

KEYSTONE

A map of colonial America demonstrates the important geographic location of Pennsylvania among the colonies. History records that Pennsylvania became known as the Keystone State for its significant contributions, including the significant number of key documents that originated there.

As the Keystone association, one might see ways where we continue the spirit of being Keystone.

1. **KCEA continues to embrace a solid philosophy.** Rephrased, we continue to embrace orthodox doctrine. We understand how good brethren can have slightly differing views of some doctrinal material, but we consider it absolutely necessary to embrace the core, historical tenets of the Christian faith. This is the same spirit as embraced by forefathers like C. I. Scofield, James Gray, A. W. Tozer, Harry Ironside, John R. Rice, and more. For such men, it was not denominational, it was Bible. They preached both to evangelize and disciple. If the Book said it, they preached it. Applied today, that does not leave room for shallowness and other modern movements impacting churches, schools, and homes.
2. **KCEA continues to embrace serious thinking about what we do.** It is not a fault for those who have limited mental capability or limited educational background to rely upon someone else to tell them what to do. There is a place for rote memory and simple instructions, and STEM can be overdone; but adults should exercise higher-level thinking skills just as we expect such from our students. Applied today, we wish to motivate each other to think and reason and study to optimize our effectiveness.
3. **KCEA continues to embrace responsibility for one's civil government.** In most aspects of life and areas that impact our ministries, the real action is in our own halls of our state Legislature. That includes the protection of religious liberty and the details of education policy applicable to our home towns. We are not responsible to influence legislators in California or Illinois. We have the responsibility for two U.S. Senators, and each of us has one member in the U.S. House of Representatives. We have ample input from several national organizations and several good media sources that give us insights into how we can and should influence those for whom we are responsible. Applied today, we have our own work to do.
4. **KCEA continues to embrace educational thoroughness with variety.** We strive to allow good brethren the opportunity to do some things differently than their neighbor would. However, we seek to challenge each other to better achievement. It is what every child deserves, and every child is different. We do not print materials and textbooks, and we do not pit one biblical publisher against another. Texts do not make excellence. The primary facilitator is the staff. We seek to honor them and aid them. Applied today, we are responsible to be good stewards in education, and we must not be content with the norm.

This website is replete with illustrations of our vital ministry together.