

Dear Friends,

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Besides the usual definition, Miriam Webster describes communion as, "*An act or instance of sharing; intimate fellowship or rapport: communication; a body of Christians having a common faith and discipline. From Latin communion mutual participation*
Synonyms: rapport, fellowship, rapprochement."

We churches of the NACCC have certainly worked hard to form a "communion" to help us do some things that, as individual churches, we can't do or can't do as well - services like supporting missionaries, helping provide future ministers, and supporting each other in times of need, etc.

Right now our "communion" is facing serious challenges as well as an exciting time of transition. Much like in the time of that first communion that we commemorate in our churches, we are being charged with changing how we look at things.

In order to do that, we need to find people with passion, commitment and flexibility who are eager to serve the NACCC with their hearts and their minds for the period of time necessary to fulfill the duties they are asked to do.

Just as communion consists of aged wine and fresh bread so must our NACCC "communion" have representatives of all ages if we are to be complete. We need both men and women, clergy and laity. We members of the nominating committees of the NACCC ask that you look within your congregations to find persons not just willing to serve, but eager to move with us into a new era. We are looking for people with vision and skills who are excited about giving of their time and talents to help bring us through this time of challenge and change.

Please take time to seriously consider this and speak with members of your congregation, and if you have someone you think would make a good candidate who would be willing to serve, **please fill out the enclosed form(s) and return it to the NACCC office by February 1, 2012.**

In God's Service,

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