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## GENeratiONs

**Partnering with churches to nurture, grow, and deepen intergenerational Christ-centered community.**

# Benefits of Being an Intergenerational Church

- 1 Enhances the sense of **belonging**
- 2 Creates a welcoming **environment**
- 3 Shares **wisdom, experience, knowledge**
- 4 Encourages Christian **role models**
- 5 Develops a **shared vision**



MULTIgenerational?

OR

INTERgenerational?

# Defining intergenerational ministry



## Intergenerational ministry...

- nurtures **Christ-centered community**
- by bringing together **two or more generations**
- in **planned and purposeful settings**
- where **all are mutually invested.**



# Four Ministry Areas



**Worship, Study, Service, Fellowship**



Sustain

Launch

Pilot

Learn

Evaluate

Discover

Becoming  
Intentionally  
Intergenerational



# Six-Step Path

## 1. DISCOVER

what it means to be  
a Christ-centered  
intergenerational  
church

## 2. EVALUATE

to become more  
intergenerational

## 3. LEARN

from GenOn's  
resources, training,  
and guidance

## 4. PILOT

an  
intergenerational  
gathering

## 5. LAUNCH

regular  
intergenerational  
gatherings

## 6. SUSTAIN

intergenerational  
ministry  
for church-wide  
transformation

# Intergenerational Development Package

Three, 90-minute, online sessions:

Session 1: **Discover** - foundational components

Session 2: **Evaluate** - how you're doing currently

Session 3: **Learn** - develop your plan

**Designed for individual church leadership teams to partner with GenOn.**

# Growth Groups: Cohorts

Session 1: **Discover**

Session 2: **Evaluate**

Session 3: **Learn**

Session 4: **Pilot, Launch, Sustain**

**Designed for judicatory organizations to partner with GenOn.**

**“Being part of a GenOn Growth Group gives your church a supported process to figure out the best steps forward for your context and encourages you to take those steps. There is no pre-determined answer or action – it’s a process for your church to go from ‘thinking about’ intergenerational ministry to ‘brainstorming ideas’ to actually ‘actioning something’ in your context.”**

**Melissa Neumann, Intergenerational Discipleship Developer, Uniting Church Synod of South Australia**

# Resources for Intergenerational Gatherings



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**All God's  
Children:  
The Church Family  
Gathers for Advent**

*For intergenerational gatherings Advent through Epiphany*

**All God's Children**



**The Church Family  
Gathers for Retreat**



# Resources for Intergenerational Gatherings

An interactive weekly devotional resource  
from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday.  
All ages. Based on Jesus' ministry.

*God's  
World  
in Community*

**Lent**



Treasure. Bread. Shrine. Fruit. Robe. Perfume. Thorns.

*God's World  
in Community*  
**Creation Care**



# Resources for Intergenerational Gatherings



## Resources for Gathering Generations Together

Resource	Description	Sessions	Length of Sessions	Setting	Food
LIFT (Living in Faith Together)	For new and continued faith formation, free Scope and Sequence	49 4-session units covering a variety of topics and scriptures	45-60 minutes	church, inside, outside, Sunday morning, afternoon, evening	meal and snack ideas included
All God's Children: The Church Family Gathers	For seasonal and special events, scripture-based	5-session resources for Advent (2), Lent (2), summer, retreat, and VBS	2-3 hours	church, retreat center, park, inside, outside	meal ideas included
God's World in Community	Interactive topical sessions based on scripture with activity and prayer based on the passage; uses easily accessible materials	7 sessions in each resource; topics include Creation Care, storytelling, Acts, gifts of the Spirit, Advent, Lent	10-30 minutes, depending on chosen activities	church, home, park, inside, outside, any day	meal or snack can be added by hosting church/group

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# Lingering Questions

**“If our whole approach to disciple-making is about educating people, age-level ministry becomes incredibly important because teaching a five-year-old is different than teaching a ten-year-old, a youth, or a young adult.**

**But if the focus is on developing practices, it is important to learn from people who are skilled in the practices of faith. And interspersing the generations makes more sense than having everyone broken down into age-level ministry groupings.”**

**Johannah Myers,  
author for Lewis Center for Church Leadership**

**“When ‘intergenerational’ becomes a lens and not a tool,  
it permeates and is sustainable.”**

**-Jim Merhaut, with Coaching to Connect**

# Next Steps

For Intergenerational ministry development –  
Contact Betsy Dishman

To learn more about LIFT –  
[www.genonministries.org](http://www.genonministries.org)

For more on intergenerational ministry topics –  
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