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## NACCC NEWS

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### SHARING THE JOURNEY

I've titled my contribution to the NACCC News, "Sharing the Journey," because that kind of language has, for many years, been central to my understanding of the life of faith. Each of us is on a journey and, from time to time, we get to share our journey with others; our paths intersecting for a time in ways that often bring great blessings. I initially thought of this as a new sharing with the people of the NACCC, but in truth I've been sharing this journey with you for many years already. Since the moment in 1996 when I first talked to Phil Jackson, then Dean of CFTS, about my plans for seminary, through the years of study and later, opportunities to serve on the CFTS Board and Executive Committee, I've been privileged to share a part of the journeys of many Congregationalists. I have most certainly been blessed by the experience.

As I begin a new phase of my journey, as the Interim Executive Secretary, I may have a new task to accomplish, but I am happy that I have many familiar and trusted companions to share the way. I also anticipate meeting many more of you; dedicated and faithful followers of Christ who have found, in this Congregational Way, an approach to doing church that makes sense. While it is certainly true that we are in a time of uncertainty and transition, I believe that it is also true that we can continue to count on the Lord's guidance as we seek to do a new thing together.

I am grateful for you and for our shared journey together, and I offer my service to you and to this Association that I love.

In Christ,

Casey vanderBent  
*Interim Executive Secretary*

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## ***2013 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE . . .***

### BLANKETS OF WARMTH for BREAD OF LIFE MISSION

When the delegates of the NACCC arrive in Orlando this June for the Annual Meeting & Conference, they will have the opportunity to bring warmth to the state of Florida. Bread of Life Mission just outside of Orlando, is a NACCC sponsored mission. They serve migrant farm workers in the region. When winter comes in northern Florida, many of these workers live in temporary housing where heat is limited. So the NACCC Annual Meeting participants along with the high school and college age youth of NAPF and HOPE will be making blankets for these workers being helped by Bread of Life.

During the workshop times at the meeting this year, people can opt to go to the mission project room and tie fleece blankets. Last month students from Olivet College on a spring break mission project to Bread of Life spent a day at the First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills cutting out yards of fleece into more than 80 blanket sets. When the delegates come to Orlando they will be finishing the job by doing the final cutting and tying off the four sides of the blankets. As the adults and youth do the finishing of the blankets, they will be encouraged to pray for the migrant worker who will receive that blanket. It's going to be a giant gift of warmth to these families.

The Bread of Life Mission will store the blankets over the summer and when winter comes, they will distribute the blankets to those who need them most. For a sneak peak of what they will be doing, look for a YouTube video called "Fleece Blanket—Step 2".

Rev. Dr. Stu Merkel  
Faith Community Church,  
Franklin, WI



2013 Annual Meeting & Conference information and registration material can be found at: [www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org)

### ***Search Committee Room Annual Meeting & Conference***

A room will be available to help churches who are seeking new pastoral leadership to meet with potential candidates. Contact information for search committee members in attendance at the Annual Meeting will be posted in the NACCC office. Any clergy person wishing to speak with the search committee may call the representative directly. The room may be reserved for private interviews by the search committee representatives through the NACCC office. Search committee representatives in attendance will be able to promote their opening by providing copies of their CIF. They should also bring their church's latest annual report for candidates to review.

### **CHAPLAINCY REQUIREMENTS**

Chaplaincy endorsements are now handled through the Center for Congregational Leadership. The NACCC has adopted a Disclosure Protocol and Policy for all clergy wishing to update ecclesiastical endorsement. Clergy must have a Disclosure File completed before receiving a letter of support for chaplaincy.

Details of the policy are available at [www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org) – go to Ministries, then Division for Ministry, then Ministerial Opportunities. Scroll down to open the NACCC Disclosure Protocol and Policy. Item #1 provides a list of documents required for the disclosure file. In addition to the documents required by the Disclosure Policy, those clergy seeking chaplaincy endorsement must be a member of an NACCC church and submit a letter of support from their church.

