

Session 6: Joining ECO Well

1. Process for joining ECO

- a. Request congregation application AND pastor application(s) from office@eco-pres.org. At the latest, your request should be made once your session has decided that it wants to join ECO.
- b. Applications should be submitted by the earlier of two dates
 - i. At least 60 days before a congregational vote is taken
 - ii. At least 90 days before your anticipated entry into ECO
- c. Sessions and pastor(s) will be interviewed and receive acceptance into ECO “when the way is clear”. This usually means when they are dismissed from their presbytery.

2. How to join well

- a. Focus on prayerfully discerning God’s will for the congregation
- b. Have an entry plan to make the most of having ECO as your denominational home.

Reflection Questions:

1. Where are you at in the process of discerning or joining ECO? Is your application with ECO where it should be given where you are in your discernment process?
2. How can you finish your process of discernment well with the congregation?
3. How would being in ECO enhance your mission? What changes would you make if you came into ECO?