

## **NACCC NECROLOGY REPORT** **FY2024**

### *Introduction to the Necrology*

*It is my privilege as historian to call to our remembrance the names of the women and men, laity, and clergy, who have passed away in the last year, who have served the National Association and its member churches faithfully and well. Blessed are these who have died in the Lord, they are at rest from their labors, and their good deeds follow them. They are appreciated and not forgotten.*

#### **Lois Rosebrooks | May 16, 2023**

Lois Rosebrooks was a beloved long-time member of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn. She was in the choir when Martin Luther King, Jr. preached at Plymouth in 1963. She was a soloist, sang in the choir, led the Sunday School, and served on the Church Council. In retirement she founded the Plymouth History Ministry, in which she responded to history questions from all over the world, led countless tours, and organized the Plymouth archives.

#### **Rev. Pamela Viets | July 6, 2023**

Rev. Pamela Viets worked as an elementary school teacher, but her life's work was raising her four children, travel, and earning her Master of Divinity degree. She served as an ordained minister in Congregational and American Baptist churches, and dedicating herself to serve the sick, aging, and those suffering memory loss.

#### **James Beadle | July 11, 2023**

Jim Beadle grew up in Red Lodge, Montana and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Montana, followed by a Master's of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. Jim served as a pastor in Montana, California, and Michigan for over forty years and was beloved by each congregation. His life's aim was to demonstrate the love of Christ by helping others. He enjoyed music and outdoor activities, especially fly fishing.

#### **Dr. William "Bill" Street | July 26, 2023**

Dr. Bill Street and his wife, Lorraine, started the Rev. Thomas and Kathleen Street Endowment in January 2020. This endowment is used to directly support the National Association ministers and their families. Eligible ministers are those who have a financial need and who currently are serving in an active NACCC church, or prior to retirement served as a minister in a NACCC affiliated church.

### **Rev. Bill Trump | July 31, 2023**

Rev. Bill Trump was ordained as a Pastor in the Congregational Church in 1984, and for 40 years served congregations in Michigan, Iowa, California, and Wisconsin. He loved dogs, traveling and cooking. Bill will be deeply missed and remembered by all who knew him. He served on the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies: 1990-94. Nominating Committee: 1996-98. Executive Committee: 2011-14. Congregational Foundation Board of Governors: 2012-13.

### **Rev. Ted Selgo | September 2, 2023**

Rev. Ted Selgo was minister at Central Congregational Church of La Mesa from 1989 to 2013. In retirement he and his wife Susan moved to Walker, Louisiana to be close to their children.

### **Rev. Ed Fackler | September 14, 2023**

Rev. Ed Fackler served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era. Upon retirement Ed entered a CFTS Program to prepare for the ministry. He attended Bangor Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary. In 1985 he was ordained at Pomona, CA. Ed served as Pastor of Congregational churches in Flower Mound, TX, Duluth, MN, and Seattle, WA. He retired to Marysville, WA in 2005.

### **Joyce Hart | December 23, 2023**

Joyce Ann (Carroll) Hart, age 90, of Wilkins Township, passed away on Saturday, December 23, 2023. She was born on August 7, 1933 in Sioux City, IA. Joyce is survived by her beloved husband, Rev. James P. Hart

### **Rev. Dr. Neil Hunt | February 24, 2024**

Rev. Dr. Neil Hunt was the founding minister of Meadowbrook Congregational Church. He served the National Association on Church Development from 1999 until 2005, and on the Executive Committee from 2006-10. Neil was Moderator-Elect and Moderator from 2011-2014. After retirement, Neil and his wife, Sharon moved to Florida where he was the Interim Minister at the United Church of Marco Island for several years.

### **Rev. Creighton "Craig" Peach | February 25, 2024**

Rev. Craig Peach, served as Pastor of the Lone Rock Community Congregational Church since 1988.

### **Rev. Doris Crocker | February 26, 2024**

Rev. Doris Crocker was born April in Durham, England. She earned her college degree in mathematics. After marrying Rev. Wesley Crocker in 1959, they served churches in the Shetland Isles and northern England. During this time, Doris was a math teacher, rising to the head of the math department for a local high school. The family moved to America in 1979 to pastor to a country church in Alamo, MI. In her 50's Doris earned her Master of Divinity degree, and pastored churches in the Greater Detroit United Methodist Conference.

### **Gertrude (Trudy) Edwards | March 20th, 2024**

Trudy Edwards was a longtime member of First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. For forty years she was the bookkeeper and Comptroller for the National Association.

### **Bob Haaheim | April 6, 2024**

"Bob," was the husband of Rev. Patti Haaheim. They were longtime residents of Minnesota. Bob taught math at the High School level for 34 years.

### **Rev. Charles H. Hall | April 13, 2024**

Rev. Charles Hall was senior pastor at First Congregational Church of Barkhamsted, Connecticut from 2010-13 before moving to Michigan, where he served congregations in Pontiac/Clarkston and Royal Oak.

### **Rev. Dr. Peter Brenner | April 16, 2024**

Rev. Dr. Brenner was a minister at First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. Peter was an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ for 50 years, touching lives across congregations in Connecticut, Wisconsin, Utah, and Michigan. Peter also served as a Navy Reserve Chaplain for 21 years.

### **David Alfred Lord | April 21, 2024**

David Alfred Lord, 80, of New Brighton MN died on April 21, 2024 from complications related to cancer. David started his professional life as a chemist for Dupont. He then went on to serve for 19 years as a pastor of Congregational churches in Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Most recently he worked as a High School chemistry teacher. He found the most joy in his professional life in teaching and mentoring young people.