Design & Implement a Network

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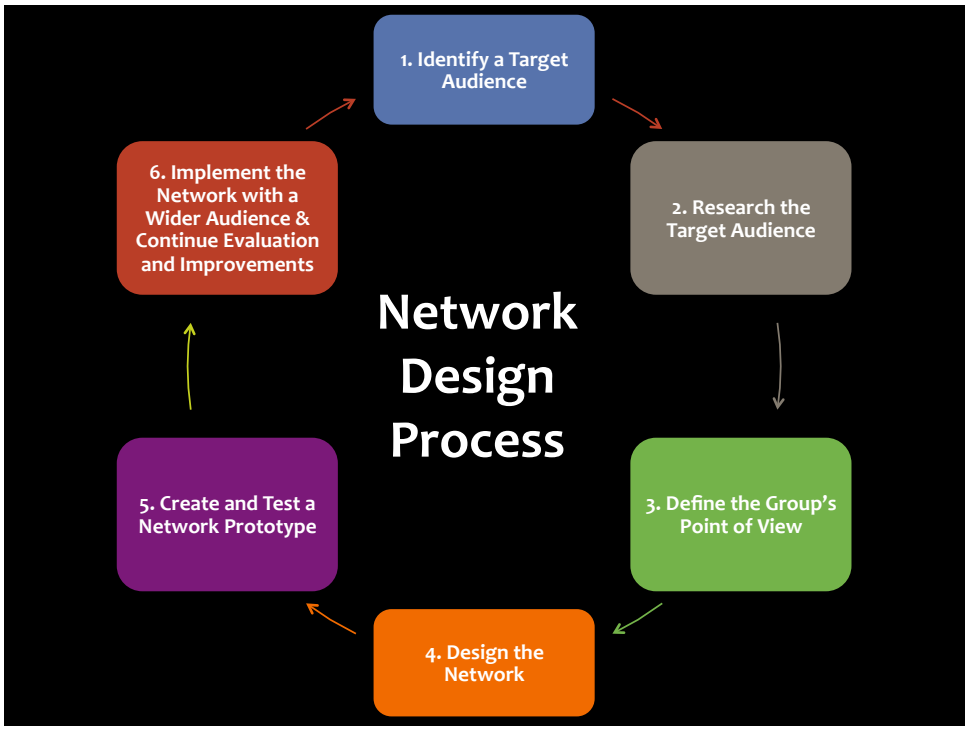
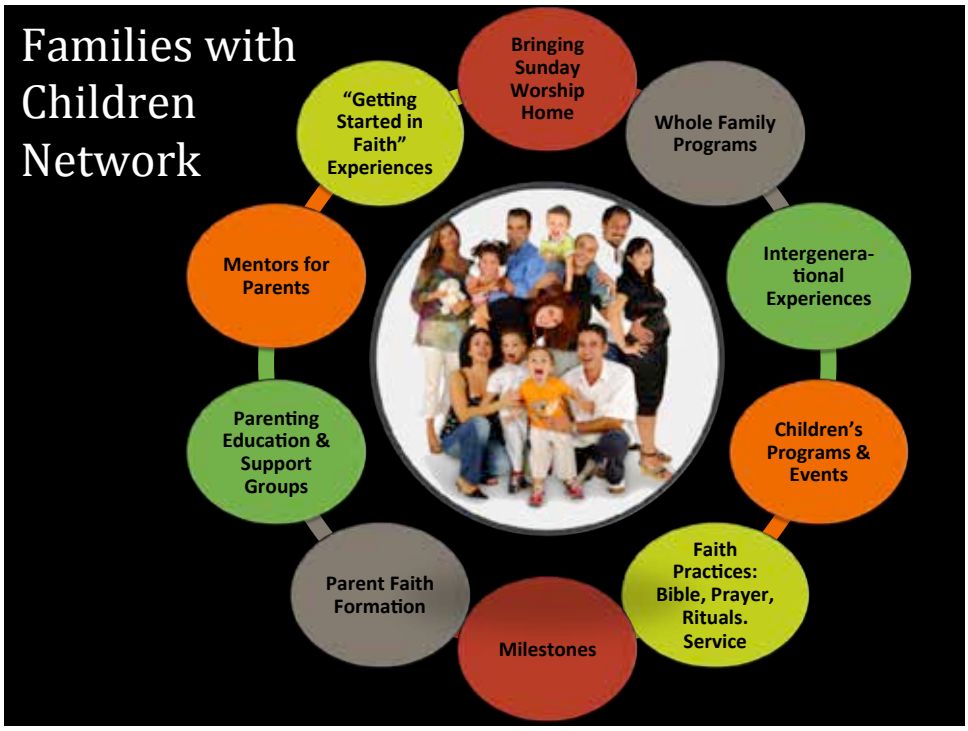
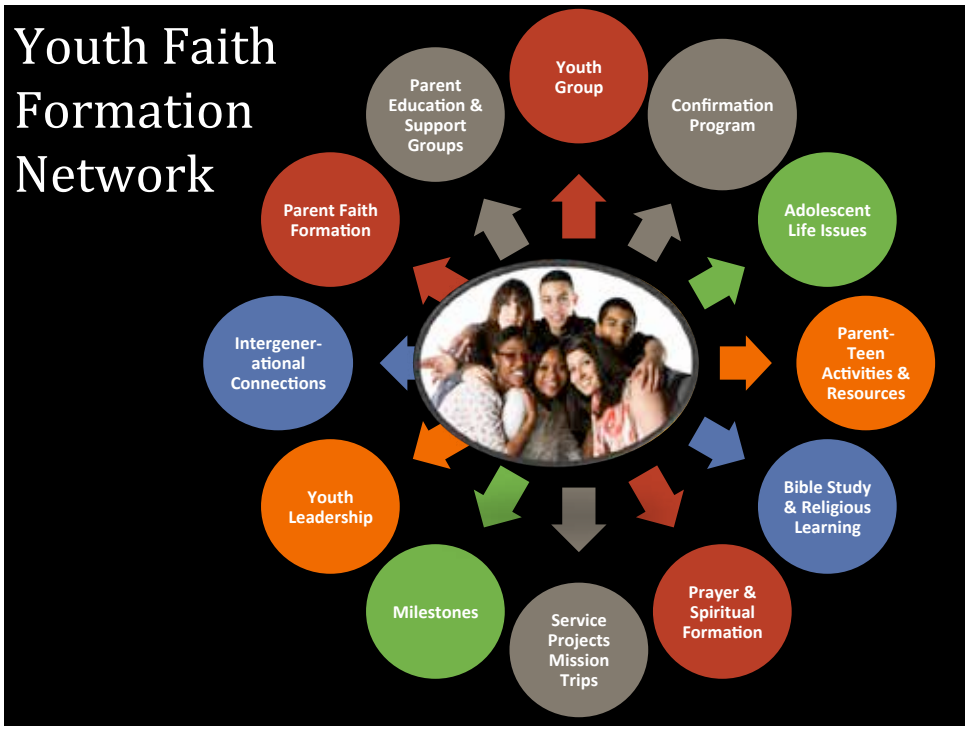


