

LET'S TALK



What it Means to Be “Free”
Galatians 5:1–15 (pg. 1034)



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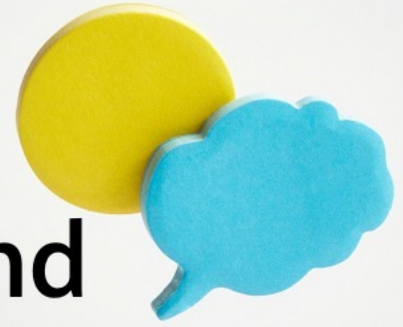
1) What is “Free”?





For freedom, Christ set us free. Stand firm, then, and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1



For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.

Galatians 5:13-15



Now brothers and sisters, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. I wish those who are disturbing you might also let themselves be mutilated!

Galatians 5:11-12



For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplishes anything; what matters is faith working through love.

Galatians 5:6



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10



"Evangelical Free Churches are autonomous but interdependent congregations of like faith and congregational government."

This is the EFCA

1) What is “Free”?

2) What is an Evangelical?





εὐαγγέλιον
Good news

CONVERSIONISM: the belief that lives need to be transformed through a “born-again” experience and a life long process of following Jesus



BIBLICISM: a high regard for and obedience to the Bible as the ultimate authority

ACTIVISM: the expression and demonstration of the gospel in missionary and social reform efforts

CRUCICENTRISM: a stress on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as making possible the redemption of humanity

David Bebbington



“Evangelicals take the Bible seriously and believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The term “evangelical” comes from the Greek word euangelion, meaning “the good news” or the “gospel.” Thus, the evangelical faith focuses on the “good news” of salvation brought to sinners by Jesus Christ.”

National Association of Evangelicals



“Evangelicals are born-again Protestants who cherish the Bible as the Word of God and who emphasize a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.”

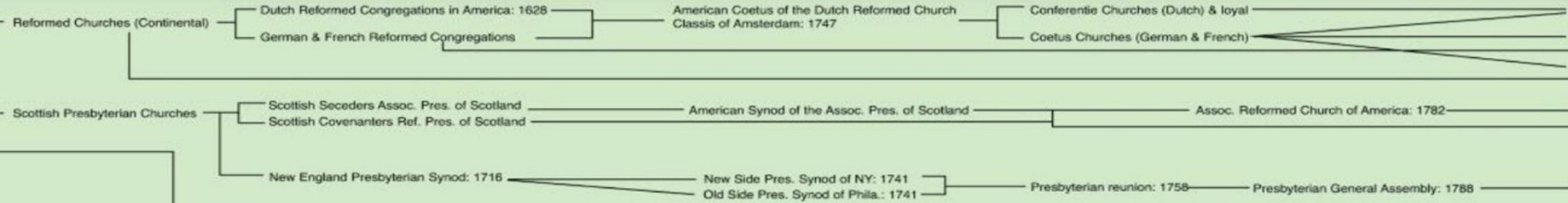
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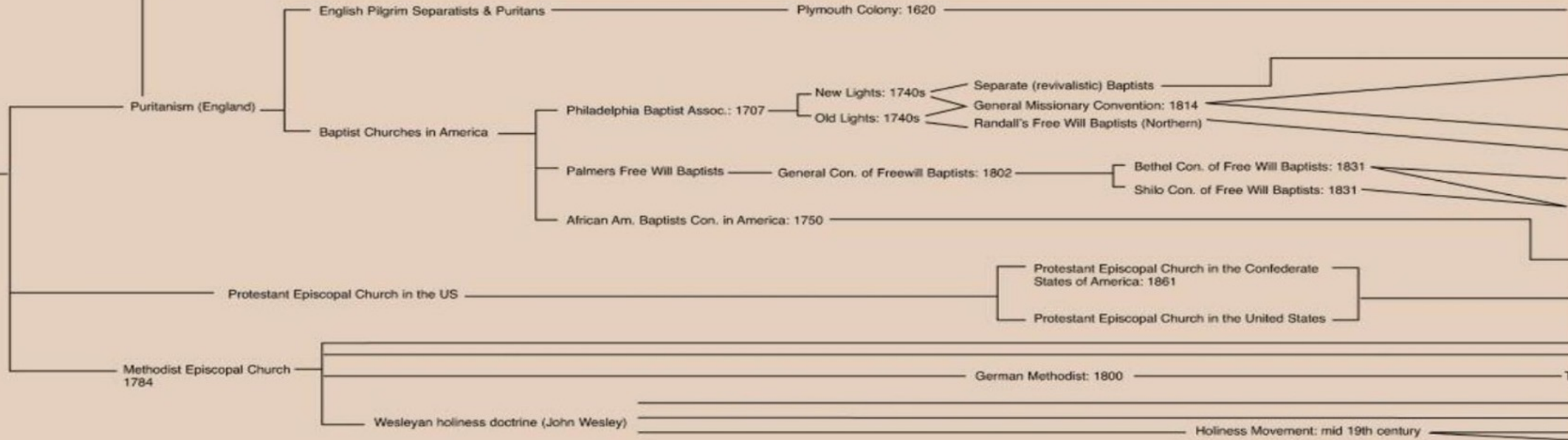
“As evangelicals we are called by God to aid the vulnerable. Therefore, we must see the alien and the stranger as individuals made in the image of God, the object of Christ’s love, and as people of intrinsic worth who need our affirmation and support.”

