

1977 Chicago

Evangelical and Pentecostal Pastors meet to discuss a call they have been receiving from God

They are called to re-discover the roots of the early historic Christian Church

The Convergence Movement begins

In the early 1980s, these Protestant Christians are led by God to study liturgy and sacraments

Two of these men, Randolph Adler and Joseph Moats, are told by God that they would be used to begin a new work

Randolph Adler was a Charismatic street preacher in Orlando, Florida.

Having moved to San Clement, CA, Adler was arrested at a pro-life rally

The CEC is born in the pro-life movement

Adler and Moats, having studied liturgy and sacraments for many years, knew that they could not establish a church without the sacrament of ordination – Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

They were ordained as Bishops in 1992. Randolph Adler was consecrated by Bishop Timothy Michael Barker of the International Free Catholic Communion, and Bishop William Milsaps of the Anglican Province of South Africa.

Adler and Moats, consecrated in 1992, asked God for 10 congregations for their new work by the year 2000.

In the the year 2000, there were more than 500 CEC congregations world wide.

Today there are more than 1100 CEC congregations in 32 countries

The same message that Adler and Moats heard was being heard by people all over the world

Apostolic Succession: The laying on of hands from one person to the next, creating a line of connection which can be traced and verified.

Apostolic Succession in the CEC can be traced back to James the Less, the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

Later, five CEC Bishops would be consecrated in the National Catholic Church of Brazil, to strengthen and secure Apostolic Succession in the CEC.

Why is Apostolic Succession so important?

- + Connection to the ancient and historic church
- + Guardians of the faith and church passed to us by Jesus
- + Empowering of the Holy Spirit to ministers of the church

The CEC is a new work – not a splinter or schismatic church.

The CEC is unique in government. “Episcopal” means “Bishop” in Greek. We are governed by Bishops, using Holy Spirit consensus government.

The CEC is rooted in its pro-life theology and convergence worship – a place for all people to stand to run

Logo of the Charismatic Episcopal Church - USA





Charismatic Episcopal Church



Chalice of wine
Sacramental

Gospel book on the altar
Evangelical

Fire of the Holy Spirit
Charismatic

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

After each prayer is said:

“Lord in your mercy”

All respond:

“Hear our prayer”

At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader says:

“The Peace of the Lord be always with you”

All Respond: “And also with you”
