



The Vitality Ministry Council of the NACCC is

Calling for Submissions for the J. J. Russell Sermon Award

The J.J. Russell Sermon Award recognizes pastoral excellence in preaching related to Congregationalism. Submitted sermons must focus on some aspect of classical Congregationalism and its relevance for today. Do not just tell us what we can learn from the past 400 years of Congregational history but what does that mean for the next 400 years of Congregationalism? The sermon should communicate how we, as Congregationalists can not only spread the good news of Jesus Christ but how to do that in a true Congregational Way.

Applicants must be an ordained pastor who is serving an NACCC active member church.

Submissions must include:

- A copy of the Sunday Worship Bulletin at which the sermon was preached
- A DVD, YouTube, or website link of the sermon in its entirety (visual and audio preferred)
- A full manuscript OR a minimum two-page outline of the sermon.
- Please send links and documents by [email](#) to Cynthia Hardy. Contact her if you need a mailing address to send a DVD

The Award Winner will receive:

- \$350
- Full Registration for the upcoming Annual Meeting and Conference
- ½ the Room Rate at the upcoming Annual Meeting and Conference

The Sermon must have been preached from July 2023 to April 2025. The winner of the Russell Award will be announced at the 2025 Annual Meeting & Conference. The NACCC reserves the right to publish the award-winning Sermon.

Deadline for Submissions April 30, 2025