Develop a Profile of a Group

Children & Families Teens & Families Emerging Adults: 20s-30s Young Adults: 30s-40s Mid-Life Adults: 40s-50s Mature Adults: 50s-70s (Baby Boomers) Older Adults: 75+	1. Life Tasks 2. Life Issues 3. Milestones and Life Transitions 4. Spiritual & Religious Needs 5. Ethnic-Cultural Needs 6. _____

Developing "Content" Areas


Families with Children Network
Bringing Sunday Worship Home
Whole Family Programs
Intergenera-tional Experiences
Children's Programs & Events
Faith Practices: Bible, Prayer, Rituals. Service
Milestones
Parent Faith Formation
Parenting Education & Support Groups
Mentors for Parents
"Getting Started in Faith" Experiences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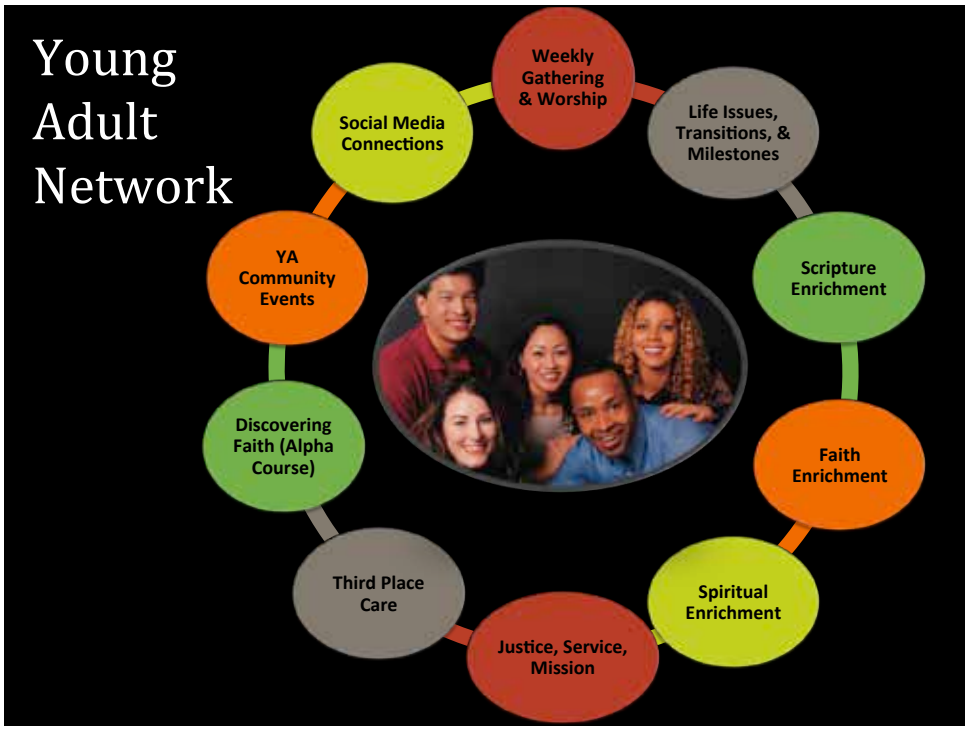
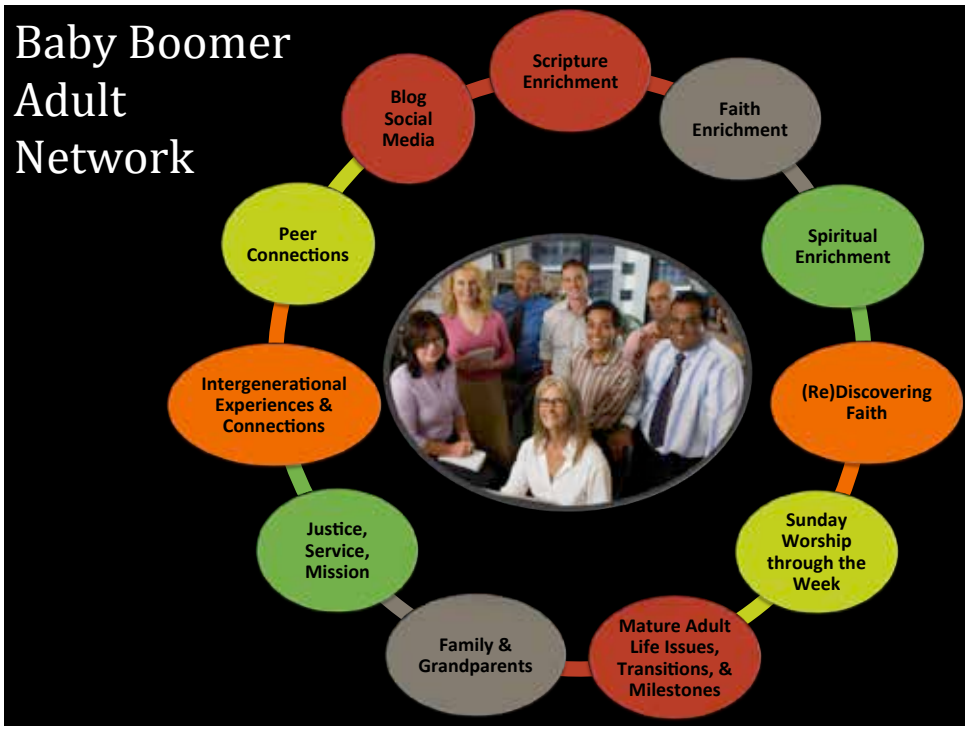
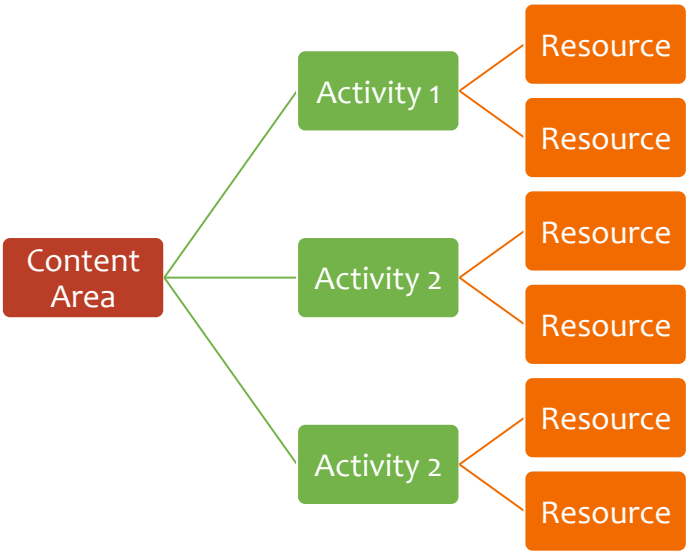
Youth Group
Confirmation Program
Adolescent Life Issues
Parent-Teen Activities & Resources
Bible Study & Religious Learning
Prayer & Spiritual Formation
Service Projects Mission Trips
Milestones
Youth Leadership
Intergener-ational Connections
Parent Faith Formation
Parent Education & Support Groups


