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Sharing the Journey

Congratulations! Together we have weathered a long season of change as we've slowly progressed into our new organizational structure, born out of our Strategic Plan of several years ago. The action of the delegates to the Annual Meeting and Conference, to officially adopt that new structure in our governing documents, means that we are nearly done being "not quite yet" and finally able to focus on more things than just that transition. With the official notification yesterday from the IRS, confirming the corporation's tax exempt status, it is time to move ahead!

In truth, we have been focusing on a lot of other things. There are many changes coming up within our organization's staffing, as we put into place the plans approved by the folks in Omaha. That means that the folks you count on to serve you at our offices will be dealing very directly with some significant changes in the coming months. While these changes are all for the good, and we believe they will lead to even greater service to our member churches, we also know that change can require a lot of extra attention and energy. As we journey through the coming months together, we ask that you remember this and offer a special measure of grace and the support of your prayers to our NACCC and Congregational Foundation staff, as well as the folks in leadership who will be working to coordinate the filling of important positions and the implementation of the staffing strategies we've adopted. With the Lord's help, we will work through these changes for the improvement of our churches and for God's glory.

Blessings to you!

Casey vanderBent
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Prayer: Strengthen us in the midst of our fears, O God. Remind us again and again that nothing can overwhelm us if we remember to turn to you. Give us courage to sing; give us joy as we embark—with you—on the next phase of our important work. Amen.

OMAHA - Prayers for a Holy Spirit-filled national meeting were answered as Congregationalists from throughout the country recently met in Omaha at the 60th Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches to share God's love, uplift spirits and ask for His direction in the upcoming year. Colorful banners from the Iowa-Nebraska churches provided the backdrop to the meeting with "Come Holy Spirit," "This is the Day the Lord Has Made" and "Love One Another" as just a few of the themes.

Participants heard inspirational as well as practical ways to spread God's love after they returned to their homes. "We want people to put their heart in their hand and show others you love them," said Kay Miller-Todd, co-chair of the Iowa-Nebraska Association host committee. "Reach your heart out unconditionally to those around you," she said as she held up the meeting bag, emblazoned with a picture of a heart in an outreached hand.

That tenet was echoed throughout the five day meeting in workshops, services and by the keynote speaker, renowned Bible lecturer Dr. Richard Cleaves. "Jesus told us to love God, to love your neighbor," Cleaves noted. "And don't limit who your neighbor is." Cleaves is minister of Highbury Congregational Church in Cheltenham, United Kingdom and studied Theology at Jesus College at Oxford.

After his resurrection, Jesus opened the disciples' minds to understand the Scriptures, Cleaves said. He urged them, and us today, to read what was written by the prophets and then to ask and discuss what they read to deepen their understanding. The prophets spoke the Truth to those in power – that God must rule. The sermon on the mount presented that new world view and what it takes to rule in God's kingdom. "In everything, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Love God. Love your neighbor." For us, it becomes imperative that we take on the mantle that the prophets were called to carry. "In a world of injustice, we are called to speak the Truth to power," he said. "To open eyes, minds and hearts."

"The health and vitality of our member churches" is the most important mission of the NACCC, said Interim Executive Secretary Reverend Casey vanderBent.

To help fulfill that purpose, the meeting was replete with workshops packed with countless ideas and step-by-step takeaways to put into action at churches back home. Experiences with local mission projects ranging from a book lending library to a mobile food pantry were shared. Rev. Rich Miller-Todd contacted numerous churches to compile a list of ideas for local missions. To request a copy of this list, email Rich at: rmiller-todd@msn.com, or call him at 515-669-2202.

Ways to use technology to reach out to others with more effective websites and steps to have an effective stewardship campaign were shared. Workshop leaders suggested partnering with other community organizations to help those in need.

Instilling the vision that your church will revive and thrive, rather than just survive is a critical step to growing your church, noted leaders in the "Our Congregation is Growing – What My Church Did Right" workshop. A dynamic worship service focused on the Gospel and Jesus Christ as the presiding authority was essential to growth in another church. Participants were urged to "define who you are; love God, love others, serve others". Create "entry points" such as a food pantry to reach out to others. Someone with that specific interest in serving food to the needy could first become involved with that project and perhaps later, in the church.

