

December 29, 2006

Mrs. Jeanne Boone, Treasurer  
Rev. Craig Sparks, Associate Treasurer  
Central Atlantic Conference  
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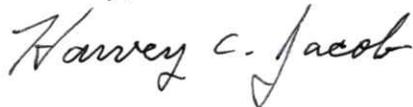
Dear Jeanne and Craig,

We write this letter to express our deep concern over the action of the Central Atlantic Conference Board of Directors in firing Rev. Jim Bell. We feel that the Board did not act in good faith, nor in the best interest of the churches of the Chesapeake Association. We are committed to working with conference leadership in addressing these concerns, however at the current time we do not believe that there is much commitment to our concerns by the Board. This has been disheartening, especially given our UCC understanding of covenant.

Due to this lack of responsiveness, the church voted at our November 26, 2006 congregational meeting to withhold OCWM giving to the Conference until we witness noteworthy actions aimed at addressing our concerns. We will continue to forward 35% of our OCWM to the national church.

We as a church are grateful for your commitment and willingness to serve the Central Atlantic Conference during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harvey C. Jacob". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Harvey C. Jacob  
Council President  
United Evangelical UCC

cc: Rev. John Deckenback  
Judge Ralph France  
Rev. Sara Fitzgerald  
Rev. John Thomas