All documents can be submitted to Marie Steele by email, fax or regular mail at

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320 S. Main—Burrage Library  
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[msteele@naccc.org](mailto:msteele@naccc.org)

## MISSION & OUTREACH NEWS

### **The Missionaries are Coming! The Missionaries are Coming!**

This is the time when our missionaries are planning on coming to the United States to visit churches before and after the Annual Meeting and Conference in Orlando. This year is no exception.

*Rev. Matthew Oladele, Christ to the Villages, Nigeria, is our invited Missionary this year to the Annual Meeting. He will be in the country at the end of May to the beginning of July. He will be visiting churches in California, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Florida.*

*Rev. Charles Sagay, Mission School of Hope, Cameroon, plans to arrive April 10 and leave on July 9.*

*Rev. SaDo, Myanmar, plans to arrive the second week of June and leave on July 28 to go to the ICF meeting in London. He wants to visit churches in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.*

If your church would like to host one or more of these missionaries, please let me know. I will help to facilitate this. Remember if you don't call me, I will be calling you.

For questions about Missions, please contact Linda Miller at [lmiller@nacc.org](mailto:lmiller@nacc.org) or call (800) 262-1620 ext. 1618.

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



## MISSION & OUTREACH NEWS, con't.

### ***Pilgrim's Presence***

Pilgrim's Presence, located in West Pokot, Kenya, serves 48 villages and 19 local churches covering an area 83 miles in diameter. Their major projects are evangelism, helping local churches resolve conflicts and helping churches to become self-supporting. CEO Geoffrey Lipale stresses that the work is a 50/50 partnership and is careful to avoid creating a sense of dependency as he works toward building community resilience using a systematic approach.

Here is a snapshot of one of the villages: It is located in a desperately poor, arid region where homes are made of sticks and mud with thatched roofs. There is no running water and cooking is done outside on an open fire. On site is a school which has nursery through middle school students, some student housing, a church and a medical clinic. The nursery school teacher had not been paid in months and had 70 students in a small classroom sitting elbow to elbow on the floor. Other classrooms also lacked basic supplies, but the students were delightful and teachers diligent. The third grade class was being taught by a recent high school graduate. The church holds Sunday services. The medical clinic is closed due to lack of funds and supplies. It will reopen during malaria season. A central gathering place is the water tank where women, children and goats come daily. It is supplied with water by a solar powered pump. Goats, cows and chickens provide milk and meat. Camels are also sometimes raised for milk. Geoffrey is grateful for your prayers and is eager to have visitors.

**Prayer requests:** emotional and physical health for pastors and families, healing conflicts within churches.

**Needs are:** pastor training, reliable transportation (motorcycles), sunglasses and reading glasses, child sponsorships, funding for evangelism.

Contributed by:

Julie & Jeff Robbe

*On behalf of the Mission & Outreach Ministry Council, who visited Pilgrim's Presence in February.*



Small boy at the water tank, a central gathering place for Pilgrim's Presence, Kenya

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 19, 2013

## HOSANNA INDUSTRIES TO CELEBRATE NEARLY \$50 MILLION OF CHARITABLE WORK

Local Nonprofit Mission Celebrates 23 Years of Service on Palm Sunday

NEW SEWICKLEY, PA- On Palm Sunday 23 years ago, Hosanna Industries was founded. Three mission workers, a used donated pickup truck, and a budget of \$30 thousand allowed for 13 projects completed that first year. Now, starting its 24th year, Hosanna Industries has done nearly \$50 million of charitable construction work for a cost of less than \$14 million.

"We are profoundly grateful for the many ways in which the Lord has used the gifts, skills, and generosity of so many people in our world to allow us privilege of helping those in need during the past 23 years," says Reverend Dr. Donn D. Ed, executive director of the mission.

On Palm Sunday, March 24th, at four thirty in the afternoon, Hosanna will host a short service in the Morledge Chapel on their campus in New Sewickley Township. Here, the 10 full-time mission workers will be recommissioned for service to the needy, like many of them have done for multiple years in a row now. Afterward, the Community Center on Hosanna's campus will be dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Bob and Bernie Kennedy, with an informal reception to follow.

