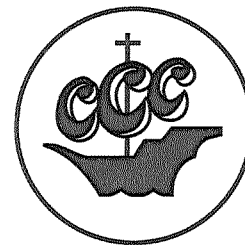


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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This letter is to alert you to the Year Round Delegate program, your church's new opportunity to guide the direction of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC).

As I write this, from my office on the Olivet College Campus—

- Our students have made work trips to NA missions including Hosanna Industries (Pennsylvania), Morgan Scott Project (Tennessee) and Bread of Life Mission (Florida).
- The Center for Congregational Leadership offers programs for pastors and churches including Congregational Polity, the Boston Seminar, the Seventh Congregational Symposium, Web-savvy Ministry, and a coming Youth Leadership Convocation.
- Next-door to the Center is Olivet Congregational Church, whose pastor, Jack Brown, led another trip this June to Mission Mazahua in central Mexico, where members of our churches built cisterns for water in water-starved communities.

And that's only what's happening within one square block of my office—it does not even touch on what's happening all over the country in congregations like yours!

This is the most exciting time in the history of our association. Delegates to our 2011 Annual Meeting approved a Strategic plan to move our local churches from the sidelines to the center of all NACCC action. *This major transformation is taking place as you read this letter.*

It all depends on improved communication between our churches and our association, and the key to that is for your congregation to choose a Year Round Delegate. This person, a member of your church, will communicate with the Transition Team and other leaders of the NACCC to inform them of your concerns and to inform your church members of the NA's moves to implement the Strategic Plan. This could be the same person you send as a delegate to the Annual Meeting, or it could be someone else. The main thing is to select someone who will be a good voice for your church in constructing the exciting new NACCC.

Please read the enclosed Job Description, carefully select your Year Round Delegate, and certify him or her to us by sending in the Year Round Delegate form. October 15, 2011, is the target date, so the new relationship can begin right away.

Yours In Christ,

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