



Greetings People,

When I write, ‘a whole bag of adapters’, what are you thinking? Were you thinking about how we can be the adapters in a bag for our churches? And for our communities? Are you thinking it now!

When Rev. Dr. Ted Smith (our Keynoter for the March Con-Ed Gathering) told us he will bring his “whole bag of adapters”, he was referring to necessary tech tools. But what I immediately saw was **US**. We get to be a whole bag of adapters! Or at least we can gather, retreat, listen, practice, worship, pray, play, and listen some more to how we get to be Jesus’ whole bag of Christian Adapters.

Think of it this way, we have two or more groupings of people (generations, cultures, Android/iPhone users...) and as all members and possible members of Christ’s body, **WE NEED TO INTERACT or interface** with one another. However, our methods and structures are not compatible or at least do not feel compatible in face of our current realities of decline in membership. **WE**, key leaders in our churches, need to be the adapters AND make way for new adapters so that they can be the translators between the groupings...with Christ we are the compatible interface for the other groupings to connect and grow!

We are the hands, hearts, feet, and voices that continue to show that when Jesus reveals he has come, “to proclaim good news, proclaim freedom to the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, and proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”*, we are able to integrate this truth throughout the groupings and times of our lives.

Please direct your pastor(s), colleagues, professional church staff members to consider this **Con-Ed gathering (March 10-12, 2025)** in their calendars. Oh, and the location is truly a respite in the midst of it all!

Peace and Courage,

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*Luke 4: 18-19