

Greetings to you from the Board of Directors,

On December 3, The Board of Directors met for our first meeting since the election of new members at the Associational Meeting in October. Our meeting included prayer, orientation to the board, business and a sharing of our hopes and dreams for the Association. We as a board have committed ourselves to being more available to the churches and to carrying forth the vision of Appreciative Inquiry and the unifying Spirit of God that was felt at our Annual Meeting. Our hopes and dreams reflect this commitment and I would like to share some of those dreams with you.

The ENCA Board's Hopes and Dreams for 2008

- Engage all churches in Stewardship
- Get excited about telling the story
- Visit and connect to churches
- Create two programmed events this year to engage the Association in Worship, Education, Mission and Fellowship
- Improve Communication by setting up an email notification system, keeping our website up to date and letting everyone know what is happening in our local churches.
- Increase giving to the Association by \$5000; increase the number of giving churches to 75% of all the churches in the Association.

We would like to invite you to dream with us as we continue to grow to be the community of Christ God is calling us to be.

We are diverse group but this is one of our greatest gifts. Our differing voices can reach out to the diverse community to share the Gospel and welcome all to be a part of a Church where “no matter where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here”. The Board of Director is looking forward to a great year working with all of you as we work to achieve our goals. We would love to hear from each of you please feel free to contact the Board Member in you area or email us at ENCA@ENCA-UCC.ORG.

In the peace of Christ,

Jay Kennett
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United Church of Christ