity book | Sudoku | sticky note pad |
| Crayons /pens | folders | pipe cleaners |
| Small Etch A Sketch | playing cards | crossword puzzles |
| Hand sanitizer | small pillow | comic books |
| Comb | brush | little mirror |

Offer Your Heart in Prayer

Share a prayer as part of a prayer journal to be included in the hospital care kits created at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Simply enter your prayer below or on the back and return to: Kay Miller-Todd, 3407 Kingman Blvd., Des Moines, IA 50311.



Center for Congregational Leadership

Congregational History and Polity Seminar. Nine individuals gathered at the Center for Congregational Leadership in Olivet, Michigan and seven others joined via the web for an intensive seminar on Congregational History and Polity. Charles Packer of First Congregational Church of Rockwood, Michigan and Norm Erlendson of Third Congregational Church in Middletown, Connecticut served as faculty for the seminar. Participants from Maine to California joined the lively discussions. Here are some of their comments:

"Great job keeping the NACCC moving forward in our educational endeavors!"

"I want you to know that the seminar was great and I appreciate all of the thought and time everyone put into it."

"Thank you for making the webinar available since I could not have traveled and didn't want to wait until next year."

Our next seminar will take place in Boston, July 27 – August 1, 2014.

Board of Governors. The Center for Congregational Leadership hosted the Congregational Foundation's Board of Governors for their semi-annual face-to-face meeting. Betsey Mauro, Dean of the Center, made a presentation to the group on *Contemporary Stressors on the Church*. Olivet College's BJ Hull, Vice President for Advancement, also made a presentation to the Governors on *Fundraising Among a Diverse Constituency*. With the information gleaned from these two educational presentations, Betsey then moderated a discussion as the Board of Governors considered fundraising priorities for the upcoming year and beyond.

Presentation on Confidentiality. Betsey Mauro, Dean, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. Using her doctoral thesis, *Confidentiality, Congregationalism, and Covenant* as her basis, Betsey spoke on the delicate balance between keeping confidentiality and sharing information that can help support people in crisis. She touched on the difference between confidentiality and secrecy and lifted up the ethical use of social media in pastoral care.

MINISTERS' CONVOCATION. The annual Ministers' Convocation will take place April 28 – May 1 in a new location. Using the traditional date of convening the second Monday after Easter, our usual location at St. Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois could not accommodate us this year. After much research, the location for this year's Convocation is The Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan. More information about the Convocation program, housing and other pertinent items will be posted after the first of the year.

History and Polity On-Line! Level One of a two level Congregational History and Polity Course will become available in January, 2014. This course is for anyone who is active in a Congregational church that is a member of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and wants to know more about our rich heritage. Ministers and Christian educators may wish to use this course as part of a new member class, as an adult educational opportunity, or with a confirmation class. It is offered free of charge as a tool in whatever ways are best for you and your congregation. Level II is in development.

MISSION & OUTREACH NEWS

OGHS APPEALS

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is collecting funds for the following disasters: flooding in Colorado, typhoon relief in the Philippines, and the tornadoes in Illinois.

Thus far, we have collected \$2,540 for the flooding in Colorado. This money will be sent to the Old Stone Church, in Lyons, CO. They are using the funds to renovate their hall to accommodate community organizations that have been displaced by the flooding and to provide housing for work groups that come to help with the relief effort.

For the typhoon relief in the Philippines, we have collected over \$3,000 and money is still coming in. These funds will be split between our two missions in the Philippines. We will also send some to our partner in ministry, the Congregational Federation of Australia, who has 42 churches in the Philippines.

Funds are just now coming in for the Illinois tornadoes. None of our member churches were affected by this storm but there are shelters operated by the United Methodists that we will send the funds to. To donate to any of these disasters, send your checks to NACCC – OGHS, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Please write “disaster” or the name of the disaster on your check. Have questions or want more information? Contact Linda Miller at lmiller@naccc.org or (800) 262-1620 ext 1618.

Please keep these communities in your prayers. Thank you for your generous donations.

OTHER NEWS

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council had their fall budget retreat Nov. 12 -15 at Hosanna Industries, Rochester, PA. This is one of the NACCC's Recommended Missions. They have an 8.5 acre campus with 13 buildings, to store their equipment, supplies, housing for volunteers, offices and a training center. Amanda Becker is our contact at Hosanna. She gave us a tour of the facilities and then took us into Pittsburgh to visit a worksite where the students from their training Center were working with staff to rehab a duplex. It was a very exciting mission to visit.

If you or your church is interested in any of the NACCC supported missions, please contact Linda Miller at lmiller@naccc.org or (800)-262-1620 ext. 1618.

Every Dollar Given to Missions . . . Goes to Missions.



