



Why CHPC Chooses ECO

Theological Integrity

- Accomplished through a defined set of “Essential Tenets” to which all officers in ECO must ‘receive, adopt and abide by.’ These essentials teach the historic Christian and Reformed faith.
- Essential Tenets include the authority of God’s Word, belief in the Trinity and Incarnation, and other essentials of the Reformed Tradition (God’s Grace in Christ, Election for salvation and service, Covenant Life in the Church, Faithful stewardship of all of life & Living in Obedience to the Word of God)

Missional Focus

- ECO’s Mission is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ECO has a core value of “Missional Centrality – evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice in our communities and around the world.”

Supportive Relationships

- ECO believes Pastors and congregations need deeper relationships that can foster support and accountability. This support and peer review can occur through the local Presbytery, Missional Affinity Network and/or Pastor Covenant Groups.

Innovative Evangelism

- ECO leadership has set a goal that by 2018, ECO will have more baptisms than funerals. This is not primarily a goal to increase the size of families or longevity of life. We are talking about evangelism here. ECO is serious about reaching those outside the church with the good news of God’s love.

Missional Affinity Networks

- Missional Affinity Networks are linked congregations in similar ministry settings and facing similar challenges and opportunities. These networks are outside of the presbytery structure.

Adaptive Change

- ECO is committed to creative and relevant programs that enable the church to engage in the world we live in today. Like the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, the church needs to get out into the world speaking the language of those outside the church.

Please visit www.chpc.org for further details about ECO.