

A VISION

For an eMERGING ASSOCIATION
of Northeast Area MACUCC CHURCHES



CONNECTING
CONGREGATIONS

SUPPORTING
PASTORS

BUILDING
COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS

IN THE UNITY OF CHRIST



God is still speaking.

“... lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace . . .”

Ephesians 4:1-3

Connecting Congregations

“You call us into your church . . . You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant [all] faithful people.” UCC Statement of Faith

- *We aspire to be a covenant community of local churches called together by God, connected in Christ, and inspired through the Holy Spirit.*
- *In the days to come, our churches will live in covenant as sisters and brothers in Christ, actively seeking to have relationships with one another beyond the walls of local congregations, accepting differences, while recognizing our oneness in Christ.*

Supporting Pastors

“. . . equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith.” Ephesians 4:7, 12-13

- *We see our community of churches joyfully supporting clergy, prayerfully guiding those seeking authorized ministry, and thoughtfully walking with each of them in discernment at the urging of the Holy Spirit.*

Building Covenantal Relationships

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” John 13:34

- *We envision a community of churches and their leaders that will be quick to care about one another, eager to communicate openly with each other, intending to share in each other's joys and suffering, seeking to support one another as we practice worship together and serve in the world.*

In the Unity of Christ

“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

- *There will be a day when all our churches will join the voices of their individual local congregations to become a commanding and compassionate chorus for Christ's peace and justice.*