

NACCC ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FY2024

Since the Annual Meeting and Conference (AMC) in Milwaukee, the Annual Meeting Conference Committee (AMCC) has met monthly on Zoom to consider the challenges of being the church today. As we look toward our meeting in Spokane in June of 2024, we find that the theme “There Is a Time” gives us a great focus as we consider the changes in the Association and in the world around us.

As a committee, we have grappled with how to recognize the diversity of the NACCC while embracing the uniqueness of the host region; increasing the visibility of the NACCC by holding the AMC in destination areas where there are no member churches; and seeking affordable options to encourage more participation and attendance. Great discussions have arisen over speakers, plenary sessions, worship, and other parts of the AMC. Ed and Jamie Backell have worked diligently and listened to input from the committee to welcome the National Association to Spokane.

As we look at a destination location in 2025, we realize that the involvement of the AMCC will be greater. Without a local church or association to act as host, the AMCC will, in effect, be the host committee. Joyce Acree and Karen Robu will be the co-chairs of the host committee for the 2025 AMC in St. Louis, Missouri, where the theme will be “Come and See.” Several speakers are being considered. Jessie, our meeting planner, has already locked in a hotel for the meeting.

As we look toward the future, I am grateful to those who have vision and dedication. I really appreciate the members of the committee – Ed and Jamie Backell, Patrick Stewart, Mindy Jaster, Marty Hall, Bob Labadini, and Karen Robu – as well as the leadership of Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Art Ritter, and Jodee Lord. We are all grateful to Andrea McCall, who set up our Zoom meetings and helped those of us who were technologically challenged. May God be with us as we sail into the future.

Rev. Joyce Acree, chair