A Stranger at our Gates

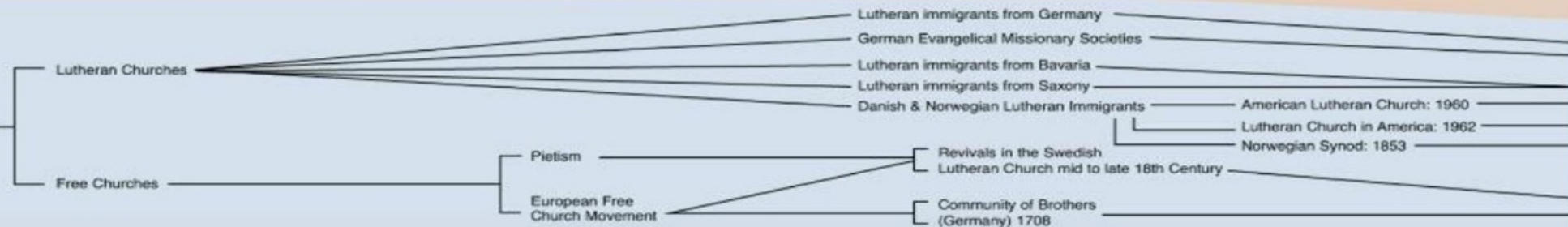
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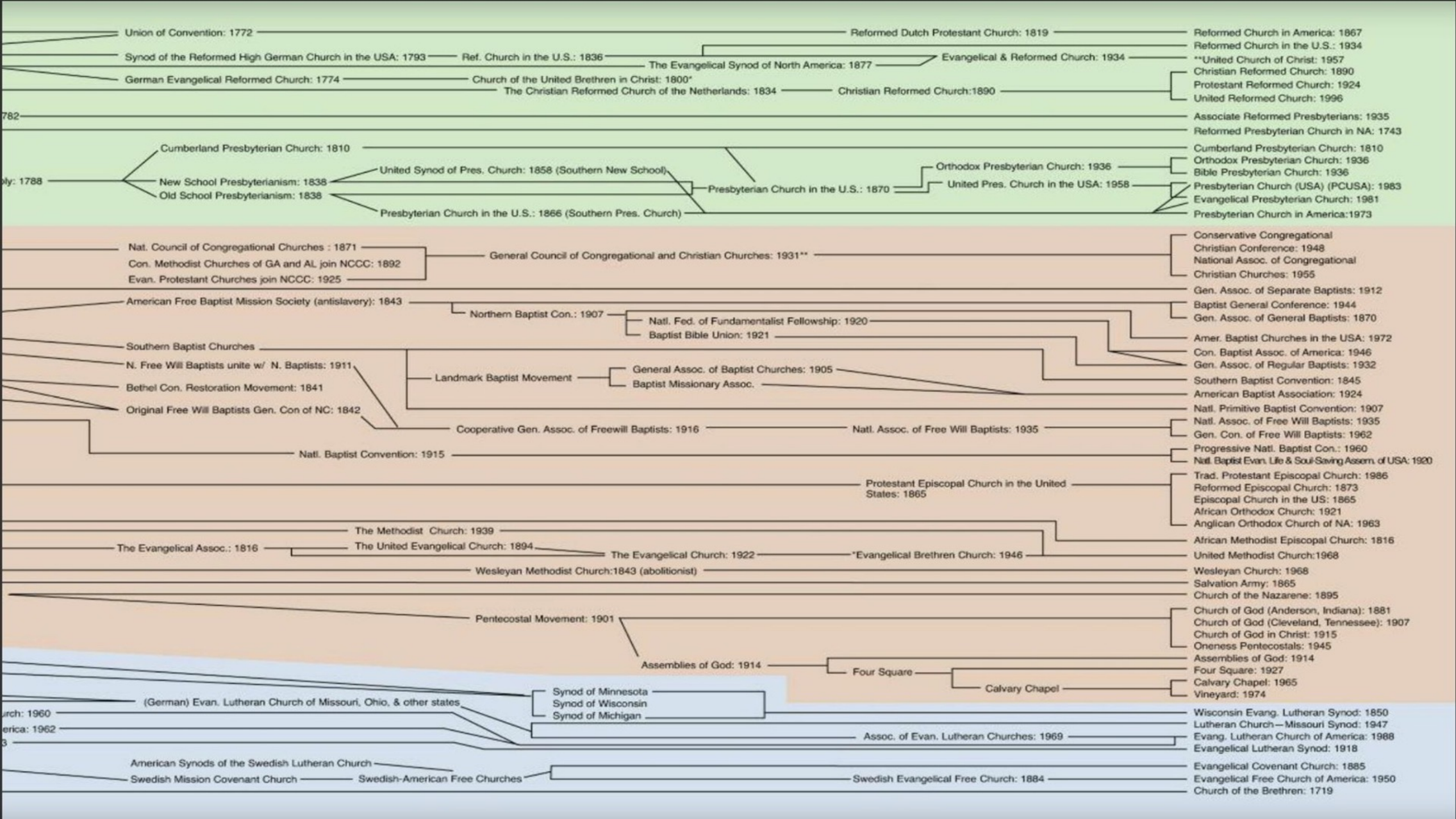