In the past 23 years, many lives have been changed by Hosanna Industries. Over 2500 impoverished homeowners have been helped with free home repairs, over 150 houses have been built for those in need, 143 mission workers and over 150,000 volunteers have learned the construction trades and the benefits of providing hope. Two and a half million miles have been travelled, and over 50,000 tons of materials have been used, while approximately 10 former mission workers are now running their own companies with training that they received from Hosanna Industries. Countless individuals, churches, businesses, and foundations have provided for the success of the mission.

Contact: Amanda M. Becker, office phone 724-770-0262, cell phone 412-559-7062, or email [amanda@hosannaindustries.org](mailto:amanda@hosannaindustries.org)

About Hosanna Industries: Hosanna Industries, Inc. is a faith-rooted, 501(c)3 non-profit organization in southwestern Pennsylvania that was founded in 1990. The mission includes new construction and repair/rehabilitation services for low income homeowners; leading volunteers in disaster recovery; and training young people in the trade skills to give them a hope for the future. Their typical single client household in 2012 had an income of less than \$13 thousand a year. Hosanna Industries depends on the generosity of others to complete their work. For more information please visit [www.hosannaindustries.org](http://www.hosannaindustries.org).

## NAVIGATING THE WATERS OF CHURCH CHANGE & CONFLICT



### A ONE DAY SEMINAR - SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013

CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
OLIVET COLLEGE - OLIVET, MICHIGAN

This introductory seminar is designed for lay leaders in the church (clergy and other church members are welcome too! Churches are in a time of unprecedented change, with aging populations, declining membership, fiscal pressures, and high-maintenance buildings. Additionally, the religious landscape in America is undergoing rapid diversification with a growing percentage of the population describing themselves as “not religious” or “spiritual but not religious.” These factors, along with others, are causing stress in the church and putting high expectations upon church leaders. Yet, responding to these challenges often provokes conflict in the church. **However, these challenges are not insurmountable and attention to them can create positive change!** This seminar will introduce you to positive strategies for not only facing change but finding God’s call and strength in the midst of change.

Come and learn more about these realities and dynamics. Understand better the challenges we face and how to address them. Examine the role of conflict in adapting to change and learn how to identify productive and destructive conflict. Meet with others who are facing similar challenges and learn from each other. Discover the opportunities within the challenges.

#### Tentative Schedule

8:45 am – Registration	12:00 – Lunch
9:00 am – Contemporary Stressors on the Church Challenges, Change and Conflict Biblical Guidance Covenant Relationships	1:15 pm – Equipping the Church for Change Historical Repercussions Case Studies/Round Table Discussions
10:15 am – Break	2:30 pm – Break
10:30 am – Church History and Narrative A View from the Balcony Churches as Systems Productive and Unproductive Conflict	2:45 pm – Difficult Personalities (clergy and laity) Identifying Levels of Conflict Strategies for Responding to Conflict Moving Toward Church Health

#### Registration Cost

**On-site cost**, including lunch: \$20.00 per person

**Webcast Participation:** \$15.00 (limited number)

#### Faculty

Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro is Dean of the Center for Congregational Leadership, an NACCC ministry based on the campus of Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan. With 21 years in parish ministry and 4 ½ years as Dean of the Center, Betsey brings her knowledge and experience to this subject, about which she is passionate. Betsey received her Doctor of Ministry Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Her thesis explored the ethics of confidentiality in the church.

**Print this page and circulate it to your church boards and committees. This seminar is created especially for them.**

Registration forms are available at [www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org) or [www.centerforcongregationalleadership.org](http://www.centerforcongregationalleadership.org)

## ***A MINISTRY OF PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS***



### **A Blanket of Prayers – A Hedge of Protection**

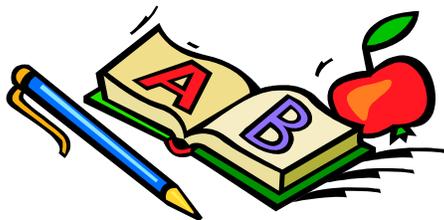
The December tragedy at Sandy Hook School, CT, left our nation stunned. Soon after, members of our local pastors' association began to discuss how we might initiate a ministry of prayer surrounding all of our local schools. The idea is that each public school in the district would be "adopted" by a church in our community. It would be the responsibility of the church to pray for that building, its students and staff.

