

Leave Your Congregational Legacy



NACCC Mission:

To nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches and to support ministries of the local church in its community and to the world, all in the name of Christ.

Planned Giving Questions & Answers

Q: What is a planned gift?

A: A planned gift is any major gift made to a non-profit, in a person's lifetime or at death, which is part of the donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. Estate and gift planning incorporate many different kinds of financial and tax benefits. By making a planned gift or bequest to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) or the Congregational Foundation (CF) you are helping to insure the longtime health and success of the Association.

Q: How do I make a planned gift to the NACCC or Congregational Foundation?

A: CHARITABLE BEQUESTS provide a simple way to make a gift that will keep on giving after your life-time. Common vehicles used to make a charitable bequest are through your will, life insurance policy, or retirement account. Declaring a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate to the NACCC is also a convenient way to leave a legacy. A LIFE INSURANCE policy, which is no longer needed for family protection, or is specifically purchased to benefit the NACCC, may be donated as a planned gift during your lifetime.

Q: What are the benefits of making a planned gift?

A: In addition to leaving a legacy and helping us advance the Congregational Way, there may be many financial benefits to leaving a planned gift, such as a reduction or elimination of federal estate taxes for your heirs. Consulting your financial planner or attorney to understand how this applies to your unique circumstances is recommended.

Q: What is the 1620 Society?

A: The 1620 Society was created to recognize those donors who have already committed to leaving a lasting legacy to the NACCC or CF through their estate and gift planning.

Q: Who do I contact for more information?

A: Please contact Debby Fulton, Director of Development and Communications at: 414-856-1610, or dfulton@naccc.org.

Why 1620 Society Members Choose to Give

“My giving follows my passions. As I age, I want to be sure that my passions are supported when I am no longer here. Planned giving allows me to thoughtfully accomplish this personal goal, particularly by directing contributions to endowments that sustain worthy activities into the future.”

-Jim Hopkins

“Without it [the NACCC], we [my church] would seem so isolated. I believe our members want us to be a part of something larger than the local church. It is a real feeling of satisfaction to give back to an organization which has done many good things for me.”

-Sherry Glab

“I love Congregationalism and find its most faithful expression in today’s NACCC. The NA helped me to respond to the call to ministry and I have attempted to repay my debt of gratitude by serving whenever called upon. I know, though, that one day my service will end and so I have made arrangements in my estate planning to continue supporting the Association and the people I love.”

-Casey vanderBent

Leaving a Legacy: Advancing the Congregational Way



Hubert Dana Goodale (1879-1968) recognized the importance of advancing the Congregational Way through his commitment to his church and by leaving a generous planned gift to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). His father, Reverend David Goodale, was a Congregational minister who taught his son the importance of Congregationalism.

The bequest from Mr. Goodale arrived to the NACCC shortly after the death of his daughter **Marion P. Goodale (1913-2016)**. Following in her father's footsteps, she, too, supported the NACCC with a planned gift, which she gave in memory of her parents and grandparents.

Committing his life and career to the advancement of poultry and cattle genetics, Hubert Goodale focused on uncovering the importance of index breeding and placing more importance on productive traits. His contribution in the study of applied genetics helped to improve farming through increased production.

Marion Goodale grew up in Williamstown, MA and attended the First Congregational Church of Williamstown with her family. She became a teacher after graduating college in 1934, and eventually moved back to Williamstown in 1947, where she lived until she died in 2016.

The NACCC is extremely grateful for the generous gifts from Hubert Goodale and his daughter Marion, and to their commitment to advancing the Congregational Way, allowing the Association and member churches to promote diversity in thought and in theology, while still coming together in fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ.



Who Does My Planned Gift Benefit?

Your planned gift to the NACCC or the CF ensures our vitality and enables us to offer services, support, and fellowship to our member churches. Services include the pastoral search process, printing and distributing the *Congregationalist* magazine, hosting the Annual Meeting & Conference, oversight and support of 25 national and international missions, and preparing the leaders of tomorrow through the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies (CFTS).

A planned gift will help the NACCC achieve our mission while advancing the Congregational Way. What is being said by our leadership and member churches:

“The NACCC does so very much at relatively little cost. The organization does not seek to control the pulpit, or anything else for that matter, in the local church. Rather, it strives to provide what is needed to assist churches in doing what God intended, providing sanctuary, support, and challenge to the People of God, to grow in the Spirit, and minister to the needs of God’s preferenced people: the least, the last, the lost. The NACCC does a very good job at fostering the 3 Fs: Faith, Freedom, Fellowship.”

-NACCC Member Church

“I learned how to use the knowledge I have gained from the NACCC conferences to help make my church grow and help other organizations in our area work together. The NACCC has shown me that churches with vastly different views can work together for the good of God’s plan!”

-Leadership Member

“This year I have also had the pleasure of learning from Rev. Dr. Charles Packer, current Director of CFTS. I thoroughly enjoyed the History and Polity course under his leadership and am grateful to be part of an Association (NACCC) that felt like an extended family.”

-Student of the CFTS program

1620 Society Members

The 1620 Society serves to honor and recognize those who have made a provision in their Estate Plan to name the Congregational Foundation and/or the NACCC as a beneficiary. These dedicated and generous donors are committed to supporting our growth and development. We thank these individuals for helping us to advance the Congregational Way.

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Warren, Michigan

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PLANNED GIFT - Statement of Intent

To formalize and record your intent with the Congregational Foundation and the NACCC please complete this form and return to the NACCC offices via mail, fax, or a scanned e-mail to: development@naccc.org.

_____/I/we have made a provision in my/our Estate Plan for a gift to the Congregational Foundation to benefit the NACCC, in the amount of: \$_____.

Below please provide specific information regarding your gift such as restrictions, or you can attach to this form a copy of the page or pages in your document that reference your gift.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name, please print: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name, please print: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Attorney Name _____ Attorney Phone _____

Name of Law Firm: _____

_____/I have attached a copy of my planned giving document.

The 1620 Society

The 1620 Society was created by the Congregational Foundation's Board of Governors to recognize individuals who have made a provision in their Estate Plan to name the Congregational Foundation and/or NACCC as a beneficiary. Society Members make a lasting impact on each of the congregations of our member churches who benefit from their thoughtfulness. Your deferred gift qualifies you as a member of The 1620 Society, to be recognized as such by the NACCC.