

Inter-generational Churches



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Video – Present Perfect

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=6K3H2VqQKcc
- Example of an intentionally intergenerational project where Aged care and preschool were colocated with programs for meaningful interaction.

Intergenerational Church

What it is... What it isn't...

Intentionally sharing faith practices and community experiences with multiple generations

Fostering relationships across generations

Making space for one another

Being the church together

Healthy community

Something new

A youth or children's ministry strategy

A resource you pick up

Expensive or hard

Fosters Leadership regardless of age or status

Utilises the strengths (the wisdom, experience, and knowledge) of one generation to meet the needs of another

> Promotes shared value and respect for individuals at all stages of life

What else?....

Teaches us to care for and value one another, regardless of difference

Good reasons for Inter-generational

church

Factor in nurturing

Creating 'church family' for people with less family

Reclaiming God's intent

for faith to be shared in

community and across

generations

Enhances people's identification with their congregation and integration within the community

connection

(often 4-5 Gens)

society separates and pigeon-holes us into age-specific groupings

Counter-Cultural - often resilient young people

Starting Points

- Mission Service
- Common activities
- Leadership
- Mentoring
- Storytelling

Examine Community Life

For different ministry areas – faith formation, worship, community service, leadership, Christian Education, fellowship, etc.

Ask:

- What do we already do?
- Who decides what we do? Who is involved in decision making?
- Who is involved in planning?
- How do we include different generations?
- How do children/youth/young adults/middle adults/older adults contribute?
- How are children/youth/young adults/middle adults/older adults served?

Assuming can be dangerous

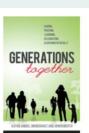


Another option....

Talk and plan together – Dialogue.

Resources and Further Info













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www.childrensministry.org.au www.ume.nswact.uca.org.au





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