Several of the ministers approached the district superintendent to get permission/blessing for the idea. The idea was embraced by the school administration. Now all three elementary buildings, middle school, high school and alternative education school have a church praying for them on a regular basis.

Some churches do a weekly walk around their school building. Others have arranged for access to the interior of the building during after-school hours. We encourage our members to pray for our school whenever they drive past the building. Our prayers include petitions for safety, passion for learning and growing and a healthy learning environment; clarity and focus for both teachers and students; the elimination of bullying, creating safe places, not only free from physical violence but from hurtful talk.

This is a quiet ministry of care which might be incorporated into any community. In communities with a diversity of faith traditions, all might be invited to participate in the deliberate praying for the local schools.

Submitted by:  
Revs. Wendy and Tom Van Tassell, Co-Pastors  
First Congregational Church, Spencer, IA



## ***Church Happenings***

(extracted from church newsletters,  
paraphrased and commented upon by Casey)

It's never too early to begin planning for Lent! Here's a great idea from **FCC Spencer, IA**. This year they did a "Spirituality in Film" series, watching a contemporary movie and discussing related questions of faith. You will, of course, want to be sure to have a video license (as Spencer does) before showing any movies in church.

Feed them and they will come! **FCC Wauwatosa, WI** holds an annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Competition. It is both a fundraiser and a great time to enjoy food and fellowship. What does your church cook well?

Another great food related event showed up in the newsletter from **FCC Akron, OH**. They recently had a gathering around the story, Stone Soup. It was a chance to share in a meal and a great story. Other churches, such as **SouthCross Community Church in Burnsville, MN** have done a literal stone soup as a fellowship event, each member bringing an ingredient to add to the pot, showing how our combined gifts can accomplish much. (Editorial note of confession...SCC was my church before going to the national office. CV)

This is a common practice in many of our churches, including **FCC St. Johns, MI**. List the names and contact information for those members residing in care facilities or who are home-bound and encourage your congregation to remember them with a visit, call, or note. The folks at **FCC Otsego, MI** help out that process through their WE C.A.R.E. (Cards Are Reaching Everywhere) program. There you can pick up a card from a basket in the fellowship hall and send it to encourage somebody. They'll even mail it for you.

Your newsletter is a great place to offer ways of supporting the NACCC. In recent months' issues of their newsletter, **North Shore Church in Fox Point, WI** has highlighted the Shared Ministries (general) Fund of the NACCC, encouraging members to give generously so that the church can be a Fair Share Church or better and following up that plea with information about the ways that members can become active as volunteers with the Associations' new Task Teams. Well done!

Church libraries are a sometimes underutilized resource. **FCC Emporia, KS** encourages their members to use that resource by highlighting specific texts in their newsletter. Reviewing books can get people interested in checking out those and other texts.

**Duluth (MN) Congregational** recycles...practically everything. Cans are recycled for profit. Shiny paper is collected and funds go to support a local organization. Recycling efforts at church can encourage people to do the same at home. God loves that stuff!

The newsletter for **Central Cong. in Galesburg, IL** offers "A Page of Gratitude" each month. It is a list of "thank yous" to people who had done special things in the church. What a gift it is to offer your thanks to somebody. A church could expand this kind of ministry to other kinds of thanks as well. We can't ever be too thankful!

**FCC Albany, NY** encourages its congregation to participate in its community by offering a "Community News" section. Part of that report is from an area Theological Center that offers classes. It is a good thing to encourage our members to continue learning, whether within our walls or at a good area resource.

## *Church Happenings, con't.*

Encouraging and supporting youth takes on new meaning with the **Preston City (CT) Congregational Church**. They have an annual Scholarship Month, during which donations are collected and given to support graduates heading off to further their education. These days our young people need all the help they can get in paying for their education.

