

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

FY2023

It is my honor to report on the work of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors works on behalf of the member churches of the NACCC managing all legal and financial matters.

Our Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, has been busy visiting member churches. It's a time where members can share their visions, concerns, and fellowship in a Congregational Way. We are grateful for this endeavor that Ashley has taken to meet and connect with our member churches.

Some staff changes and new positions have kept our Personnel and Administration Committee and staff busy this past year. We are grateful for the service and dedication of our former staff members. We wish them many blessings on their retirement and new life adventures.

We have been creative by outsourcing some of the staffing needs. We entered a relationship with Cheryl Milnes of Lauber Partners as fractional CFO in June. Cheryl and her team have been making many positive changes to our financial structure. They have implemented a new budgeting process for recording, billing, banking, and daily bookkeeping.

We contracted with the Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp in December to serve part-time as the Consulting Director of Programs. Gerry has been providing leadership, vision, and strategic oversight, among a potpourri of duties since he started. He has been helping churches during their Pastoral Search and in their times of transition. He also worked collaboratively with the Growth and Vitality Ministry Councils.

Jessi Bauer-Phipps has been hired as our Meeting Planner. She focuses on the details of the Annual Meeting and Conference: securing the meeting site, hotel arrangements and many of the fine details that make the Annual Meeting and Conference a success.

In April, we were pleased when Andrea McCall joined the staff as Executive Assistant. Andrea provides intricate care for the Executive Director, CFO, accounting team, as well as the Board of Directors and Leadership Councils. Andrea works on the Association aspects of the Annual Meeting and Conference, such as credentials, registration, the program handouts, and booklet.

We welcomed Kristin Ward as Director of Development and Communication at the beginning of May. Kristin brings a host of experience with her as she works with the Board of Governors of the Congregational Foundation. She will be using her resources to help with fundraising and donor stewardship.

We look forward to introducing the new staff members at the meeting in Milwaukee.

I am very thankful for the collaboration of volunteer members from the Board of Directors, Ministry Councils, Congregational Foundation, and NACCC Staff. Their dedication and professionalism enhance the Congregational Way.

Jodee Lord
Vice Moderator/Chair, Board of Directors