Young Adult Network
Weekly Gathering & Worship
Life Issues, Transitions, & Milestones
Scripture Enrichment
Faith Enrichment
Spiritual Enrichment
Justice, Service, Mission
Third Place Care
Discovering Faith (Alpha Course)
YA Community Events
Social Media Connections

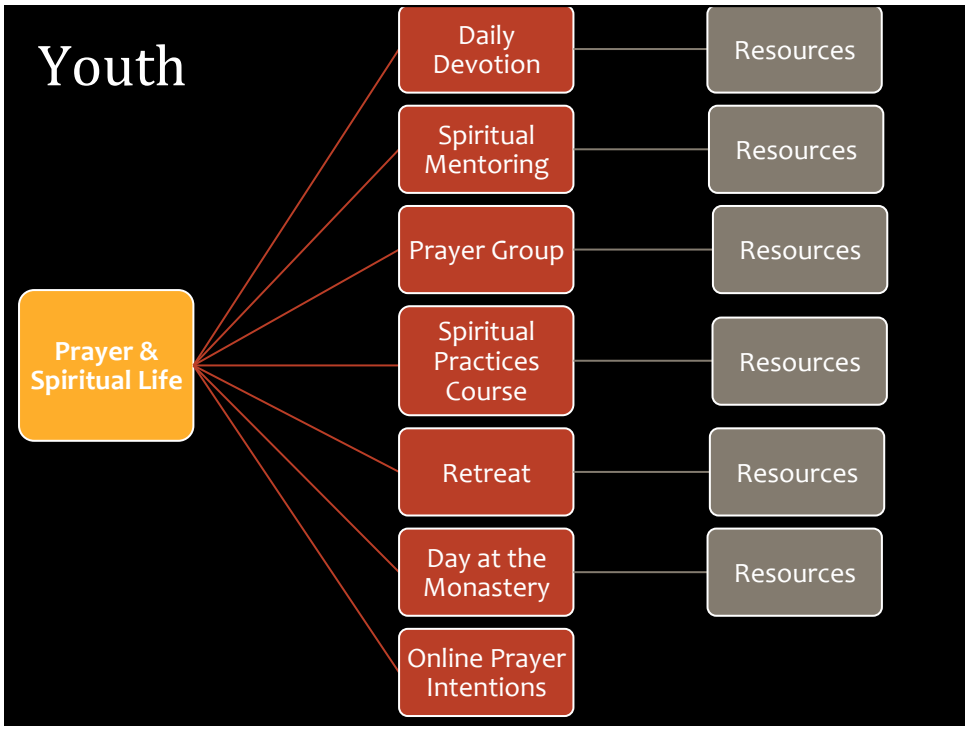

Baby Boomer Adult Network
Scripture Enrichment
Faith Enrichment
Spiritual Enrichment
(Re)Discovering Faith
Sunday Worship through the Week
Mature Adult Life Issues, Transitions, & Milestones
Family & Grandparents
Justice, Service, Mission
Intergenerational Experiences & Connections
Peer Connections
Blog Social Media

