

# Intergenerational Faith Formation

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All are welcome in this place, behold love's amazing grace, all are welcome.

Bring your hopes, bring your dreams, mercy flows and love redeems, all are welcome, all belong.

Welcome all the broken hearted, all who sorrow and despair, you are not alone, for you are God's own.

Together we sing and we proclaim: all are welcome in this place, behold love's amazing grace, all are welcome, all are welcome.

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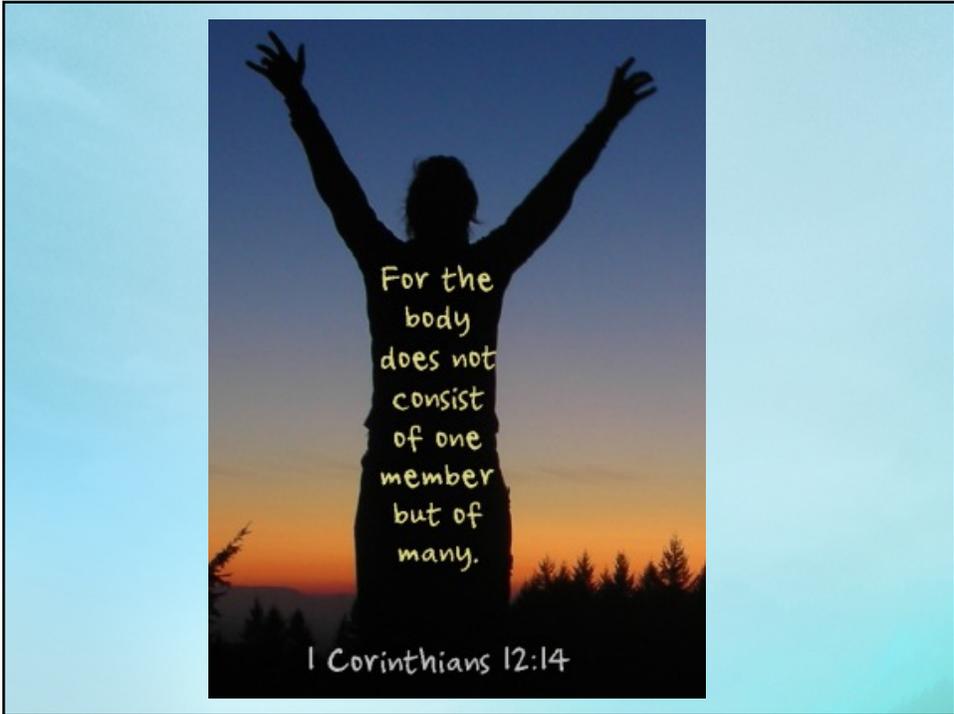
## Part I

### What and Why of Intergenerational Faith Formation

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For the  
body  
does not  
consist  
of one  
member  
but of  
many.

1 Corinthians 12:14

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# 1.) Generations



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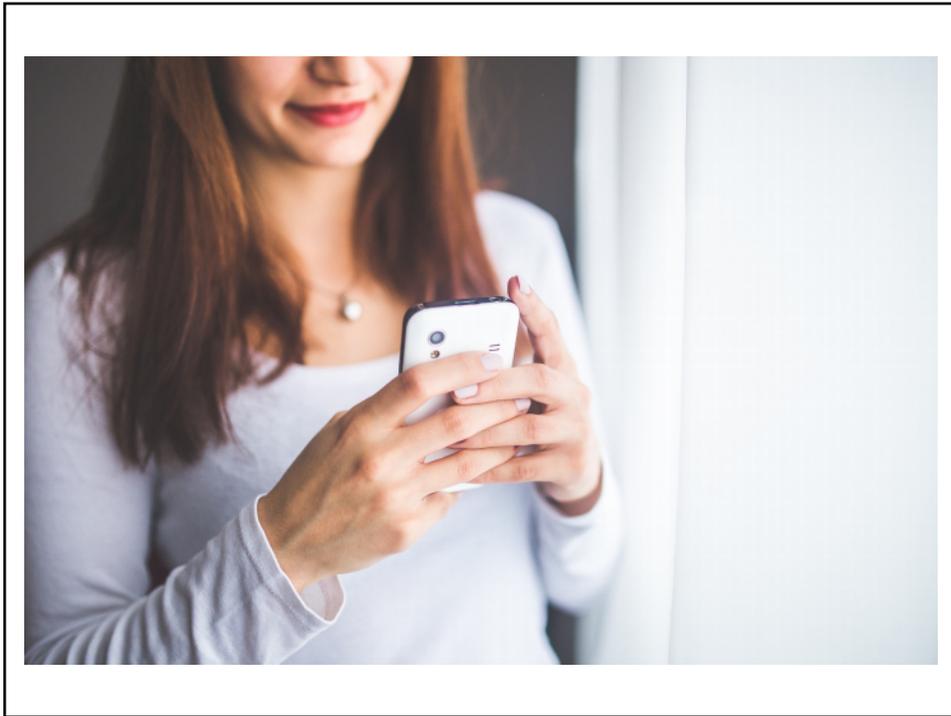
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### The best human inventions...in our pockets

A collage of various pocket-sized inventions. The items include a calculator, a video camera, a rotary telephone, a calendar, a flip phone, a photo album, a CD player, a portable CD player, a newspaper, a remote control, an address book, a weather station, and a smartphone. The smartphone is shown in a hand, displaying a weather application.

