



# The Rev. Jay Lawlor looks at Evangelism as inviting, welcoming, and incorporating people into the Jesus Movement

*The Rev. Jay Lawlor writes about how vital congregations excel at inviting and incorporating new members into the life the faith community.*

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“Many Episcopalians are fearful of the “E” word: [Evangelism](#).” He goes on to state that “[...] being an evangelist, in the broadest sense, is nothing more than inviting and welcoming people to explore Christian community. It is inviting people to put God first and live the Way of Jesus. For Episcopalians that means inviting and welcoming others to experience following Jesus in our Episcopal tradition. Such evangelism is necessary if we are truly to serve others as the heart and hands of Jesus in the world. Vital congregations share an ability — and a joy — in genuinely inviting and welcoming others to explore being part of our Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.”

In his Congregational Vitality Project, the Rev. Lawlor explores how vital congregations excel at inviting, welcoming, and connecting new members into the life of the faith community. He specifically looks at the [Invite, Welcome, and Connect](#) program; the Evangelism Matters conference; and the book *Radical Welcome*, as top resources for congregations. He points out that "In vital congregations, members are excited about their mission and ministries as followers of Jesus. They want to tell others and invite them to experience the transforming life found in that mission and ministries."

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