

PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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Eastern Association Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon The Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon for 2008, was hosted by Immanuel United Church of Christ, Holstein on October 15. Entertainment was provided by the Mulhearn Family. In attendance, from the Program Committee, to lend assistance, were Rev. Don Deeker and Pastor Dee Dee Tempel. For 2009, The Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon will be hosted by Immanuel United Church of Christ, Holstein and the entertainment to be announced. The luncheon will be mid-October, as this month was previously preferred and agreed upon.

Confirmation Retreat was hosted Friedens United Church of Christ, Warrenton, on March 14, 2009 the program entail presentations by "The REAP TEAM", a faith based organization, that challenges and involves pre-teen and teen students in how God provides and changes their lives. Attendance included confirmands from several churches, plus ministers and adult leaders. The confirmands were very involved in the full day activities and discussed the concepts long after the retreat was completed. The Program Committee also extends a special thank you to Friedens U.C.C., for the churches and Pastor Jay Emmerson's hospitality. We also thank the Praise Band, which performed with excellence, for the Confirmation attendees.

The next meeting after the retreat, the Program Committee reserved the "REAP TEAM" for the next Confirmation Retreat in 2010. The location of the retreat will be held at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Washington on February 27, 2010.

Eastern Association Quilt Show 2008 was hosted by St. Peter United Church of Christ in New Haven on May 9, 2009. About 125 quilters attended the event, with approximately 40 quilts on display. Jan Mallinckrodt, from the Program Committee, was present to assist and met several churches representatives that were interested in their church hosting this event in the future.

Next years Quilt Show will be held at St. John's United Church of Christ (Cappeln), Foristell. The following year 2011, the event will be at Troy, Missouri at Zion United Church of Christ.

Eastern Association Choir Music Festival 2010 will be hosted by St. John's United Church of Christ on Wolfrum in St. Peters. St. John's is interested in hosting this event around Early Spring during the months of May or June. Further information concerning this Festival is pending.