"Programming" a Content Area



Activities

- Courses & workshops
- Large group learning events
- Online courses & activities
- Small groups: Bible study, theological study, faith sharing, mission/action groups, support groups
- Mentored experiences
- Webinars & video conferencing
- Audio and video podcasts
- Apps and digital resources
- Extended programs, camps, mission trips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Prayer & Spiritual Life
Daily Devotion
Spiritual Mentoring
Prayer Group
Spiritual Practices Course
Retreat
Day at the Monastery
Online Prayer Intentions
Resources
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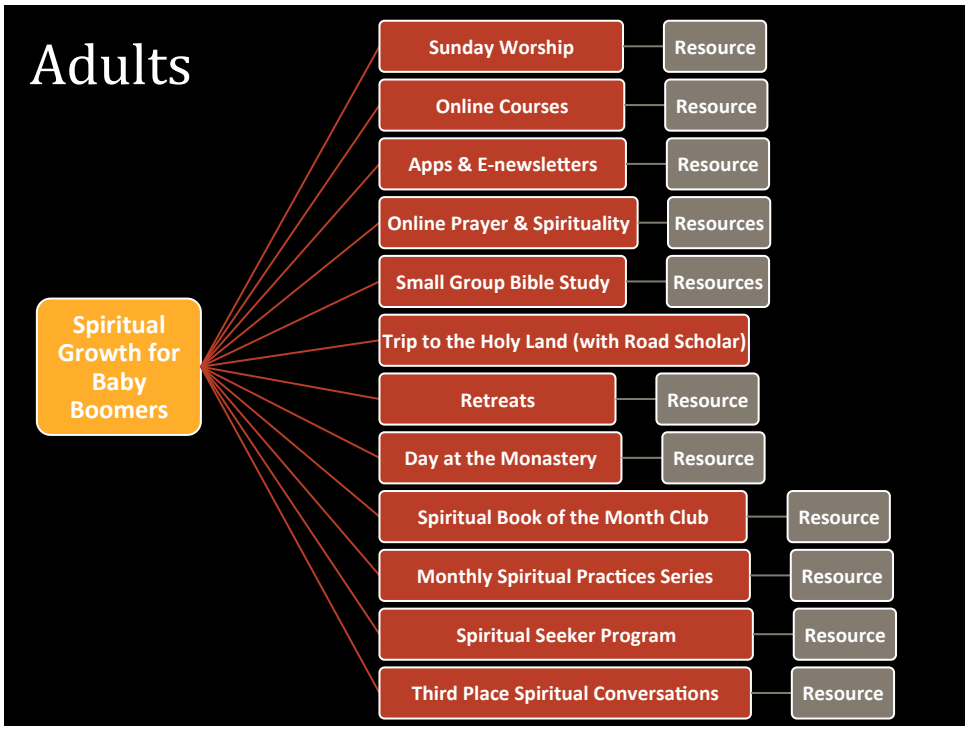
Adults
Spiritual Growth for Baby Boomers
Sunday Worship
Online Courses
Apps & E-newsletters
Online Prayer & Spirituality
Small Group Bible Study
Trip to the Holy Land (with Road Scholar)
Retreats
Day at the Monastery
Spiritual Book of the Month Club
Monthly Spiritual Practices Series
Spiritual Seeker Program
Third Place Spiritual Conversations
Resource
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Faith Formation Content

1. Church Programs & Activities
2. Community Programs & Activities
3. People Resources
4. Print Resources
5. Audio & Video Resources
6. Art, Drama, and Music Resources
7. Online Content: Websites, Blogs, Video
8. Online Education: Webinars, Courses
9. Apps & Digital Resources

Virtual & Physical Environments

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS

- ✓ Church facilities
- ✓ Home
- ✓ Workplace
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Camps
- ✓ Retreat Centers
- ✓ Museums
- ✓ Libraries
- ✓ Restaurants & coffee shops
- ✓ Sports settings

VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

- ✓ Network Website
- ✓ Website Resource Centers
- ✓ Online Schools
- ✓ YouTube, Ted Talks, etc.
- ✓ Pinterest
- ✓ Facebook
- ✓ Twitter
- ✓ Google+
- ✓ Meeting Sites (Meetup)
- ✓ Edmodo

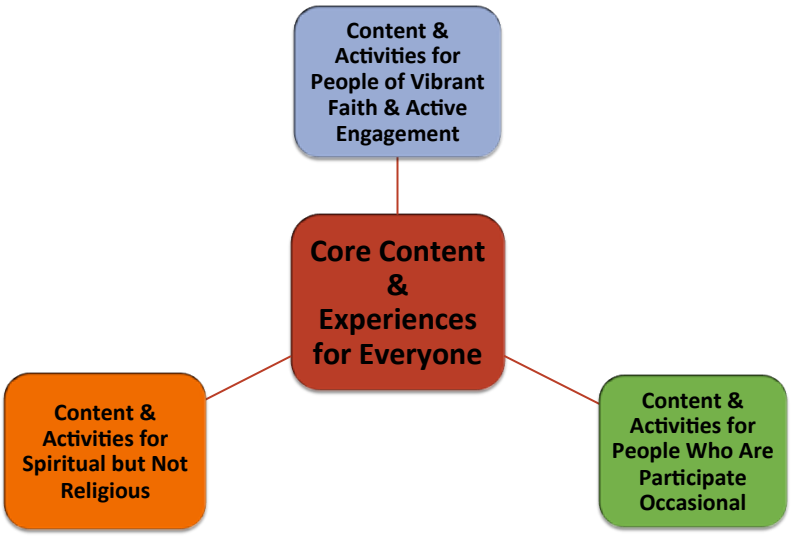
Activities: Online–Blended–Physical

Fully online with options for face-to-face interaction in physical settings.	**Mostly or fully online with regular interaction in physical settings.**	**Online platform that delivers most of the program with support, mentoring, and small groups.**	**Programs in physical settings guided by a leader with online components.**	**Programs in physical settings with online resources to supplement the program.**

"Programming" a Content Area

- Take a current program and differentiate the content around the 4 profiles (scenarios)
- Take a current program and build online content to extend and deepen the experience
- Take a current program and offer it in different formats - small groups, mentored, etc.
- Take a program in physical setting and offer it online (e.g., webinar, Google+ Hangout)
- Offer a program in different settings: at church, at home, in community settings (Starbucks), etc.
- Offer online-only options and resources
- Offer blended programs with online experiences and gathered physical experiences

