

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
Mission and Outreach Ministry Council
2021 Annual Report

Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ!

We live in an ever-changing world. We all know that. The past year has had more than its fair share of change, and the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council has experienced this as well.

MOMC, as it is commonly known, serves the National Association by helping to give local congregations an opportunity to participate in Christian Missions, both nationally and internationally, and thereby experience the Kingdom of God at work in the world as well as the blessings of service to Christ. One way MOMC accomplishes this is by maintaining relationships with several missions so that member churches can partner as the Lord so leads. Another way MOMC serves member churches is by overseeing each mission's financial reporting required by our government, removing this burden from local congregations.

But this year has seen many changes. Several of our Mission friends are no longer affiliated with the NA, or we have had to alter our approach to the relationship. Although we still love each of them, we have been forced to tearfully terminate official ties to Menaul School, Cook Native American Ministries, NACC Philippines, Bread of Life, Ministerio Vida, Christian Mission in the Far East, and Piney Woods School. Reasons are various, including evolving mission needs, Missionaries retiring, and opposition from foreign governments and culture.

It has been an absolute privilege, however, to see how local congregations within the NA have responded to the various needs of member churches and missions in the past year. Collectively, the National Association has assisted in prayer and monetary donations through a global pandemic, wildfires, and storm damage. It is the generosity of Congregational Church members that makes all of this possible, and why I repeatedly say with confidence that I have the best job in the National Association! Thanks to the NA's congregants and member churches, I get to talk to true heroes in the Christian Faith working on the front lines of God's expanding Kingdom, and to help our churches experience the blessings of participating in the miracles God is working in our world and in people's lives here below.

To those serving on the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council, I thank you for your wisdom, friendship, and love. And on behalf of MOMC, thank you to member churches for the privilege of serving on your behalf.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jamie Bonnema
Mission and Outreach Ministry Council Chair