

10 Facts about the North American Network of Charismatic Covenant Communities (NANCCC)

- NANCCC (“NAN” for short) officially began at a gathering in Augusta, Georgia in **February 2020** when the original draft of its Founding Document was approved by member communities.
- Common intentions that express the **reasons for NAN** include, among others: building relationships among leaders of member communities; helping one another in facing common challenges; promoting Christian unity, bringing the baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, and expressing the love and mercy of God to the poor, the unborn, the defenseless, and the underserved
- NAN and its communities are **not members of CHARIS**, an organization serving all charismatic expressions in the Catholic Church—including NAN—that was created by Pope Francis in 2019 and which made obsolete the Catholic Fraternity. In fact, no group is a “member” of CHARIS, as it is a vehicle of service to the charismatic renewal and as such does not assign membership status.
- Member communities of NAN are **either Full or Underway members**. City of the Lord is a Full member and one of the original communities who formed NAN.
- Representatives from 9 North American communities met in Dallas in October for the annual NAN Council retreat (see Jim Cleaton’s article): **Alleluia Community** (Augusta GA), **Christ the Reconciler** (Austin TX), **Christian Community of God’s Delight** Dallas TX), **City of the Lord** (you know where), **Community of God’s Love** (Steubenville, OH), **Glory to God** (Topeka, KS), **Joy of the Holy Spirit** (Los Angeles CA), **Mother of God Community** (Baltimore, MD), and **New Creation Community** (Virginia Beach, VA). A founding community, **Love One Another Community** (Calgary, Alberta, Canada) did not send representatives.
- This summer the City of the Lord Overall Community Council chose **Mike Bergez** and **Mike Kent** as its Representatives to the NAN Council and **Peter Abele** and **Jim Cleaton** as Alternates to serve in the absence of Representatives. **Peter Poppleton**, the previous Moderator of the NAN Council, continues to serve on the NAN Council’s Service Team and on the Council. City of the Lord is well represented in North America!
- NAN is **not the only network of covenant communities** in existence. Covenant community networks such as the European Network of Communities (ENC), Fellowship of Malaysian Covenant Communities, and International Partnership of Ecumenical Covenant Communities (IPECC) interact with, or include as a member, NAN. **Peter Poppleton** is the current Moderator of IPECC.
- NAN hosts an **annual conference** in Augusta to which all members of covenant communities—including those in other networks throughout the world—and even guests of the communities are invited! You will find a formal **invitation to the 2025 Conference** in this edition of the Flocknote. Prayerfully consider attending!
- NAN has **its own website** where one can access more information about the Network and—perhaps even better—video recordings of past NAN conferences (the content is outstanding): <http://nanccc.org/>
- Of course, you can stay in touch with all NAN news and developments by opening the email featuring the **quarterly NAN Newsletter**. Keep a keen eye open for any of the City of the Lord contributors you’ll find in these pages. Past contributors include **Peter and Sharon Poppleton**, **Bill Koller**, **Sarah Castellanos** and others.

--Mike Bergez