Differentiating Faith Formation



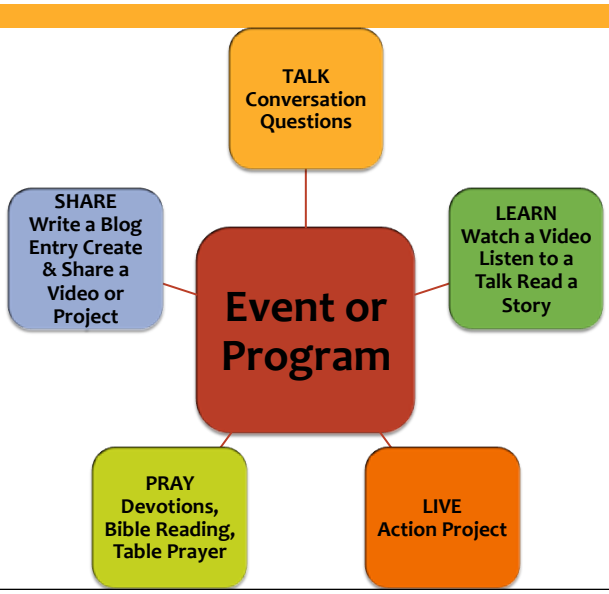
Target the Diversity

Creating Multiple Formats

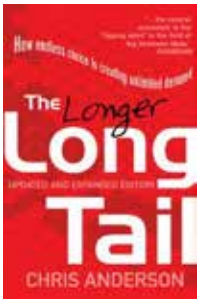
Extending Events & Programs

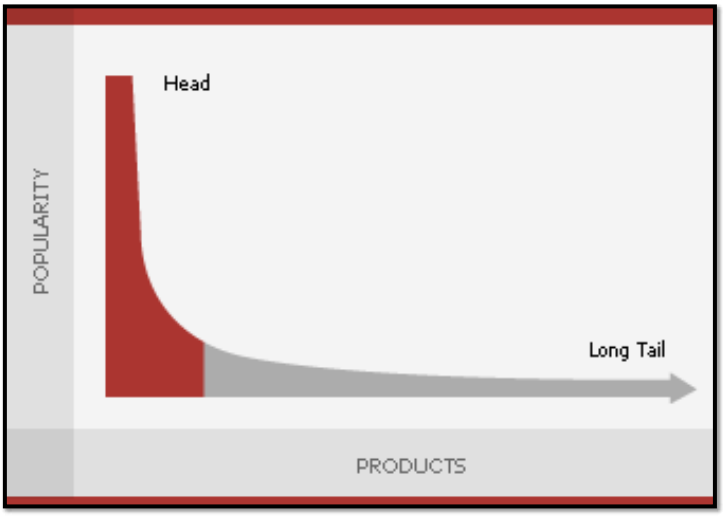
Extend a gathered event or program with online content and activities.

- ✓ Worship
- ✓ Mission Trip
- ✓ Children or Youth Program
- ✓ Vacation Bible School



The Long Tail of Network Offerings





Build an Online Platform

Youth Faith Formation Network
Home
Youth Group
Confirmation
Life Issues
Bible Study
Learning Faith
Prayer & Spiritual Formation
Service & Mission
Youth Leadership
Milestones
Parent-Teen ReRationships
Parents
Intergenerational Connections

Family Faith Formation Network
Home
Bringing Sunday Worship Home
Community Life & Events
Whole Family Experiences
Faith Practices
Milestones
Parent Faith Formation
Parenting
Getting Started in Faith
Children's Programs
Morning Prayer
Christ has no body now but yours
No hands,
No feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes,
Yours are the hands with which
He blesses all the world.
Lord, today may I be your body, your hands, your feet and your eyes.
Through me, bless the world today. Amen.(St. Teresa of Avila, Feastday
is October 15)
Nighttime Prayer
O Christ, Son of the Living God,
May your holy angels guard our sleep.
May they watch us as we rest
And hover around our beds.
Let them reveal to us in our dreams
Visions of your glorious truth,
O High Prince of the universe,
O High Prince of the mysteries.
May no dreams disturb our rest
And no nightmares darken our dreams.
May no fears or worries delay
Our willing, prompt repose.
May the virtue of our daily work
Hallow our nightly prayers.
May our sleep be deep and soft,
So our work be fresh and hard.

Use Online Learning Environments

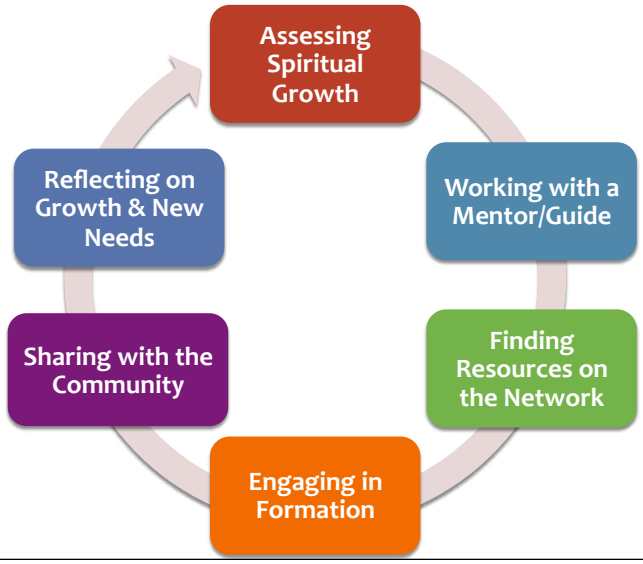
Personalize Faith Formation

Guide individuals and families in discerning their spiritual and religious needs and creating personal plans for faith growth and learning.

Personalized pathways for discipleship & faith growth. . . .

