



69TH ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

Saturday, June 24—Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Hosted by the Wisconsin Congregational Association

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Join Us at the 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference in Milwaukee!

Hosted by the Wisconsin Congregational Association, our 69th Annual Meeting & Conference will be a hybrid event with in-person and virtual attendance options.

To register for either meeting go to the Annual Meeting & Conference web page:

www.naccc.org/events/2023-annual-meeting-conference/



GENERAL INFORMATION

HOTEL INFORMATION

The in-person Annual Meeting & Conference will take place at the **Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield in Wisconsin**. The Sheraton offers complimentary self-parking, complimentary WiFi in the meeting space and guest rooms, a 24-hour Fitness Center, and an indoor/outdoor swimming pool. All guest rooms include a safe, refrigerator, and coffee maker. The Sheraton is adjacent to Brookfield Square Mall with over a dozen restaurants within walking distance.

Reservations: The NACCC's group rate is \$129 plus tax. Reservations must be received by May 30. The discounted group rates will be extended three (3) days before and after the conference, based on availability.

To book a room, click on the link found on the NACCC's Annual Meeting & Conference Website page: <https://www.naccc.org/events/2023-annual-meeting-conference/> To call for a reservation, dial (888) 627-8235, ask for the NACCC group rate, and mention code NCC.

MILWAUKEE [MKE] AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

The NACCC office will arrange for your MKE Airport transportation to/from the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield. The Airport Transportation Form will be available to all attendees in May. There will be no charge to you for this transportation.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE CREDENTIALS

Delegates and Alternates must be certified with a signed Credentials card on file with the NACCC office. Certification is required before a Delegate or Alternate can vote at the Annual Meeting & Conference. Please pay special attention to the Alternate cards which have a priority voting number on each card. According to the Bylaws, the church must indicate an order of who can vote if the Delegate is not in the room when a vote is taken.

All Credentials cards need to be signed by an officer of the church. The Delegate and Alternate Credentials cards will be mailed to the churches with the Registration Brochure. You may also print these cards from the Annual Meeting page on the NACCC's Website: <https://www.naccc.org/events/2023-annual-meeting-conference/>

Please mail completed Delegate & Alternate Credentials to the NACCC office as soon as you register, or scan/email to office@naccc.org and confirm that your church's Credentials card(s) has been received. Your help to expedite the registration process is appreciated.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Saturday, June 24

3:00 PM

BRAVE RE-IMAGINATION

Rev. Justin Berkobien

4:15 PM

**LAMENT AND HOPE: TWO DARING PRACTICES
FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

Rev. Debie Thomas

Sunday, June 25

1:30 PM

COURAGEOUS RE-FORMATION

Rev. Justin Berkobien

2:45 PM

**A MORE CAPACIOUS SALVATION:
DARING TO EMBODY GOOD NEWS FOR ALL**

Rev. Debie Thomas

8:00 PM

**ENGAGING THE SHIFTING LANDSCAPE
OF RELIGIOUS GENEROSITY**

Rev. Meredith McNabb

The Rev. Justin Berkobien currently serves at Oneonta Congregational Church in South Pasadena, CA. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Theology from Fuller Seminary where he is also pursuing a DMin. He writes a weekly devotional blog and works as a stage/screen performer.

The Rev. Meredith McNabb is the Associate Director of Education for Lake Institute on Faith and Giving at Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Meredith is an ordained United Methodist clergyperson, and she previously served as the Director of the Center for Clergy Excellence. She and her family make their home in Indianapolis.

The Rev. Debie Thomas is the author of *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. She is a columnist and contributing editor for *The Christian Century*. Currently, she serves as the Minister for Lifelong Formation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, CA.

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Saturday, June 24

8:30 am Sharing Endeavors
9:45 am Sharing Endeavors
11:00 am First-Time Attendees' Orientation
1:00 pm Welcome and Opening Session
3:00 pm Plenary Session: Rev. Justin Berkobien
4:15 pm Plenary Session: Rev. Debie Thomas
5:45 pm Dinner with Missionaries
7:30 pm Music and Missionaries
9:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, June 25

10:00 am Worship Service
1:30 pm Plenary Session: Rev. Justin Berkobien
2:45 pm Plenary Session: Rev. Debie Thomas
4:00 pm Sharing Endeavors &
Intergenerational Activity to benefit
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
6:45 pm Musical Interlude by Frogwater
8:00 pm Plenary Session: Rev. Meredith McNabb,
Lake Institute on Faith and Giving
9:00 pm Healing Service

