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CATCHING THE WINDS OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN BECOMING A DISCIPLEMAKING CHURCH

Dear EC Pastors and Church Leaders,

As the Evangelical Congregational Discipleship Associate, I value the opportunity to connect with you and provide the first communication link to share what is happening in the EC churches who are catching the winds of God's Spirit to intentionally engage in a proven **process** of discipling that is *impacting* their communities for Christ, *developing* their leaders, and *growing* their churches as they partner with Navigators in making transformed disciples. Real change in their churches is not coming from what they are **doing**, but from what they are **becoming**. Before engaging in making disciples, these churches faced various challenges reflected in the questions below. Regarding your congregation, how would you answer these questions?

- Is 20% of your congregation doing 80% of the work?
- Are you experiencing a shortage of equipped leaders?
- Does your church have a clear discipleship plan?

Could this possibly be the time for your church to consider making disciples?

If so, you can expect that your congregation will begin to **mature** spiritually, to become more **committed** to serving and leading, and to **increase** in size. This is what has been happening in the Tamaqua and Creswell EC Churches. Take a moment to read these exciting stories in making followers of Christ (see insert shared by Pastor Roberts, Tamaqua EC Church and Pastor Smith, Creswell EC Church).

Can you visualize these discipleship happenings taking place in your church?

If you are interested in catching the winds of God's Spirit by raising the sail of discipling in your church, please email: ecdisciple@dejazzd.com or call me at (717)656-8663 and a Navigator staff member will contact you to answer any questions and share ways you can help your church become intentional about making disciples.

To God's glory!

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Enclosures

Note: The second communication link for interested churches as well as those engaged in the ECC/Navigators discipling partnership will emphasize the Discipling Others Seminar which trains and launches believers into the ministry of discipling others.