



# Evangelism Charter for The Episcopal Church

Every baptized Episcopalian has vowed to proclaim with our words and our lives the loving, liberating, and life-giving good news of Christ. Through the spiritual practice of evangelism, weseek, name and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all peoplethen invite everyone to MORE. How and why do we live this commitment?

## Evangelism OF the Church

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment." - Matthew 22:37-38

#### With God's help, as followers of Jesus Christ, we will ...

- Recognize and live into our own belovedness as children of God
- Engage daily practices of prayer, scripture reading, worship, and service
- Recall times in our lives when the love of God has been real and present to us
- Articulate our own story of experiencing God's love for us

#### Evangelism BY the Church

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8

#### With God's help, as bearers of the Good News of Jesus Christ, we will ...

- Invite and listen deeply to the stories of everyone we encounter
- Name and celebrate stories of the presence of God in Christ everywhere
- Share our stories of encounter, good news, and resurrection in Jesus.
- Plant seeds of hope, and trust God to give the growth

### **Evangelism FOR the Church**

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God .... In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord." -Ephesians 2:19-21

#### With God's help, as members of the Body of Christ, we will ...

- Allow ourselves and our churches to be transformed by new relationships
- Discover a fresh approach to the gospel as we gain new perspectives
- Invite others to discover their own belovedness in Christ
- Grow more servants for the Jesus Movement to change the world



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