- Guide people in discerning their religious and spiritual needs
- Equip people with the resources and tools to
- Provide mentoring and support for the journey

Personalize Faith Formation



spiritual assessment
knowing God
loving God
serving God
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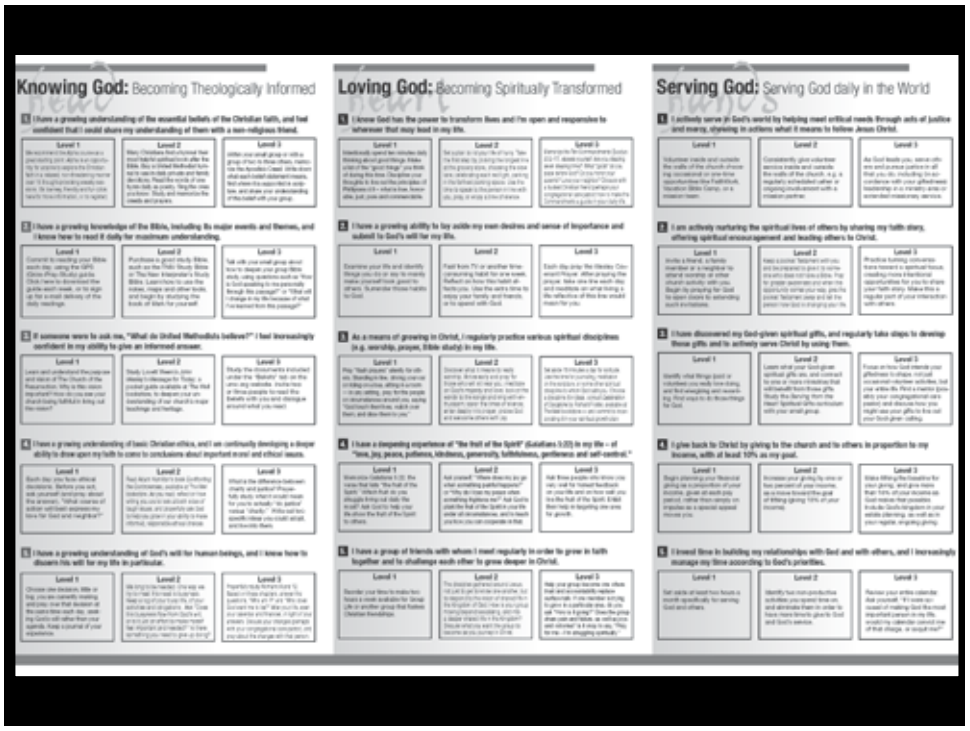
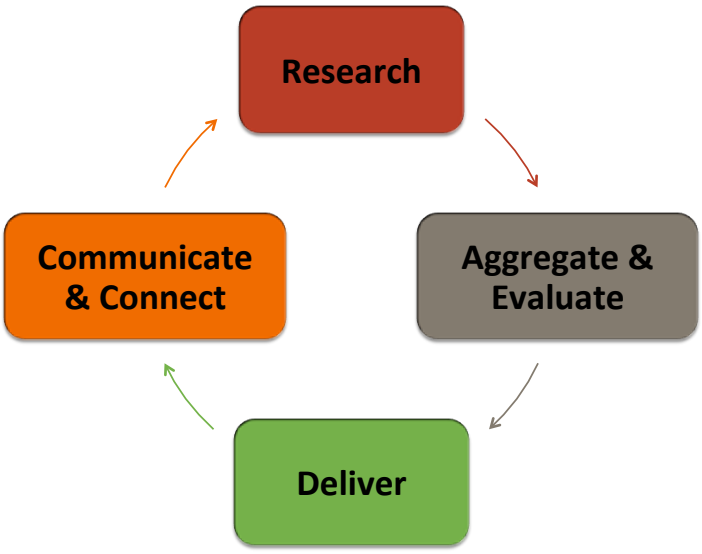

Knowing God: Becoming Theologically Informed
Loving God: Becoming Spiritually Transformed
Serving God: Serving God daily in the World

Faith Formation Curators

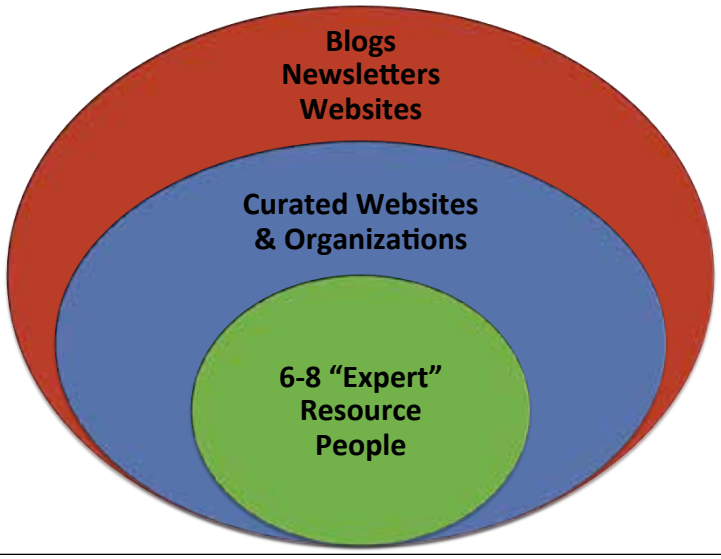
The Process of Curation



Evaluation Standards

- ✓ Biblical Content
- ✓ Theological Content
- ✓ Developmental Appropriateness
- ✓ Ethnic-Cultural Appropriateness
- ✓ Inclusivity
- ✓ Ease-of-Use
- ✓ Quality of Experience
- ✓ _____