NAPF - HOPE mission trip Nashville, TN



June 22-28, 2014

Arrive Sunday afternoon – Depart Saturday morning

Cost: \$595.00

Speaker

Rev. Dr. Stu Merkel

Lodging

Vanderbilt University

Initial deposit (\$100) is due by December 31st
along with the registration form.

Registration Form and Scholarship information
Is available on the NACCC website
www.naccc.org

DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING TO **NAPF OR HOPE 2014?**

APPLY FOR ONE OF THE NAPF AND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS

There are scholarships available for anyone wishing to attend NAPF or HOPE but may need some financial assistance with the cost of attending.



There is an application form available on the NACCC website www.naccc.org as well as information regarding the available scholarships.

Scholarship Application deadline

January 15, 2014

You don't want to miss out on the opportunity of participating in either NAPF or HOPE 2014, and the Commission on Youth Ministries is looking forward to being able to help you out!

You can now order your Lent devotionals, *"The Way to the Cross Leads Home."* The devotionals are \$3.00 each which includes postage and handling. Order form available on page 14.

Send your orders to:

Linda Miller at lmiller@naccc.org or call the NACCC office at (800) 262-1620 ext. 1618.

Church Happenings

We've noticed (and reported on the fact) that some churches reprint news that their Year Round Delegate gets from the NACCC. It is also a pleasure to report that many churches, including **FCC, Emporia, KS**, print information about their State or Regional Fellowship events and meetings. It is good to remind the people in our churches of their broader Congregational connections.

Florence CC, Florence, MA gives their members updates on the nominating process. Sometimes you miss out on finding the right person for a job because that person doesn't know about the opportunity. Posting nominating needs is one good tool in getting word out about your church's volunteer needs.

If you have blank spaces in your newsletter, keep some little stories or fun pictures on hand to insert into that space. It costs money to print and send newsletters. Might as well get the most from it!

Encouraging your pastor to be active in the broader community is a good idea for many reasons. They may even get recognized for their work, which reflects positively on their church, that gave them the time to do that work. Congratulations to **Rev. John Miller of FCC, Royal Oak, MI** and **Rev. Wayne McLeod of FCC, Toulon, IL** for recent public recognition of service!

It's always a good idea to put a copy of a flier or poster of your church's upcoming event in your newsletter, encouraging members to post them at local businesses (with permission of course), as well as on their home fridge. **FCC Fall River, MA** placed theirs in multiple times. You can also do what the folks at **People's Church in Bayport, MN** do. The schedule their annual Harvest Festival to coincide with similar events in the area, which can increase attendance at everybody's events.

The newsletter of **FCC, Rockwood, MI** was recently full of invitations to meals. Does your

church have a special meal event, either as a fundraiser or a fellowship opportunity? Consider reaching out to your community in this way. Sharing meals worked pretty well for Jesus in establishing a sense of closeness with people. Why don't you give it a try?

It's too late for this year, but we encourage you to set a Heritage Sunday (like our sisters and brothers at **Heritage CC in Berea, OH**). Usually held the Sunday before Thanksgiving, it provides an opportunity to focus specifically on our Congregational heritage. Don't just talk about the Pilgrim Way once a year, though! We've got materials and resources to help you share the word.

It's also too late for you to plan a Thanks Giving Open House, like that have at **FCC, Yarmouth, MA**, but you can always put it in your plans for next year. How many times per year do you invite your neighbors into your building for a special event? While Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to share our Pilgrim heritage, you can invite people over any time.

Casey vanderBent
Interim Executive Secretary

VISITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS REMEMBERED

Rev. Casey vanderBent
 ◇ Spoke at Fox River Congregational Church, Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Rev. Betsey Mauro:
 ◇ Attended the Michigan Conference Annual meeting at Sutton's Bay, Michigan
 ◇ Visited First Congregational Church, Roscommon, Michigan

Church Happenings, con't.

LETTERS SENT AND/OR AMBASSADOR VISITS

Arena Cong'l Church, Arena, WI, for their 150th anniversary.

FCC, Burlington, IA, on their 175th anniversary.

Porterville Cong'l Church, CA, installation service of Rev. Justin Dryden.

Riverpoint Cong'l Church, West Warwick, RI, installation service of Rev. Gail Mills.

Onondaga Community Church, Onondaga, MI on the dedication of their new church.