Monday, June 26

6:30 am Morning Devotions
7:15 am AMCO/ICF Breakfast Meeting
9:00 am Business Session II
10:00 am Missionary Presentations
11:00 am Sharing Endeavors
1:30 pm Missionary Presentations
3:30 pm Sharing Endeavors
5:00 pm Harley-Davidson Museum Tour & Dinner

Tuesday, June 27

6:30 am Morning Devotions
7:00 am State & Regional Moderators' Meeting
7:45 am Congregational Retreat Society Meeting
9:00 am Final Business Session
12:00 pm Adjourn until 2024 in Spokane, WA
1:00 pm NACCC Leadership Initial Meeting
6:00 pm Leadership Team Dinner
-Everyone Welcome

SPECIAL INTEREST GATHERINGS & OUTINGS

MILWAUKEE EXPERIENCES

MILWAUKEE BREWERY HISTORY TOUR

Thursday, 4:30pm

The Milwaukee Brewery History Tour focuses on the influence of the beer barons: Miller, Pabst, Schlitz, and Blatz and why Milwaukee was known as 'Brew City.' This tour will include beer samples and a Fish Fry Dinner. \$\$

MILKMEAN BASEBALL GAME & DINNER AT THE PARK

Friday, 4:30pm

The Milwaukee Milkmen are an independent professional baseball organization located in Franklin, Wisconsin. Join us for an 'udderly' different experience at the ballpark! \$\$

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM TOUR & DINNER

Monday, 5:00pm

Join us for an incredible Monday evening experience at the Harley-Davidson Museum in downtown Milwaukee – a must-see for any visitor to Wisconsin. Through interactive exhibits and an unparalleled display of motorcycles and memorabilia, the museum offers a detailed picture of the culture and history of Harley-Davidson that is sure to capture the interest of bikers and non-bikers alike. Monday evening will include transportation to and from the museum, a private-access tour for the NACCC group, and dinner in the Harley-Davidson Rumble Room. You won't want to miss this incredible Wisconsin experience! \$\$

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC & MISSIONARIES

Saturday, 7:30pm

Rev. Jim Owens and Rev. Jason Owens, Love Worth Sharing, will lead us in song as we gather to spend time in fellowship with NACCC missions.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – FROGWATER

Sunday, 6:45pm

Frogwater is the acoustic musical pairing of John "Jack" & Susan Nicholson. Renowned for their virtuosity and exuberant live performances, they like to think of themselves as musical ambassadors. Their repertoire spans from Celtic to Delta blues, from classical to pop with a healthy dose of unique original material filling out the mix.

WORSHIP & COMMUNION SERVICE

THE DARING ENDEAVOR OF BEING ONE IN CHRIST—

WITNESS TO ONENESS

Sunday, 10:00am

Sunday morning will offer an experiential worship service, led by a diverse group of voices, including creative liturgies, such as unique approaches to scripture and our voices joined in song with a contemporary band and pick up choir (come rehearse 8:45 that morning). As we unite around tables at the hotel, we will share the many ways we worship within the NACCC.

NACCC GATHERINGS

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES' ORIENTATION

Saturday, 11:00am

If you are a first-time attendee, we would love to meet with you Saturday morning! Moderator Art Ritter, Vice Moderator Jodee Lord, and Executive Director Ashley Cleere will share what is happening in the NACCC, how our structure works, and what opportunities you can take advantage of at this year's AMC. We look forward to welcoming you!

MISSIONARY DINNER

Saturday, 5:45pm

Gather around the table with NACCC missionaries to share stories and to listen to national and international speakers. \$\$

SPECIAL INTEREST GATHERINGS

(see our website for detailed descriptions)

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (AMCO/ICF) MEETING

Monday, 7:15am

STATE & REGIONAL MODERATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 7:00am

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, 7:45am

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT SOCIETY QUIET DAY

Wednesday, 9:00am

The Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski will be the Retreat Guide for the Quiet Day Retreat on Wednesday, June 28, from 9:00am to 3:30pm. This time together in reflection and prayer will lead us to understand how Jesus shows followers how to live a joyous life in a world of turmoil. To register, email drcapacker@gmail.com and put Quiet Day 2023 Registration in the subject line.

