

NACCC Executive Director's Report

FY2024

Since the last annual meeting, staff and elected leadership continued a collective quest toward the three objectives advanced by the Planning & Action Committee. Some highlights from my role as Executive Director:

Foster Collaboration:

Conversations with educational and programmatic partners evolved to include participation in the Annual Meeting and Conference by Andover Newton Seminary, Dubuque Theological Seminary, Eden Theological Seminary, and the Congregational Library & Archives. The NACCC is honored to be an inaugural partner with Dubuque Theological Seminary for a Lilly Endowment Thriving Congregations Initiative grant.

Attending two regional association meetings – Northeast Fellowship and Cal West Association -- acquainted me with collaboration among member churches.

Increase Professionalism:

Hiring four staff enabled us to align skills and job descriptions for new and continuing personnel with NACCC needs and strategic priorities.

Our budgeting process connects Council members with our CFO to envision short- and long-term programming and coordinate efforts among stakeholders.

Expand Visibility:

The second year of the Listening Tour expanded the visibility of the NACCC among 28 member churches, bringing the total number of stops to 65 churches in 18 states. My participation in an ordination, an installation, and as a guest preacher also heightened visibility among our local churches.

With gratitude for the steady support of staff and volunteers, it has been a privilege to journey with you to sustain the Congregational Way for future generations!