

ASSOCIATION

What is that word? Is it a noun? Yes. In simple terms my dictionary says it is the act of associating.

In KCEA, there are some things that do not fit within that term. We:

1. Are not like a denomination, with external controls, hierarchy, and all that goes with it.
2. Are not tied to a set of narrow rules of what each must do or not do.
3. Are not forced to give up the uniqueness of our ministry.
4. Are not joining something or being a member of something.

In KCEA, there are some things that do fit within that term. We:

1. Are voluntarily putting our shoulders to a task that can be better accomplished by coordination.
2. Are voluntarily joining together with others to oppose the forces that wish to hinder our efforts for Christian education, collectively organizing toward effectiveness.
3. Are voluntarily engaging in group programs that will aid our leadership, faculty, families, and students, thus our entire institutions.
4. Are voluntarily helping others succeed, like a co-op or mutual aid relationship. We do not recommend isolation. We share. We give tips and helps. We look out for each other.

Are voluntarily coordinating some funds and time in a movement that is benefitted as we participate together. We choose to use verbs like “affiliate” and “participate.” We enjoy the benefits of networking and connecting with each other as appropriate, but we never lose our own identity.