Meeting attendees overwhelmingly responded to the host committee request to bring contents for hospital kits, birthday bags and offer prayers for the prayer journals. Several attendees even brought extra suitcases on

their flight to Omaha, filled with items for the bags. Attendees helped assemble 150 hospital kits which were taken to a Des Moines hospital and others in Iowa and Nebraska and about 75 birthday bags which were taken to the Ashland, Nebraska, food pantry.

Missionaries shared their life-changing work that Congregationalists support around the world. "At a time when jobs are scarce and violence is an everyday part of life," education provides the best way to build self-esteem and the path to a better life, said Juana Santos of the PanAmerican Institute in Tijuana, Mexico.

Lively and engaging discussions during the business meetings also had the theme of loving one another as delegates respectfully noted they loved the other delegates even though they disagreed with their opinions.

The dinner and jam session literally brought folks to their feet as they did an exuberant conga line to Siyahamba, a traditional Zulu hymn. "We are marching in the light of God. We are singing in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God."

"The Lord God is with you wherever you go" Dr. Cleaves reminded the group of the meeting theme. "So now we can charge home and actually *do* something about what we have shared," Cleaves said.

Kay Miller-Todd,
Co-chair Iowa-Nebraska Host Committee



Hospital Bags



Birthday Bags



July 22, 2014

Kay Miller-Todd
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
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Dear Kay,

Thank you for your generous support for Meals from the Heartland. This donation will be used to fund meals packaged at this year's Annual Hunger Fight to be held August 27 through 30, 2014 at Hy-Vee Hall in downtown Des Moines. Our goal is to package 5 million meals with 15,000 volunteers during this four day span.

With your financial gift of \$2,198.00 on 7 /17 /2014 and the help of other volunteers, Meals from the Heartland will continue to package and ship meals to hungry people around the world as well as right here in Central Iowa.

Please know that your support makes a difference in the lives of thousands. During 2013 over 8.6 million meals were packaged and distributed around the world to help feed people in need of nourishment. Also during 2013 over 500,000 meals were delivered to local food banks and organizations to help our fellow Iowans.

We thank God for the support that has allowed Meals from the Heartland to package and distribute over 40 million meals since its inception. The need continues and together with you we will carry on this critical work. Iowa is quickly becoming "**The Hunger Fighting Capital of The World**" due to our loyal supporters such as you.

At Meals from the Heartland our vision is to alleviate life-threatening hunger. Thank you for your faith in our mission to empower people to feed the starving. Thank you for making a difference. We wish you and your loved ones many blessings the coming year.

With sincere thanks,

Dave Bradley
Executive Director

Meals From the Heartland is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID# 26-3443290.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE MISSION PROJECTS
AT THE OMAHA ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**

Your generosity toward supplying the hospital kits and birthday bags was heartwarming. Although we purchased 100 blue bags for hospital kits, we only expected to have enough supplies to fully fill about 30 bags. With your generosity, we filled all 100 blue bags and then filled about 50 of our "leftover" green bags. We had so many that we shared with our Iowa-Nebraska churches so that our churches could be blessings in their neighborhoods. About 40 bags went directly to Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. We received a wonderful thank you note from the hospital.

Thank you to your association volunteers for the wonderful activity bags! The bag design itself, all the thoughtful items inside, & the beautiful little prayer books will all be appreciated by our longer-term patients & by visiting families!

Thank you for thinking of us & our patients as you planned for your convention activities.

*Susan Kirsten, CNO
Broadlawns Medical Center*

*Kay Miller-Todd
Co-Chair, Iowa-Nebraska Host Committee*

CHURCHES ACCEPTED INTO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Christ First Community of Faith
North Haven, Connecticut

Allison Congregational Church
Allison, Iowa

Oakham Congregational Church
Oakham, Massachusetts

Paramus Congregational Christian Church
Paramus, New Jersey

Gomer Congregational Church
Gomer, Ohio



NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference
Omaha, Nebraska --- 28 June - 1 July 2014
"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1 :9b

I believe that I am (we are) responsible for understanding and defining my (our) faith. I don't want to be told what to believe, but I seek knowledge and wisdom as I evolve. So, it was really nice to be at this meeting and conference. Not only was I able to act on your behalf in business matters but also I was able to be fed in spiritual ways. Here are some highlights:

In the **business meeting** the association decided to move to a single executive model thereby reducing expenses while expanding volunteer opportunities to serve member churches. Let me know if you'd like to know more.