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Every Generation  
Experiences a New World



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## 2.) What is Intergenerational Faith Formation?



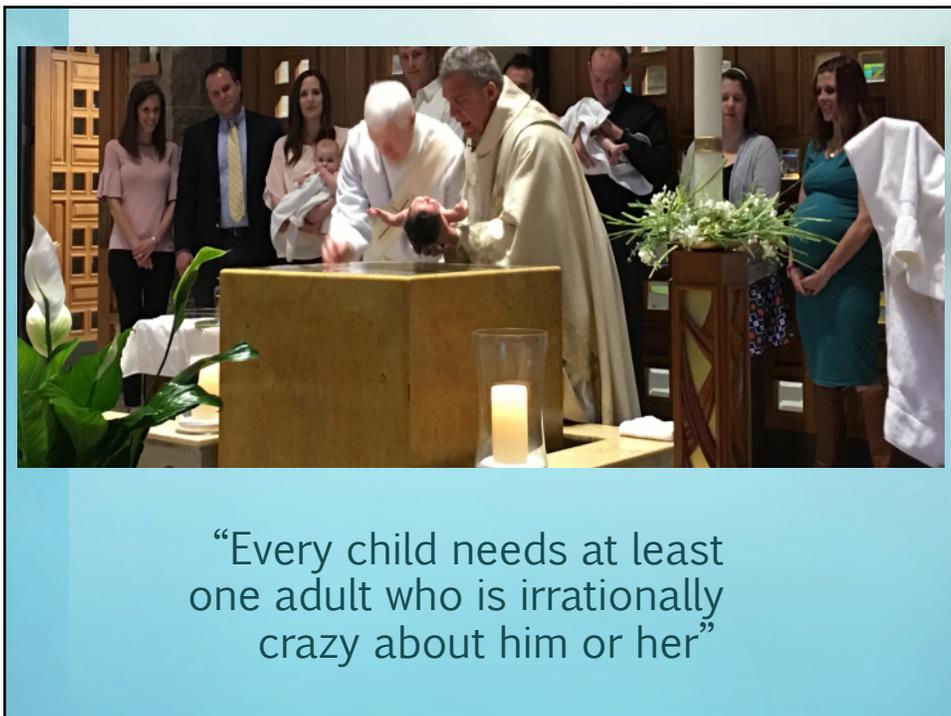
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“Every child needs at least one adult who is irrationally crazy about him or her”

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*A faith-forming education requires the interdependence of the generations.*

This involves developing sustained patterns of intergenerational learning, relationships, and mentoring that develop young people's identification with the faith community, give them memories of hope to enliven their future, and create their sense of responsibility for the well-being of the community and the earth.



(Charles Foster)

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*The responsibility of mentoring the faith of children and youth belongs to the whole congregation in the full range of its ministries.*

The clearest way of learning to be Christian is to participate with others in the practices of being Christian. Each member of a faith community may potentially mentor someone at the threshold of expertise in some shared community practice.

(Charles Foster)

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### 3.) Why this matters?

Why is an  
Intergenerational Church  
Culture Important today?

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WHY INTERGENERATIONAL NOW?

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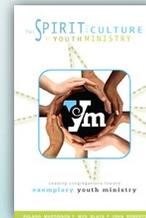
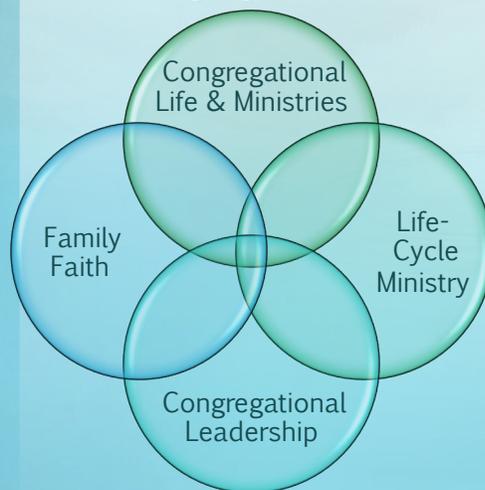
## (Re)Emergence of Intergenerational

Response to...

1. age fragmentation
2. individualism & isolation in society
3. need for connection
4. need for mentors and guides of all ages
5. research on forming faith
6. five-generational society and church
7. the benefits that can come to each generation, to the whole church, and to society-as-a-whole

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## Congregational Culture



It is the culture of the whole church that is most influential in nurturing a vital Christian faith.

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## Church Culture

A church's basic ministries can be thoroughly intergenerational when:

- Young people are welcomed and expected to participate.
- Young people lead in church-wide ministries:
  - Worship
  - Education
  - Fellowship
  - Service and Outreach
  - Decision-making

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