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-In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things Jesus Christ

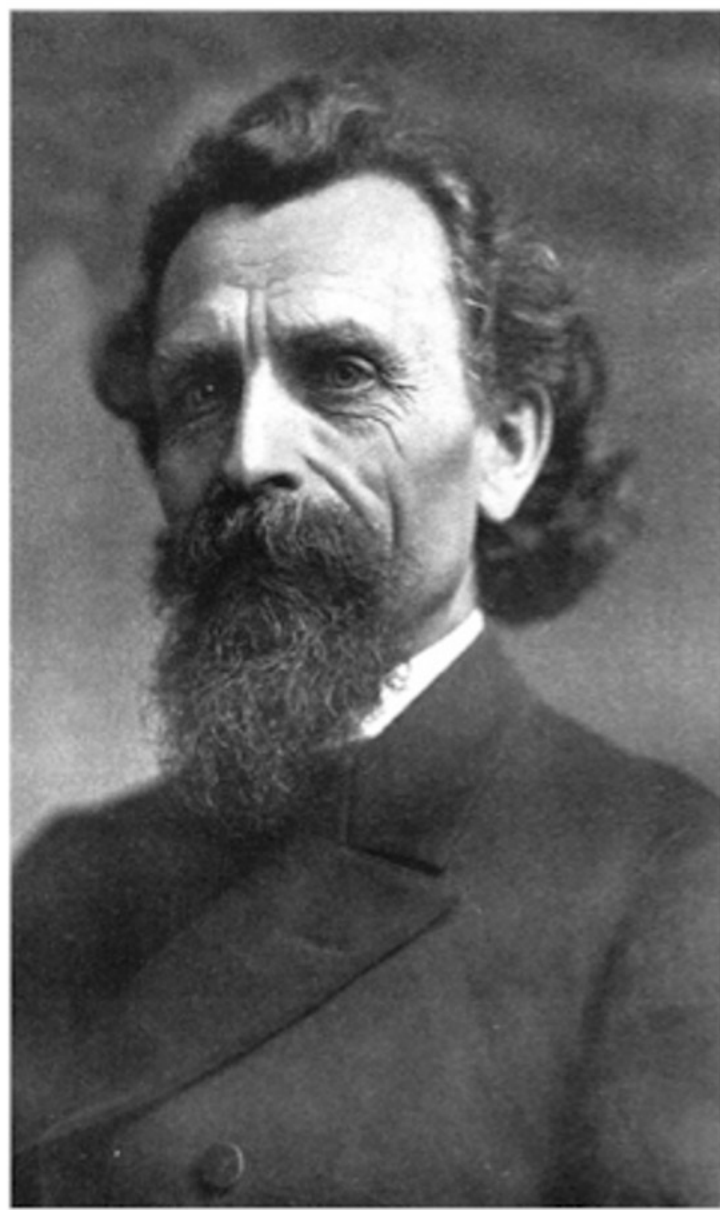


Figure 3.1 Ellen Modin, EFCA Archives.

