

Themes you will explore in *Evangelism in Action* to enrich your church's Evangelism ministry.

- Discovering the needs of the people of your community, and developing needs-responsive and holistic strategies of evangelism.
- Learning to share our personal stories of God's grace and redemption.
- "Translating" the gospel for a post-modern world.
- How to train the people of your church to be every-day evangelists (including role-playing and practice).
- How to discover and create opportunities to share the Gospel.
- What are "Best-Practices" of evangelistic-minded churches.
- How to negotiate the line between accommodating to the ways of the world that compromise our Gospel, vs. maximizing our opportunities to connect the Gospel with the changing world.
- How to put evangelism at the center of the life of the congregation.



The time is ripe for evangelism! There is a spiritual hunger in our society. People are coming to desire more in life than the shallow satisfactions that the world offers. Increasingly, people are longing for the power of mystery, transcendence, and real transformation. *We know that the answers to these longings are freely available in Jesus Christ.*

In case we didn't already feel the urgency of the Great Commission for our churches, the spiritual hunger we see in our society today should move us to resound Isaiah's heartfelt pledge, "Here am I; send me!"

2000 years ago, a small group of ordinary people (fishermen, widows, former prostitutes) proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ and began a movement that changed the world. Imagine what can happen in the Delaware Valley if our congregations become a part of a new evangelism movement!



Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can learn to answer the Great Commission, and we can change our world.

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A Program for Enriching the
Evangelism Ministry
of your Congregation



Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



What is the Evangelism in Action Movement?

How can a church become an “evangelistic congregation?” It doesn’t happen automatically! It takes intentional effort. It takes prayer. It takes dedication. It takes learning and Bible-study. It takes an understanding of the people of your community, and their needs. In other words, *it takes a strategy!*

Fortunately we’re not in this alone. First, we have the power and movement of the Holy Spirit, which compels and empowers us to go out and share the Gospel. Secondly, we have each other — by forming “peer-learning communities” we can grow and learn in ways we could never achieve alone.

This is what the Evangelism in Action Program is all about.

How to become a part of the Evangelism in Action Program

Step 1: Contact Rev. Beers to find out about joining the next Evangelism in Action Group.

Step 2: The Pastor, Ministerial leaders, and appropriate church Board prayerfully commit to the Evangelism in Action Covenant.

Step 3: Enter into a “One Year in Antioch” peer-learning community.

Program Fee \$150 per Church

What a Covenanting Congregation Agrees to Do:

- Enter into an intentional congregation-wide time of prayer to prepare (Rev. Beers can offer some good models for how to do this).
- Draft and Commission an Evangelism-Action Statement of Commitment for your Congregation
- Participate in an “Evangelism-Empowerment” worship service to celebrate the beginning of the process.



- Appoint an Evangelism-action team (5-12 people with a heart for evangelism), to lead the congregational effort.
- Agree to enter into a “One Year in Antioch” peer-learning community, with other covenanting congregations. Meet with representatives of other covenanting congregations four times over the course of a year, with a guided curriculum provided by Rev. Beers, to help each congregation develop specific and contextual Evangelism strategies suited to their congregation and community.

“One Year in Antioch?”

Take a look at Acts 11:19-26. For the first time the church reached out beyond the cultural boundaries of Palestinian Judaism to share the Gospel with Greek people, and “the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.”

The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to work with this growing church in Antioch. When he saw the exciting things happening there, Barnabas went to Tarsus and recruited Paul to help with the work.

“So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called ‘Christians.’” (Acts 11:26)

What a great Scriptural model! The challenge they faced was finding new ways to bring the gospel to new people in a new place. They met this challenge by bringing together people with different ministry gifts and experiences, to work creatively at developing evangelism strategies ... and after working for a year their effort produced great results.