Following the meeting's theme, the **bible lecturer**, Rev. Dr. Richard Cleaves, a Congregational pastor from England, delivered three 1 hour lectures and led worship on the final evening. He provided a fascinating link between our understandings of the past as we evolve and move into our future - as a church or as an individual.

Peggy Bendroth, the Executive Director of the Congregational Library in Boston delivered the **Congregational Lecture** in which she described the controversy that was present in one of the first meetings of the congregational churches in the middle 1800s. She noted that while the circumstances may differ the 'conversation' is similar as we seek to determine what is expected of us in response to associational, church, and individual callings.

Peggy also presented 2 **workshops** related to her book, *"The Spiritual Practice of Remembering"* in which we learned that we evolve from a long line of choosing - the result of hundreds of factors such as marriages, life choices of forebears, family moves, worship, and educational choices, etc. And we learned that, because so, we are not able to point the blame for past mistakes, but rather we should recognize that we are connected to them. Peggy's book is available from Amazon.com

116 churches were in attendance. 109 delegates, 57 alternates, 83 others.

Top 10 churches represented:

People's Congregational (MN), 7	North Shore Congregational (WI), 7
Congregational Church of the Messiah (CA), 6	Plymouth Congregational (KS), 6
Meadowbrook Congregational (MI), 6	1st Congregational of Wauwatosa (WI), 5
Pilgrim Congregational of Pomona (CA), 5	Oneonta Congregational (CA), 5
1st Congregational, Spencer (IA), 5	North Congregational (MI), 5

Top 10 states represented:

California (41)	Michigan (35)	Wisconsin (27)	Iowa (19)
Minnesota (16)	Kansas (12)	Maine (11)	Massachusetts (11)
Ohio (8)	Illinois (7)		

One day I hope each of you will experience the productive fun of participating in an Annual Meeting and Conference. Next: 2015 - Salt Lake City, 20-23 June

. . . Jim Hopkins
Riverpoint Congregational Church
West Warwick, RI

If you think you see a pattern . . . Our Association is presently emerging into the new model of servant leadership. A frank and necessary goal is to put more Association leadership team members into our sister church pews! This brings a welcomed personalization to our people who much prefer a face than an article. When it comes to sharing fellowship, planning missions, and discussing church or our Association's goals & needs nothing works like post-service coffee talk. Although a simple task, the reality is more difficult. Many of our Association leaders already have a full-time job on Sunday. Other Lay leaders invariably are also leaders in their own churches with a host of local responsibilities. Yet the fact remains that the royal WE are all in this Association of our churches. Our charge – discipleship – is to go forth and spread the gospel (word). The senior leaders are stepping out to walk this walk and we are reaching out to all of our leaders and to you individuals, the greater general membership, to swap a pew when you can and visit a sister church. The only message you need to bring is love & greetings in the name of your church and our Association. Whether it be pew cushions, the organ or a style of worship – amazingly - there is much common ground to share and some great ideas on best practices. As someone once said, 'Try it, you'll like it'!!

*Varn Philbrook
VP Board of Governors
Congregational Foundation*



Two new Handbooks have been posted.

The Art & Practice of the Congregational Way
by Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro

*Misconduct in Ministry: A Handbook for
Congregational Churches* prepared by the
Misconduct Committee

The Membership Handbook has also been updated. It is now available to download as a complete document or just the sections you are interested in.

PLAN AHEAD

The 2015 Minister's Convocation, as determined by the Vitality Ministry Council, will be held April 20 - 23 at the Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan.

The dates are **ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL**, necessitated by a scheduling conflict. Pass the word and put it on your calendars. We hope to see you there.