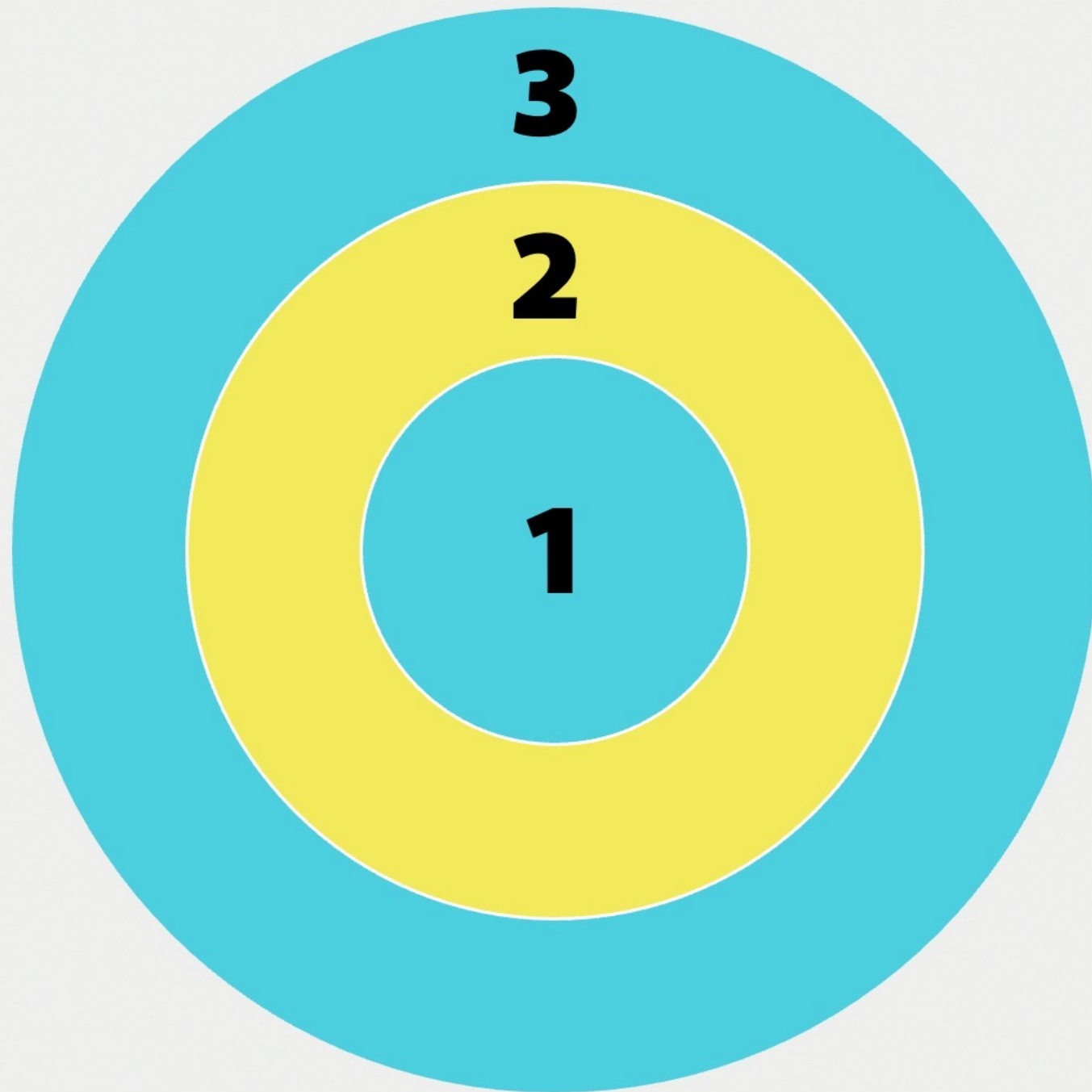
Figure 2.1 Fredrik Franson, EFCA Archives, Minneapolis



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“Evangelical but not separatistic, meaning we affirm our evangelical Christian doctrines but are not characteristic of “fighting fundamentalists” who make minor issues a test of fellowship.”

Evangelical Convictions



Figure 11.2 Left to right: Arnold T. Olson and Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1959, EFCA Archives.



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Figure 14.2 Dann Spader, Fritz Dale, and Ed Bender at Sonlife Training for EFCA Youth Pastors, Timber-Lee Christian Center, Wisconsin, 1984. EFCA Archives.

While Gregory Strand had served as a member of BOMS, he commented on one occasion to Bill Hamel, “You have a director of church planting, and a director of church health. Where is your director of theology?”⁴⁶ This question prompted Hamel to consider extending an invitation to Strand to join the national office. In 2002, Strand left his position as lead pastor of Trinity EFC in Minot, North Dakota, to work in the Office of the President as the director of theology and credentialing.⁴⁷

More than four hundred pastors and leaders from 280 churches attended the meeting held at South Suburban EFC in Apple Valley, Minnesota.

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