If you have a newsletter in your church, please feel free to send it to my attention at the national office. While I cannot promise to read every one word for word, I do review all of them to see what great things are happening in our churches. If your church has a unique or particularly successful program or ministry, please let me know about that, too!

*Casey vanderBent*  
*Interim Executive Secretary*

**Do you send us your internet newsletter? Please do. We will pick items from them to share in this column. You can send it to [cvanderbent@nacc.org](mailto:cvanderbent@nacc.org).**

**RECENT CALLS**  
**PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,**  
LANSING, MICHIGAN  
REV. BOB HIGLE AS SENIOR MINISTER

### ***Other Happenings Around the Country***

***FCC Beloit, WI*** - They will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary this year.

***People's Congregational, Bayport, MN*** - They will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year.

***FCC Barkhamsted, CT*** - They are preparing a photo panorama of the church that will be linked to Google. Viewers will have the opportunity to "walk" through the church.

***FCC, Kingston, NH*** - Held a Community Open House in February to view the new Christian education, fellowship and office building. They also hold once-a-month DUCK groups. **Dinner & Uplifting Conversation**, with or without Kids! (DUCK) Get to make new friends with uplifting conversation in a small group setting.

***FCC, Etna, PA*** - Six years ago they made a new beginning with only 22 active members. They have seen an average annual growth rate of almost 82%. What a wonderful blessing.



The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

## PHONE EXTENSIONS

We have a new phone system, thus changing our extensions.  
Please make a note of them:

Casey vanderBent	1611
Carrie Dahm	1612
Betsey Mauro	1613
Marie Steele	1614
Courtney Schultz	1615
Dan Drea	1616
Rebecca Moore	1617
Linda Miller	1618

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*Have you recently received a post-graduate degree? We'd like to know and celebrate that accomplishment. By the way, remember to add this information to your Disclosure File.*

*Send a copy of your certificate and/or transcript to: Marie Steele at [msteele@nacc.org](mailto:msteele@nacc.org).*

**APRIL**

Richard Pritchard	Apr. 1, 1944
Harvey Lord	Apr. 1, 1967
Ron Abbott	Apr. 1, 1990
Martha Sell	Apr. 1, 2000
Mark Fountain	Apr. 2, 1986
David Randlett III	Apr. 10, 1999
Warren Angel	Apr. 11, 1973
William Ferguson	Apr. 11, 1999
Gretchen Schupp	Apr. 11, 1999
Richard Bellingham	Apr. 13, 1956
William Muller	Apr. 14, 2002
E. Neil Hunt	Apr. 17, 1983
Clark Trowbridge	Apr. 18, 1979
Rebecca Andeer	Apr. 18, 1999
Kenneth Zane Holt	Apr. 18, 1999
Weldon Keckley	Apr. 19, 1942
Thomas Witzel	Apr. 19, 1969
Arthur Ritter	Apr. 20, 1985
Mark Rustin	Apr. 20, 1985
Ella Ray Toscano	Apr. 20, 1996
Phil Brookes	Apr. 20, 2002
George Burrows	Apr. 21, 1985
R. Snyder	Apr. 22, 1995
Jesse James	Apr. 23, 2004
Harold Simonson	Apr. 24, 1994
James Gray, Sr.	Apr. 25, 1982
Brian Anderson	Apr. 27, 1991
Paul Ricard	Apr. 28, 1996
Susan Hahn	Apr. 30, 1995

**MAY**

Gayle Bench	May 1, 1943
A.T. Norton	May 1, 1967
John Flahiff	May 1, 1977
Arden Haeffner	May 1, 1977
Michael Mullany	May 1, 1992
Bruce Hunt	May 1, 2005
John Bristol	May 2, 1975
Lee Edwards	May 2, 1982
Wayne McLeod	May 2, 1999
John Titus	May 2, 2000
Bob Higle	May 2, 2010
Cecil McFarland	May 3, 1957
Jon Clifton	May 3, 1970
Lawrence Vollink	May 3, 1970
William Steelman	May 3, 2003
Wayne Cogell	May 4, 1997