Dear NACCC Churches,

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council has voted to change support from the Honduran Congregational Mission to the **Ministerio Vida**. Ministerio Vida is in its beginning stages and will start off as a medical and dental clinic in San Pedro Sula. This hospital will be serving the same population as the clinic at the Honduran Mission and Dr. Josue Hernandez will be the director. This new mission has a chapel and four apartments for volunteers. They will operate medical brigades into the villages. Eventually, in a year after receiving the proper licenses, Ministerio Vida will become a fully functioning hospital.

Our change in support is due to irreconcilable differences with the Board of the Honduran Mission. If you want to help support this new mission, make your checks out to NACCC – Ministerio Vida, Honduras.

For more detailed information, contact

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Please pray for Rev. Charles Sagay, Mission School of Hope and Rev. Jaime Julian, Christian Mission in the Far East. They both recently lost their mothers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

46th Annual Minister's Convocation

April 20—23, 2015

This date is ONE WEEK later than usual.

Weber Center, Adrian, Michigan

173rd Michigan Conference of Congregational Churches

October 17-18, 2014

First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan

61st Annual Meeting & Conference

June 20—June 23, 2015

Salt Lake City, Utah



History & Polity—Level 1

Congratulations to Mark Cruth, Onondaga Community Church, Onondaga, Michigan and to Rev. Jeffrey Frantz, Gomer Congregational Church, Gomer, Ohio on the successful completion of the History & Polity - Level I course.

History & Polity—Level II

Congratulations to Jerry Turner of Arbor Grove Congregational Church, Jackson, MI and Bob Smith of Gettysburg, PA on the successful completion of the History & Polity— Level II course.

South Bridgton Congregational Church, South Bridgton, ME held a dedication concert on July 13th to celebrate the restoration and refurbishing of their organ.

East Baldwin Congregational Church, East Baldwin, ME has completed the requirements to be affiliated with the Good Shepherd Food Bank. This will allow them to provide a greater variety of food to clients of their food pantry. They also held a yard sale to benefit the food pantry.

First Congregational Church, Terre Haute, IN is starting a new ministry called Rejoicing Spirits. This innovative ministry reaches out to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their family and friends. The worship service is adapted to welcome those with intellectual & developmental disabilities. Especially important is that it's a shush-free environment.

People's Congregational Church, Bay Port, MN have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. They meet regularly for knitting, needlework, laughter and fellowship.

First Congregational Church, Wayne, MI had a successful VBS with 20 children. They used stories that focused on choosing friends wisely, showing respect, following God's instructions and trusting Jesus.

VISITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS REMEMBERED

Rev. Betsey Mauro:

- ◇ Consulted with the search committee at First Congregational Church, Vermontville, MI.

Varn Philbrook; VP Board of Governors

- ◇ Visited Rochester Congregational Church, Rochester, MA to bring greetings from our Association and visit with church leaders and lay members.
- ◇ Visited Sebago Lake Congregational Church, ME to bring greetings from our Association and to recognize their receipt of the John Calvin Richard Music grant on behalf of the Board of Governors and the Congregational Foundation.

Becci Dawson-Cox; Chairwoman Exec. Committee

- ◇ Visited Duluth Congregational Church, Duluth, MN to bring greetings from our Association and visit with church leaders and lay members.



First Congregational Church of Beloit, WI has about 100 hymnals they will give to anybody who can use them.

Please contact Linda Gabel-Vaughan at:
(608) 362.4821 or email her at info@firstcon.org

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

- George Bernard Shaw

RECENT CALLS

First Congregational Church, Albany, NY
Rev. James Eaton as Pastor

Oneonta Congregational Church, South Pasadena, CA
Rev. Lincoln Skinner as Senior Minister

North Deering Congregational Church, Portland, ME
Rev. Robin Norcross as Pastor

Second Congregational Church, Biddeford, ME
Rev. Catherine Anglea as Pastor

Christ First Community of Faith, North Haven, CT
Rev. Dr. Steven Langehough as Pastor

First Congregational Church of Barkhamsted, CT
Rev. Sue Wyman as Pastor

RECENT ORDINATIONS

Rev. Lianne Winslow
June 8, 2014
People's Congregational Church, Bayport, MN

Rev. Pamela Viets
June 21, 2014
St. Jacobi Congregational Church, Richfield, WI

YOU HAVE A NEW MINISTER - NOW WHAT . . .