Developing Trusted Sources



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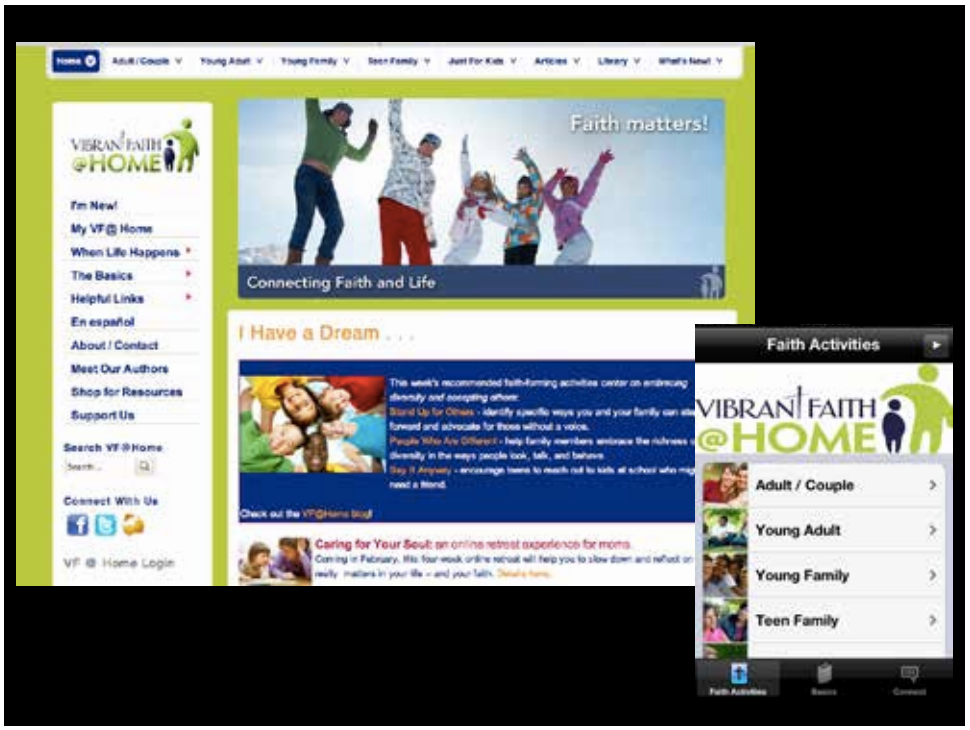
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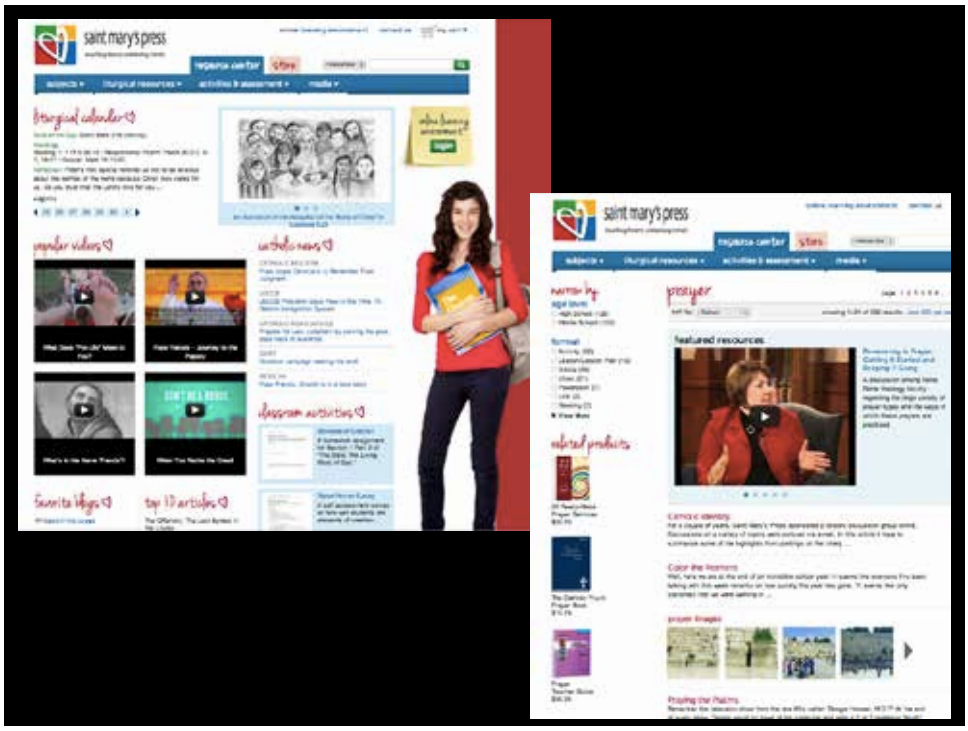
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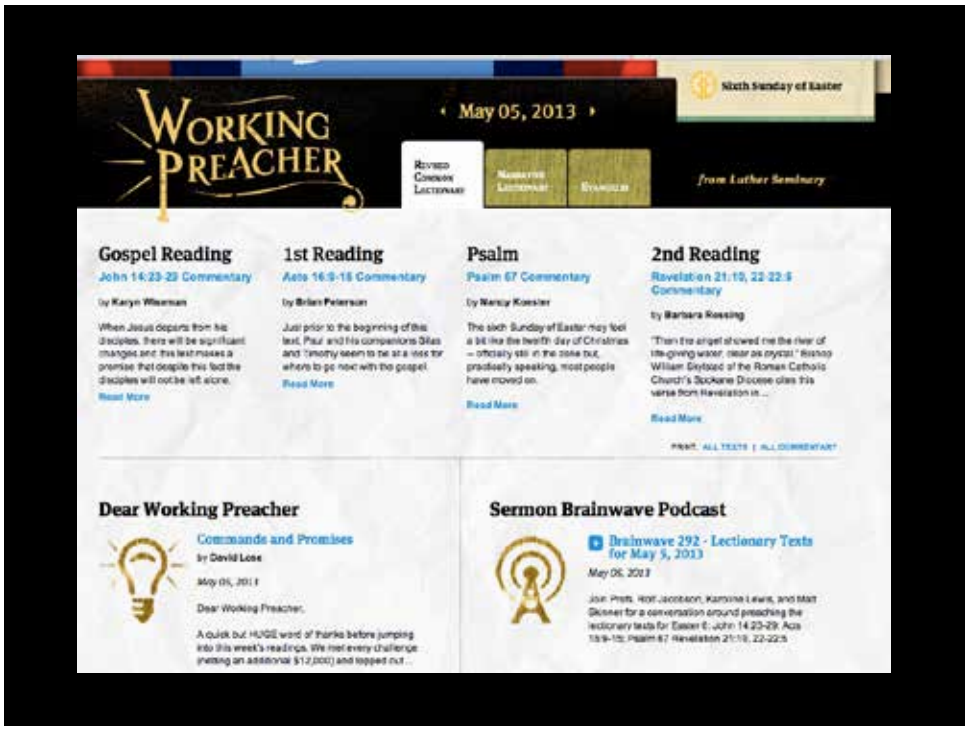
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"Remember that while you are seeking you are also being sought... you will be found. You will be led. You will enter in. Look for that. Expect it. Expect to come to revelations of the Lord. Expect shells to break in their season. Expect boats to rise as the tide comes in. This is hope, to desire and to expect."
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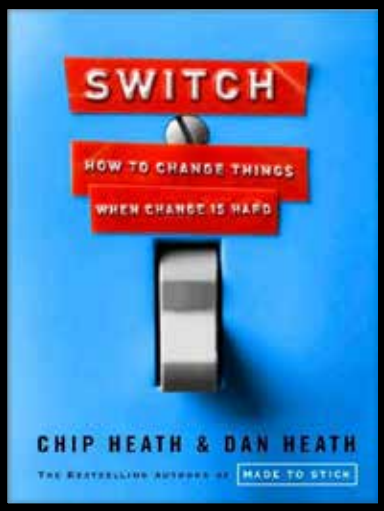
Things to Remember