Patrick Seymour	May 5, 1984
Kenneth Beres	May 5, 1988
Elsie Sabbithi	May 5, 2002
Paul Clark	May 6, 1957
Steven Berry	May 6, 1979
Mark Jensen	May 7, 1970
Lily James	May 7, 1995
Douglas Harrington	May 7, 2000
Nolan Steiner	May 9, 1965
Fredrick Smith, Jr.	May 9, 1973
Wayne Riggs	May 10, 1953
Charles Hall	May 10, 1960
Janet Ann Rutter	May 11, 2003
Larry Pike	May 13, 1963
James Balija	May 14, 1975
Edward Backell	May 15, 2010
Edwin Randall	May 16, 1980
David Sheldon	May 16, 2004
Jonathan White	May 17, 1992
Mary Biedron	May 17, 1998
Peter Brenner	May 18, 1973
Wilmot Taylor	May 18, 1996
Michael Glidden	May 18, 2000
Hector Mendez-Marquez	May 19, 1991
Loyal Bishop	May 20, 1955
Creighton Peach	May 20, 1984
John Alvord	May 20, 1990
David Smith	May 20, 1990
Joe Walton	May 21, 1964
Gisela Gerdes	May 21, 1989
J. Shelton	May 22, 1960
Arthur Greeley	May 23, 1954
George Taylor	May 23, 1971
Barbara Dunlap-Wolfe	May 23, 1999
Susan Thornton	May 23, 2004
Marvin Janssen	May 24, 1957
Richard Bower	May 25, 1965
Les Wicker	May 26, 1968
Karen Sundland	May 26, 2002
Larry Sansoucie	May 27, 1979
Stanley White	May 27, 1984
Eric Amtsberg	May 27, 2001
Norman Bronson	May 28, 1962
Vincent Santis	May 28, 1973
Gary Wilson	May 28, 1973
Rob Fredrickson	May 30, 2009
Linda Bolton	May 31, 1987
William Greaver	May 31, 1996

## ***Dates for your Calendar***

### ***Navigating the Waters of Church Change & Conflict***

June 8, 2013

Center for Congregational Leadership  
Olivet, MI

### ***2013 Annual Meeting & Conference***

June 22-25, 2013

Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Florida  
in the Walt Disney World Resort

### ***NAPF/HOPE***

June 22-26, 2013

Orlando, Florida

### ***ICF Conference***

July 29—August 2, 2013

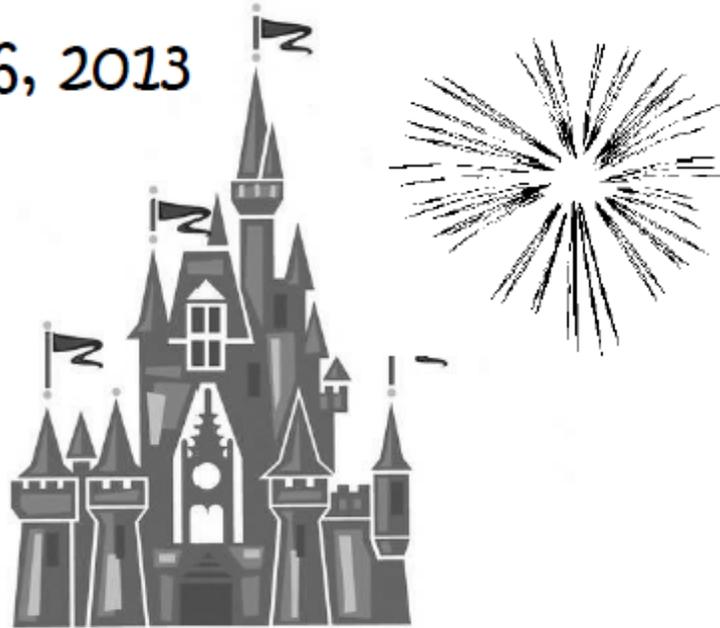
London, England

### ***British Seminar***

August 3-13, 2013

England & The Netherlands

# Join us for NAPF/HOPE 2013 in Orlando, Florida! June 22-26, 2013



- ❖ Lodging at Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel, located just 1 mile from Downtown Disney
- ❖ Dynamic social experiences
- ❖ Evenings at three Disney Parks
- ❖ Awesome speakers and small group time
- ❖ Interaction with NACCC Delegate Conference
- ❖ Inspiring worship experiences
- ❖ Registration Fee: \$675.00
- ❖ Scholarships are available for NAPF and HOPE participants. You can locate the scholarship information on the NACCC website