RECENT CALLS

BALEVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NEWTON, NJ
REV. JAMES BACKING AS SENIOR MINISTER

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SAN DIEGO, CA
REV. MICHAEL GONZALES AS SENIOR MINISTER

UNITED CHURCH OF MARCO ISLAND, SAN MARCO, FL
REV. DR. GREG SMITH AS INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

HAMPSHIRE COLONY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, PRINCETON, IL
REV. SARAH GLADSTONE AS SENIOR MINISTER

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ROCHESTER, MA
REV. ROBERT RIPLEY AS SENIOR MINISTER

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SEARSPORT, MA
REV. DEBRA ARNOLD AS SENIOR MINISTER

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, PORTERVILLE, CA
REV. JUSTIN DRYDEN AS SENIOR MINISTER

BETHANY UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CHICAGO, IL
REV. DR. LAWRENCE CAMERON AS SENIOR MINISTER

DECEMBER

Harvey Cutting	Dec. 2, 1955
Bradley Heiple	Dec. 2, 1984
Ron Lynn	Dec. 2, 2000
Fred Neal	Dec. 5, 1965
James Eaton	Dec. 7, 1975
Daniel Vellinga	Dec. 7, 1986
Dinah Haag	Dec. 7, 1997
Warren Griffin	Dec. 7, 2008
Gregory Ellcey	Dec. 9, 1962
Elizabeth Bingham	Dec. 10, 1979
Gard Rowe	Dec. 13, 1945
Ried Martin	Dec. 13, 1998
Harold Brown	Dec. 15, 1958
Reno Wright	Dec. 18, 2011
Joseph Clarke	Dec. 27, 1984
Robert Weiter	Dec. 27, 2001
Fred Towne	Dec. 29, 1940

JANUARY

Raymond Bennett	Jan. 1, 1952
Charles Goldsmith	Jan. 1, 1952
Ruth Bartos	Jan. 1, 1957
Marjorie Doriani	Jan. 1, 1957
Terry Smith	Jan. 1, 1958
Thomas Gossett	Jan. 1, 1959
Robert Henderson	Jan. 1, 1959
Dellis Hudson	Jan. 1, 1959
Robert Trump	Jan. 1, 1959
Clifford Schutjer	Jan. 1, 1962
Phyllis Patten	Jan. 1, 1964
Franklin Shannon	Jan. 1, 1965
James Martin	Jan. 1, 1966
Donald Sweitzer	Jan. 1, 1966
Barry Johnson	Jan. 1, 1968
Michael Halsey	Jan. 1, 1969
James Henry	Jan. 1, 1970
Robert Clark	Jan. 1, 1971
Richard Dunn	Jan. 1, 1972
Richard C. Hammond	Jan. 1, 1973



David Hawk	Jan. 1, 1975
Valyn Sutter	Jan. 1, 1977
Deborah Kaiser-Cross	Jan. 1, 1980
James McKenzie	Jan. 1, 1981
David Kaiser-Cross	Jan. 1, 1983
Chris Bryan	Jan. 1, 1985
Marty Miller Maddox	Jan. 1, 1990
Philip Spottswood	Jan. 1, 1991
Ronald Folkersma	Jan. 1, 1992
John Metcalf	Jan. 1, 1994
John Moore	Jan. 1, 1998
Bruce Williams	Jan. 1, 1998
Robert Warner	Jan. 1, 2001
Henry (Jack) Brown	Jan. 4, 1974
Daniel Schowalter	Jan. 6, 1985
Lynda Johnson	Jan. 6, 2002
Al Stewart	Jan. 7, 1989
Jane Milaschewski	Jan. 8, 2011
Patricia Haaheim	Jan. 11, 1981
William Gentry II	Jan. 14, 1996
Robert Harrell	Jan. 15, 1977
Sharon Wozencraft	Jan. 15, 1984
Matthew Webster	Jan. 16, 2010
Lara Morris Archibald	Jan. 17, 2010
John Carson	Jan. 18, 1982
A.J. Harrell	Jan. 19, 2003
Pamela Haug	Jan. 19, 2003
Brian McGookey	Jan. 19, 2003
George Woodward	Jan. 20, 1966
Cynthia Bacon	Jan. 20, 2001
Russell Petrie	Jan. 22, 1962
Susan LeFeber	Jan. 22, 2005
Maryann Palmetier	Jan. 22, 2005
Merlyn Billhorn	Jan. 23, 1953
Robin Honaker	Jan. 24, 1993
Gary Howell	Jan. 24, 2003
Richard Campbell	Jan. 27, 1963
Mitchell Taylor	Jan. 28, 2006
Richard Nease	Jan. 29, 2000
Lucas Miller	Jan. 30, 2011

**CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITY COURSE
LEVEL I – ON LINE
CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

WELCOME

I welcome you to Level One of the Congregational History and Polity Course. This course is an offering of the Center for Congregational Leadership of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). This introductory course is designed to acquaint you with the general history, theology, spirituality and practice of Congregationalism. Congregationalism is deeply rooted in scripture and has a rich history that begins in England during the reformation, comes to America with the crossing of the Mayflower and the migration of Puritans to Boston, inspires two revivals, provides energy to the Revolutionary War, challenges slavery and other social ills through the Social Gospel movement, and continues its expression of faithfulness through congregations like yours.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

This course is for anyone who is active in a Congregational church that is a member of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and wants to know more about our rich heritage. Perhaps you are new to your church and wish to understand more about its traditions and practices. Perhaps you are a lay leader who wants to be better informed about the Congregational Way so that you can be a more effective leader. You may be a minister who is serving a Congregational church for the first time in your ministerial career, or a seminary student studying to be a Congregational minister. Whatever your circumstances and aims, I hope you will enjoy working your way through this course. There is no charge to take this course.

