

FOREWORD

JESUS SAID, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

As disciples of Jesus, we are the church; “the people called by God to his mission. As the church we are a people redeemed through Jesus Christ and enabled by the Holy Spirit to live in community as witness to God’s love and intention for humanity and the whole created order.”

The E.C. Link is a manual to help you see and understand the reality of the community of faith we know as the Evangelical Congregational Church. I trust that as you read, study, and discuss what is written here you will grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, see your role in the community of faith, and discover how Jesus can use you to make disciples in your world. We live a connected life, connected to Jesus, to each other, and to those all around us. This manual will help you connect with what the Evangelical Congregational Church believes and how we live out our shared faith.

The E.C. Link could not have been prepared by one person. It is the result of the time, talents and efforts of a team of people; each one doing their part to develop a tool to help you discover where you fit in to Christ’s redeeming work in the world. I want to express my appreciation to the team who worked so carefully in writing this manual.

The E.C. Link is a wonderful tool for teens and adults to learn more about the Evangelical Congregational Church and, I trust, encourage you to be an active disciple of Jesus as, together, we build his Kingdom.

In Christ’s Service,

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