

Hello and Welcome!

It's likely the Lord has directed our paths to cross and so we hope your time here is helpful and informative.

Who Are We?

The Association is a not-for-profit incorporated 501(c)3 organization founded in 1981 by former Evangelical United Brethren Churches in Northcentral Pennsylvania, USA. Today it is composed of independent, evangelical churches, organizations, and individuals for whom it organizes an annual slate of events that enrich the spirit and unite for outreach.

What is Our Doctrinal Background?

Positioned in the Wesleyan-Arminian camp of theology, the Association agrees with the Scriptural interpretations of two individuals from the Reformation era, Jacob Arminias and John Wesley. With Arminias we agree that once God by His grace causes an individual to realize sin is an obstacle to eternal life, they can by their own free will exercise faith to believe God will save them through His Son Jesus Christ. We also believe that the believer's walk of faith is maintained by the partnership of God's grace and the believer's free will. And we also believe it is possible to choose to leave the grace of God and return to sin, and that in extreme cases this choice may lead to unbelief in God which could place a person in spiritual jeopardy. The Bible states, without faith it is impossible to please God. With Wesley we agree that God desires all believers to move from infancy to maturity in Christ through both a full consecration of oneself to God and baptism by the Holy Ghost. We believe that this baptism fully develops the fruit of the Spirit in a believer and empowers them to love both God and people selflessly. We also believe the Spirit educates believers in God's truth and emboldens them to share the Gospel fearlessly throughout the world. And we also believe the Spirit equips believers with gifts to edify the body of Christ.

How Are We Organized?

The Association Executive Board oversees annual ministry events and provides administrative assistance to churches when requested. The Board is amenable to the Annual Conference of member churches and ministers. The Association Board of Ministry assists churches with pastoral search and transitions, and spiritual guidance. It also provides training, credentials, and ordination to individuals for Christian service.

The Association respects each member church's independence. As churches consider membership they are often relieved to discover the Association's by-laws prohibit making any claims of ownership on them. Also, the Association exercises no authoritative control over churches, nor imposes any financial requirements on them. Each

church's financial support is voluntary and self-determined. Presently, all funds support AEC and missionary ministries. All Association officers and ministry event staff serve voluntarily.

Churches, Christian schools, Camp Associations, and para-church organizations considering membership may want to arrange for the Chairman of the Association to come and meet with Boards or Members for a more comprehensive presentation of the Association. As long as they do not presently belong to another denomination, applying for membership is done by simply mailing a letter to the Association Chairman stating they agree with the Association's doctrinal statement and voted in a meeting duly announced to members two weeks in advance to join the Association. The letter should also be accompanied with historical, doctrinal, and by-law documents of the church or organization for review by the Executive Board and/or Board of Ministry.

Chairman Rev. Allen Young is available to present the Association to Boards or congregations in special meetings or Sunday services. See the Contact menu above to set up arrangements.