Things to Remember: Change



Things to Remember: Change

1. **Follow the bright spots**: investigate what's working and clone it.
2. **Script the critical moves**: don't think big picture, think in terms of specific behaviors. Shrink the change.
3. **Point to the destination**: change is easier when you know where you're going and why it's worth it.
4. **Find the feeling**: knowing something isn't enough to cause change. Make people feel something. Build an emotional and rational case for change.

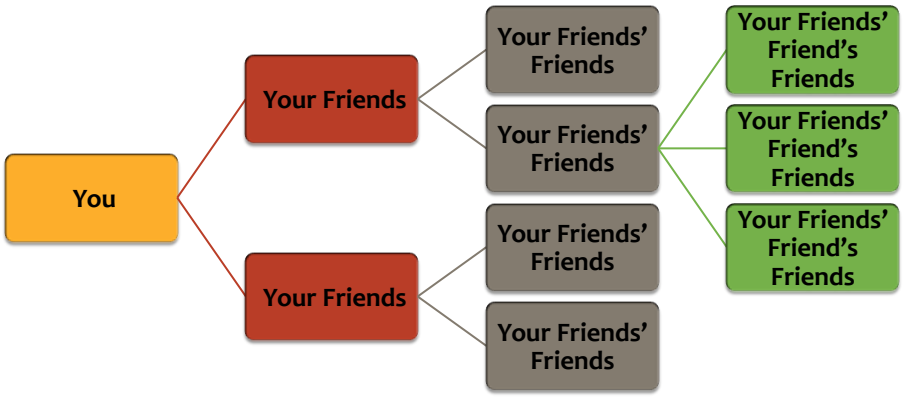
Things to Remember: Connecting

1. Connect to (or extend from) a gathered event, program, ministry.
2. Establish a Facebook page for faith formation for Network announcements, updates, stories and photos from people engaged in faith formation, etc.
3. Use Twitter to announce updates, events, and invite reflections from people on their experiences in the Network.
4. Send e-mail, texts, or regular e-newsletters to targeted groups (Constant Contact).
5. Provide ways to share experiences using blogs, Twitter, Facebook: videos, reports, photos, etc.

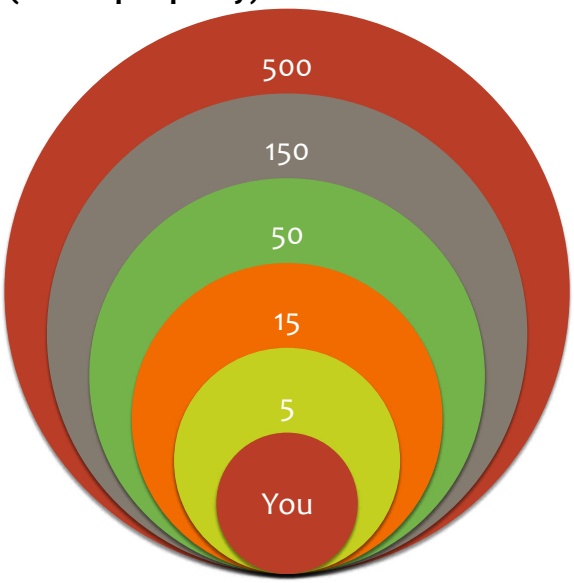
Use Digital Tools

Things to Remember: Connecting

Our social network is made up of all the people we're connected to, all the people they are connected to, all the people they are connected to, and so on.



Our social networks tend to have clear boundaries, from people we care a lot about (in the center) to people we loosely know (on the periphery).

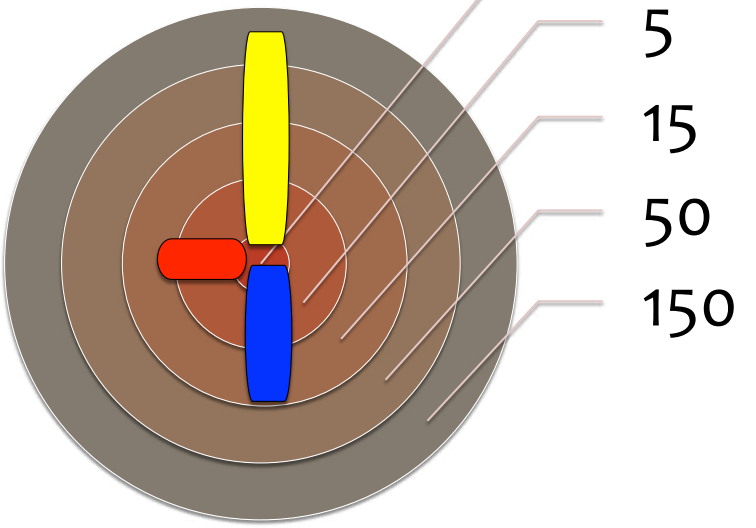


500 – Weak Ties (you know but don't feel close to)

150 – Stable Social Relationships (know each of these people and which of them know each other)

50 – Communicate Group (aware of what's going on in their lives)

12-15 – Sympathy Group

5 – Inner Circle (advice, emotional support, times of trouble)

Our groups form around life stages, hobbies, and shared experiences.