

**YEAR ROUND DELEGATE**

**Background**

Delegates to the 2011 Annual Meeting & Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) overwhelmingly voted to accept the Strategic Plan and move forward with its implementation by means of a Transition Team charged to work out the details of implementing the plan's three components:

- Structure Reorganization
- Service Delivery
- Year Round Delegates

**Year Round Delegate: An Overview**

The person your church selects as its Year Round Delegate will participate in periodic communication with NACCC staff, members of the Transition Team, and perhaps others. The goal for each church is to have a person who will enter into an exchange of information ***with those needing feedback and advice from your congregation.*** Communication may be by U.S. Mail, conference calls, e-mail exchanges, or other electronic arrangement.

During a year-long period of implementation, this information exchange will focus on how best to implement the first two components of the Strategic Plan: Structure Re-organization and Service Delivery. ***This is your opportunity to help the National Association become a more effective organization for serving your church and other NACCC member churches.***

- **How the Year Round Delegate differs from an Annual Meeting & Conference Delegate:** Annual Meeting & Conference Delegates participate in discussions, speak on the floor, and vote on matters that come before the Association during this four-day event. At its conclusion, *the delegate's role ceases to exist until the following year's Annual Meeting & Conference.* The Year Round Delegate will be your church's conduit for two-way communications between the church and the NACCC during the balance of year, when the Association is not gathered for its meeting Annual Meeting & Conference.

Unlike the Annual Meeting & Conference Delegate, the Year Round Delegate has no vote—as votes are taken only during that event—but has a vital role to play as the conduit for keeping the NACCC informed of views and concerns emanating from your congregation and sharing matters coming the NACCC, all year long.

- **Can the Annual Meeting Delegate and the Year Round Delegate be the same person?** Yes, if your church so chooses; but you may instead choose to name two separate individuals, one as Year Round Delegate, and the other as voting Delegate to the Annual Meeting & Conference.
- **Additional Points:**
  - The primary function of the Year Round Delegate is essentially one of facilitating communication between your church and *those needing feedback and advice from your congregation*, thus, greatly enhancing mutual understanding and capacity to respond to each other's needs.
  - The Year Round Delegate will strengthen the connection between the NACCC and the local church by providing congregations a consistent and ongoing voice in all matters and happenings.
  - As the implementation of the Strategic Plan occurs we expect the geographical distance between member churches will diminish in importance.
  - All NACCC member churches will have opportunities to be in communication with their sister churches in the National Association through the communication activities of the Year Round Delegate.

You are urgently asked to complete information on your selected Year Round Delegate on the form below once that decision has been made, if possible, or by Oct. 15, 2011, and return it to the NACCC office (address below).

***When considering a person for this position, it should be one who is willing to:***

- Be the primary conduit for sharing information and/or distributing materials relating to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, and on other matters as requested, with your congregation
- Be the person to convey advice and suggestions coming from your congregation
- Be, or strive to become, computer literate and participate effectively in online exchanges. Year Round Delegates not online will be provided with mailed materials and are to participate with others in periodic conference calls, and to provide feedback from their congregation in writing to the NACCC, as below.

**Please Complete this Form to Name Your Church's Year Round Delegate**

**FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF THE CHURCH**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY, ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFIED BY (PRINTED NAME): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED, OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_

**For questions, please contact Carrie Dahm [cdahm@naccc.org](mailto:cdahm@naccc.org) or call 800.262.1620, EXT. 15. Scan and email completed form to Carrie, or return lower portion to her: NACCC, PO Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154, or FAX to 414.764.0319**