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## The Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies British Seminar - August 3 - 13, 2013

Join Dean Betsey Mauro, graduates of CFTS and our Congregational brothers and sisters on a journey to England and The Netherlands to discover our Puritan roots. Hear the history of our theological heritage from CFTS clergy while walking the same streets and visiting the places of worship where our forbears fought for the freedom to worship in The Congregational Way.

The CFTS British Seminar is a long-standing tradition within the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. This seminar is being held in conjunction with a conference of the International Congregational Fellowship being held in London July 29 — August 2, 2013.

The British Seminar will include the following:

A pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral and the Canterbury Tales Museum

Visits and tours of the following important Puritan sites:

All Saint's Parish Church and St. Helena's Church in Babworth

St. Wilfred's Church and Scrooby Manor House in Scrooby

The birthplace of William Bradford in Austerfield

Old Hall where John Smyth worshipped in Gainsborough

St. Botolph's Church and Guildhall Museum in Boston

The Meeting House in Bedford

Mayflower Memorial in Southampton

St. Mary's Church, burial place of Mayflower Capt. Jones in London

Pilgrim sites in Amsterdam

Walking tour of Leiden

Tours of Emmanuel College and Corpus Christi College in Cambridge

The Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney

A river cruise on the Thames to Hampton Court

View an original copy of the Magna Carta in Salisbury

Stonehenge

Westminster Abbey, Southward Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral, Wesley Chapel, Bunhill

Fields Cemetery and the Mayflower Pub in London

Travel from London to Amsterdam via Eurostar (The Chunnel Train)

For more information please contact Rev. Mike Fales at [mfales@olivetcollege.edu](mailto:mfales@olivetcollege.edu) or (517) 231-6818.  
Brochure and registration form are available at [www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org).

## The International Congregational Fellowship Conference

*"A PILGRIM PEOPLE: WE'RE ON THE WAY."*

Congregationalists are invited from around the world to gather at Brunel University, in West London (near Heathrow), **Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.**



This is an opportunity for all of us in our NACCC churches to come together to gain global understanding and insight of the faith life and cultures we share with other Congregationalists worldwide.

If you've never been to an ICF conference, you're in for a treat and the cost is reasonable, so make plans to attend. **Don't miss this chance of a lifetime.**

Family members of all ages are welcome.  
 Children (Ages 0-5): Free    Children (Ages 5-10): \$155  
 Youth (Ages 11-18): \$244  
 Young Adults (Ages 19-26): \$325  
 [Youth Conference for ages 14-26]  
 Adults: \$530  
 (price includes lodging, registration, and meals)

For more details and registration information go to **[www.intercong.org/conference-information](http://www.intercong.org/conference-information)** or contact AMCO Treasurer and Registrar: Sue LeFeber at [sue@northshorecongl.org](mailto:sue@northshorecongl.org) (Scholarships may be available)

**ICF YOUTH CONFERENCE****AGES 14 TO 26**

**Some opportunities come along just once in a lifetime! Don't miss this one.**

Join the ICF Youth gathering at Brunel University in West London, a short distance from Heathrow Airport,  
Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 2, 2013.

Our theme for the week will be

**"So in Christ, we who are many form One Body."**

— Romans 12:5

We'll unpack the richness of this scripture passage with Christian youth from around the world. We'll be singing together, playing together, worshipping together and sharing our lives, cultures and what is most important to us. A day-trip to Oxford is being planned.

***You will never forget the ICF YOUTH conference of 2013!***

Come and join us.

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