- ◆ Establish a Pastoral Relations Committee to assist with the transition
- ◆ Assist with the move—unloading, unpacking, etc.
- ◆ Provide meals as they get settled
- ◆ Prepare welcome package for the family—contact numbers, community information, schools, etc.
- ◆ Prepare welcome page for the minister—contact names & numbers, membership list, make sure the office is ready & supplied
- ◆ Plan a Service of Installation and Ordination if needed

Ordination Anniversaries

AUGUST

Francois Akoa-Mongo	Aug. 1, 1967
Richard Gossett	Aug. 1, 1986
Martha Lane	Aug. 1, 1994
Caroline Dozier	Aug. 1, 2002
Raymond Luber	Aug. 2, 1964
Mark Taylor	Aug. 2, 1992
Paul Koeshall	Aug. 4, 1960
Jeffrey Siegel	Aug. 7, 2004
Jack Frohn	Aug. 8, 1964
William Fillebrown	Aug. 9, 1979
Steven King	Aug. 9, 1990
David Murray	Aug. 10, 1987
Scott Snider	Aug. 11, 1996
Shawn Stapleton	Aug. 11, 2001
Ramona Andrews	Aug. 15, 2004
Douglas Brandt	Aug. 18, 1989
Charles Packer	Aug. 18, 2001
Michael Nash	Aug. 18, 2004
Arlin Larson	Aug. 14, 1977
Glenn Lawson	Aug. 14, 1994
Sam Southard	Aug. 16, 1950
George Mays	Aug. 16, 1981
Bruce Pratt	Aug. 19, 2000
Thomas Warner	Aug. 20, 1978
Robert Brink	Aug. 21, 2005
David Wigley	Aug. 22, 1954
John Wallace	Aug. 22, 2004
Patrick Hunt	Aug. 24, 1969
Tom Douglas	Aug. 27, 1998
Roy Paterik	Aug. 28, 1974
Judith Roska	Aug. 28, 1989
Lynnette Barnes	Aug. 29, 1997

SEPTEMBER

Bert McCormick	Sept. 1, 1961
Phillip Ewert	Sept. 1, 1964
Alice Kelloway	Sept. 2, 1949
Douglas LeCroy	Sept. 3, 1971
Michael Halcomb	Sept. 7, 1971
Anthony Jones	Sept. 7, 1997



J. Eric Hickman	Sept. 7, 2008
David Henry	Sept. 11, 1977
John Hendrickson	Sept. 11, 1988
Larry Foster	Sept. 12, 2001
Victor Hardy	Sept. 16, 2012
Geraldine MacNeil	Sept. 16, 2001
David Fleming	Sept. 14, 1975
Randall Kohls	Sept. 14, 1980
Wendy Sue Kissa	Sept. 14, 1997
Thomas Miller	Sept. 15, 1974
Edward Fackler	Sept. 15, 1985
Victor Bogdanoff	Sept. 15, 1991
Charles Morgan	Sept. 17, 1978
James Francisco	Sept. 17, 2011
Julie Johnson Staples	Sept. 18, 2011
Donald Plank	Sept. 18, 1983
Beth Faeth	Sept. 18, 1994
Charles Birnie	Sept. 18, 2004
David Welcome	Sept. 19, 1998
Samuel Schaal	Sept. 20, 1998
Michael Chittum	Sept. 21, 1980
JP Freeman	Sept. 21, 1997
John Miller	Sept. 21, 1997
Thomas Richard	Sept. 23, 1973
Marchie Miyashiro Sims	Sept. 23, 2001
John Boyd	Sept. 22, 2002
Matt Winslow	Sept. 22, 2002
Lisa Dembkowski	Sept. 25, 2005
Scott Naevestad	Sept. 26, 1993
Chad Poland	Sept. 26, 1999
Pamela Jensen	Sept. 26, 2004
Steven Schafer	Sept. 28, 1980
Bobbie Chapman	Sept. 28, 1997
Colin Windhorst	Sept. 28, 1998
Paul Lee	Sept. 28, 2003
Donald Limmer	Sept. 29, 1979
Lin McGee	Sept. 29, 1996
David Wood	Sept. 29, 2002
Mark McAnlis	Sept. 29, 2013
Tim Smith	Sept. 30, 1990
Andrew McHenry	Sept. 30, 2001

CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITY COURSE

LEVEL I – ON LINE

CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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 continues its expression of faithfulness through congregations like yours.