SHARING ENDEAVORS

Saturday, June 24

8:30am

MUSIC: THE LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL

Andy King, Senior Minister

Molly Tomashek, Music Minister

Pilgrim Congregational Church in Green Bay, WI

Presented by the Host Committee

9:45am

DEMYSTIFYING CHURCH TECHNOLOGY

Scott Tomashek, Senior VP of AV Strategy

Camera Corner Connecting Point, AVP CreativIT

Presented by the Host Committee



Sunday, June 25

4:00pm

THE STORY WE LIVE IN

Rev. Debie Thomas, Minister for Lifelong Formation

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, CA

4:00pm

GROUP PRACTICES FOR CULTIVATING

MISSIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Rev. Justin Berkobien, Associate Minister

Oneonta Congregational Church

South Pasadena, CA

Monday, June 26

11:00am

IN BETWEEN: WHERE HOLY OPPORTUNITY

MEETS SACRED MOMENT

Rev. Arlen Vernava, Interim Ministry Network

Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council

11:00am

YOUR CHURCH CULTURE DRAWN ON A NAPKIN

Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp, Consulting Director of Programs

National Association of

Congregational Christian Churches



3:30pm

HOW CAN WE BE DARING

WHEN WE ARE 'STUCK ON PAUSE'?

Rev. Arlen Vernava, Interim Ministry Network

Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council

3:30pm

PASTORAL SEARCHES IN THE NACCC

Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp, Consulting Director of Programs

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For complete descriptions of all
Sharing Endeavors,
please visit the
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page on our website:
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2023 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE IN-PERSON REGISTRATION FORM

We encourage you to register online at <https://www.naccc.org/events/2023-annual-meeting-conference> and to view ALL the Annual Meeting & Conference information. Complete a separate registration for each person. **ALL registrations must be completed/postmarked by May 20**
[Attention NACCC Leadership Team: Please use this form, there is no separate form for Leadership.]

NAME _____ FIRST NAME ON BADGE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

Circle One: Home / Business / Cell

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE (_____) _____

CHURCH _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All persons attending functions/meal events must be registered and wear a badge. Delegates and Alternates - please mail/submit your credentials card with your registration form. If you register online, you may scan/email your Delegate or Alternate Card to office@naccc.org and confirm that your Credentials Card has been received.

Check one:

Delegate/one Delegate per Church Alternate Attendee/Member of an NACCC Church Observer/not a member of an NACCC Church

Check here if you require special accessibility or accommodations. Explanation _____

Saturday, June 24 – Registration _____ \$125.00

Sunday, June 25 – Registration _____ \$125.00

Monday, June 26 – Registration _____ \$125.00

Tuesday, June 27 – Registration _____ \$125.00

MEAL EVENTS

The following meals and optional outings are available for an additional cost. Please mark your selection and include in your total payment.

LUNCHES

Saturday, June 24 – Lunch _____ \$30.00

Sunday, June 25 – Lunch _____ \$30.00

Monday, June 26 – Lunch _____ \$30.00

Tuesday, June 27 – Lunch _____ \$30.00

BREAKFAST/DINNERS/OUTINGS

Thursday, June 22 – Milwaukee Brewery History Tour _____ \$55.00

Friday, June 23 – Milkmen Baseball Game/Dinner _____ \$44.00

Saturday, June 24 – Missionary Dinner _____ \$55.00

Monday, June 26 – AMCO/ICF Breakfast _____ \$30.00

Monday, June 26 – Harley-Davidson Museum Tour/Dinner _____ \$55.00

Tuesday, June 27th – for those staying an extra night _____ \$55.00

Dietary Restrictions: Vegetarian Vegan Lactose Intolerant Gluten Free Other/allergies: _____

My contribution to the NAPF/HOPE Scholarship Fund \$ _____

(This fund helps churches send youth delegates to their annual conference.)

My contribution to the Providence Endowment \$ _____

(This endowment supports the presence of small churches at NACCC Annual Meetings.)

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE \$ _____

This form registers you for the days and meals paid. See the **Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield in Wisconsin** section of the Registration Brochure to book your hotel room. Email questions to: office@naccc.org or call (800) 262-1620. Registration cancellations will be charged \$75 and there will be no refund for the meals purchased. Please go to <https://www.naccc.org/events/2023-annual-meeting-conference/> to register online or to print Delegate & Alternate cards that were mailed to your church. If paying by check, make checks payable to the NACCC and mail with this form with a signed credentials card, if applicable, to NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Keep a copy of this registration form for your reference.