A MESSAGE TO MINISTERS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

This course may be used as part of your new member class, as an adult educational opportunity, or with your confirmation class. When used for groups, each member, including the facilitator, is individually enrolled, but you structure how you want the group to interact together. For example, you may assign a module a week and then bring the group together to discuss what they have learned. You might ask confirmands to respond to specific questions the modules ask. You might use it as an orientation for new members or leadership boards. In short, it is offered as a tool in whatever ways are best for you and your congregation.

ENROLLING IN THE CLASS

To enroll in this course, whether as part of a group or on their own, each individual must download the **Registration Form** at www.centerforcongregationalleadership.org and return it to Marie Steele, Administrative Assistant at the Center for Congregational Leadership. It may be emailed to her at msteele@naccc.org or mailed to her at 320 S. Main Street, Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan 49076. When an admission application is received, the applicant will be emailed instructions on how to enroll in the course. Any questions or difficulties should be brought to the attention of Marie.

RECOGNITION OF COMPLETION

At the end of the course is a self-administered course review. Upon completion of the course review, a student may contact Marie Steele for a Certificate of Completion issued by the Center for Congregational Leadership. Upon request, the certificate will be sent to the individual along with a notification to the minister and moderator (president) of that person's church commending the student for her or his accomplishment. The church may wish to recognize the individual in worship, in the church newsletter or in some other appropriate manner.

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

This course was made possible by a generous grant from Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. Its design was under the guidance of JoAnn Nicoll, a professional course designer recently retired from the University of Pittsburgh. She is an active member of the Etna Congregational Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The curriculum writers are Congregational clergy with special interest and knowledge in the topics they wrote about. They are Michael Chittum of First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City, Utah; Norm Erlendson of Third Congregational Church, Middletown, Connecticut; Charles Packer of First Congregational Church of Rockwood, Michigan; and Lloyd Hall, retired. Marie Steele served as the technology coordinator and online designer. I thank them all for their diligent work. I also thank the good folks at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn for their generosity. Prior to launching this course, several individuals served as beta-testers: Jerry Turner of Arbor Grove Congregational Church, Jackson, Michigan; Rev. Eric Hickman of Tipton Community Church, Tipton, Michigan; Robert Smith of Highlandville, Missouri and Rev. Diane O'Connell of First Congregational Church of Maltby, Snohomish, Washington. To them I also express my gratitude. Their feedback was invaluable in getting this course ready for our churches to use.

AS TIME GOES ON

It is common for all online-based courses to change over time. Part of that is because it is relatively easy to upgrade content and improve the course in response to user feedback. Another issue is that sometimes hotlinks to other material get broken, secondary content generated and hosted by others disappears. Please let us know if you encounter these or any other difficulties. Only with your feedback can we maintain the high standard to which we aspire in this course. Contact Marie with your observations and experiences.

LEVEL II IN DEVELOPMENT

Level II of the Online Congregational History and Polity course is in development. Once active, it will be available to those who wish to know even more about Congregationalism and the Congregational Way. While any individual, upon completion of Level I will be able to enroll in Level II, it will be aimed particularly at clergy from non-Congregational traditions who are now serving Congregational churches, seminarians and lay ministers.

CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND THE CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

We are committed to the continuing expression, strength and witness of the Congregational Way. To this end, we do not charge a fee for this course. However, with any offering like this, there are always administrative and office fees that support endeavors like this. If you have found this a helpful and valuable experience, please consider a gift of gratitude to the Center for Congregational Leadership. Your encouragement and generosity will help us maintain and further develop offerings like this one on behalf of member churches of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Yours in Christ,
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UPCOMING EVENTS***44th Annual Convocation***

April 28—May 1, 2014

Weber Retreat & Conference Center, Adrian, Michigan

www.weberadriandomincans.org***NAPF—HOPE Mission Trip***

June 22-28, 2014

Nashville, TN

Boston Seminar

July 27—August 1, 2014

Congregational Library, Boston

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

There's a new Facebook open group for members and friends of NACCC churches. The group, NACCC Meetinghouse, open to lay people and clergy, is a place for Congregationalists to meet on the internet to discuss what's important to us. Join the conversation. Everyone's voice is important!

UCC LOAN LETTERS

If your church has received any of the latest round of letters from the UCC, asking for full or partial repayment of antiquated building loans, please contact Casey vanderBent at the NACCC office or check in with a member of the Continuation Committee for information on how to respond before taking any other action.



SEND ME YOUR NEWS

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