WHO IS THIS COURSE 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
- ⇒ The lay leader who wants to be better informed about the Congregational Way so that you can be a more effective leader
- ⇒ A minister serving a Congregational church for the first time in your ministerial career
- ⇒ A seminary student studying to be a Congregational minister
- ⇒ New member class orientation
- ⇒ Confirmation class
- ⇒ Leadership boards

COURSE FORMAT

This course is designed in a self-paced study format using CourseSites. All materials are posted on line. Internet access and e-mail address are required. The materials may be accessed and reviewed as often as you like. Only the final Course Review must be completed in one sitting. **There is no cost for this course.**

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. Upon request, the certificate will be sent to the individual along with a notification to the minister or moderator (president) of that person's church commending the student for his or her accomplishment.

HOW TO ENROLL

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@nacc.org or mailed to her at 320 S. Main Street, Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan 49076. When the application is approved, you will receive an invitation to self-enroll in the course. Any questions or difficulties should be brought to the attention of Marie.

CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITY COURSE

LEVEL II – ON LINE

CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Level II of the Congregational History & Polity course goes in depth on the topics first presented in Level I. This course will relate the principles of congregationalism to church leadership, examine the context of congregational polity, evaluate the significance of covenant, and articulate the major historical and theological development of American Congregationalism. It will nurture the Congregational Way in church life and membership.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

- ⇒ Anyone who wishes to learn more about our rich Congregational history
- ⇒ Motivated lay leaders who wish to assist their congregation
- ⇒ Clergy from other traditions now serving a Congregational church
- ⇒ Seminarians studying to be a Congregational minister

COURSE FORMAT & PREREQUISITE

This course is designed in a self-paced study format using CourseSites. All materials are posted on line. Internet access and e-mail address are required. The materials may be accessed and reviewed as often as you like. **You must have successfully completed Level I of the History & Polity course. There is no cost for this course.**

FINAL ASSESSMENT

After you have studied all sections of the Level II course, you will complete a Final Assessment paper appropriate to your designation, laity, clergy or CFTS student. Your paper will be reviewed and commented upon by faculty of the Center for Congregational Leadership.

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Calling all Devotional Writers!

Devotional Deadlines:

Advent 2014

Theme: Our Kinsman Redeemer

Deadline for Submissions: August 15, 2014.

Send submissions to Terry Bobzien at terrybob@gmail.com

Lent 2015

Theme: The Road to Resurrection Sunday

Deadline for Submissions: July 15, 2014

Send submissions to Lori Wiley at loriwiley7@gmail.com

We are hoping to provide an on-line edition of each Devotional that includes color and pictures. If you enjoy doing graphic arts, and are interested in working with the online edition, or have a pictorial contribution to make, let Lori Wiley or Terry Bobzien know.

Do you have questions or suggestions? Call Lori Wiley at (603) 494-7020.

Lori Wiley Terry Bobzien
Task Force, Devotionals



NEGOTIATE COMPENSATION WITHOUT EMOTION

Determining compensation—for both ordained and lay staff—is one of the most important decisions a church makes. It is often an emotional exercise that results in bruised feelings all around.

There is an alternative! Join Reverend Dr. Perry Hopper to improve your understanding of what compensation is and how to negotiate a fair compensation package based on objective criteria.

MMBB has 2 more sessions scheduled for this webinar.

September 10—2:00 PM EDT

November 17—2:00 PM EDT

To register go to www.mmbb.org or call (800) 986.6222.

SEND ME YOUR NEWS

Submissions for the Oct/Nov.
edition are due by Sept. 20, 2014.

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