



## The Way of Love Across ECMN

The Way of Love curriculum and practices advocated by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry harken back to the earliest days of our faith before there was “church,” before there was ritual, when followers of Jesus committed themselves to living his teachings. It is inspiring new ways of thinking about being a Christian in today’s world. Below are some examples of how The Way of Love is being applied in ECMN faith communities.

### **Turn—Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus**

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in St. Paul turned to the Way of Love during Lent when they joined with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Paul and St. Clement’s Episcopal Church in St. Paul, to reflect on the practices: Learn, Go, and Bless. They explored the theological foundations of Beloved Community through the lives and writings of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and The Rev. John Perkins, and applied these teachings to understand The Way of Love.

### **Learn—Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus’ life and teachings**

At Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in East St. Paul, The Rev. Letha Wilson-Barnard, Vicar, is using the Way of Love in small group study over the course of a year to learn and reflect on Jesus’ teachings. And the clergy have been using the Way of Love materials for their contemporary service sermon topics.

The Rev. Jennifer McNally, Priest in Partnership at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Sunfish Lake, used the curriculum for their Lenten education program.

### **Pray—Dwell intentionally with God each day**

At Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester, The Rev. Beth Royalty used the Way of Love as a sermon series and weekly evening class curriculum. She asked a different parishioner each week to write a meditation on one of the practices for the parish’s online newsletter.

At Trinity Episcopal Church in Anoka, The Rev. Phil Boelter, Priest in Charge, plans to create small groups that study and focus on one practice per month.

### **Worship—Gather in community to thank, praise, and draw near God**

ECMN faith communities gather weekly to worship and draw near God. To learn more about our worship practices, visit each community’s website.

### **Bless—Share faith and unselfishly give and serve**

### **Go—Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus**

ECMN faith communities bless, serve, and cross boundaries in many ways. To learn more about Faith in Action, please read about some of our practices.

### **Rest—Receive the gift of God’s grace, peace, and restoration**

Women of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church joined women of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for a twenty-four hour retreat where they explored the practices of Rest, Go, Bless, and Pray. They shared stories of these practices in times of failure and loss, as well as experiences of God’s blessing in the midst of pain and brokenness.