

Creating 21st Century Faith Formation that Engages All Ages and Generations

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Envisioning the Faith Formation through 4 Scenarios



Key Features of a Lifelong Faith Formation Network

1. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network addresses the diverse life tasks and situations, spiritual and religious needs, and interests of all ages and generations by offering a variety of content, programs, activities, and resources.
2. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network recognizes that learning is a process of active inquiry with the initiative residing within the individual.
3. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network guides individuals and families in discerning their spiritual and religious needs and creating personal learning pathways for faith growth and learning.
4. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network incorporates informal learning that is intentional and unexpected, as well as formal learning (intentional and unexpected) in faith formation.
5. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network utilizes a variety of faith formation formats to address the diverse life tasks and situations, interests, and religious and spiritual needs of people.
 - *Faith Formation on Your Own*: through reading, online courses, audio and video programs, movies, television programs
 - *Faith Formation with a Mentor*: through spiritual direction and one-on-one study
 - *Faith Formation at Home*: through Bible reading, storytelling and caring conversation, prayer and devotions, rituals and traditions, and service
 - *Faith Formation in Small Groups*: through Bible and theology study groups, social issues study groups, faith sharing groups, lectionary-based groups, service/mission action groups, support groups, special interest groups
 - *Faith Formation in Large Groups*: through courses, speaker series, workshops, film festivals, retreats, conferences, intergenerational programs
 - *Faith Formation in the Congregation*: through Sunday worship, Church Year events and celebrations, service projects, ministry and leadership in the church and community
 - *Faith Formation in the Community and World*: through programs, courses, clinics, workshops, and presentations at universities, retreat centers, YMCAs, libraries, bookstores, regional church programs; through engagement in community/political action, local and global service and justice projects
6. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network offers programs and activities in face-to-face physical settings; in virtual, online settings, and in blended settings that combine both.
 - They can be offered only in *physical locations*, such as church facilities, homes, retreat centers, camps, and community settings
 - They can be offered only in *virtual settings*, such as an online course, collaborative wiki, and online resource center.
 - They can be offered in a *blended approach*, combining a gathering in a physical location with online delivery (activities, group projects, interaction) and some element of individual control over time, place, path, and/or pace.

Fully online program or activity with options for face-to-face interaction in physical settings.	Mostly or fully online program or activity with regular interaction and programming in physical settings.	An online platform that delivers most of the program or activities with leaders providing on-site support on a flexible and adaptive as-needed basis through in-person mentoring and small group sessions.	Programs and activities in physical settings guided by a leader with online components that extend beyond the program sessions.	Programs and activities in physical settings that include online resources to supplement the program content.
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7. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network offers a variety of faith formation programs, activities, experiences, and resources to address the diverse ways people learn and grow in faith.
8. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network incorporates communities of practice to connect individuals and groups throughout the congregation.
9. A Lifelong Faith Formation Network is guided by curators who find, organize and deliver the most relevant content and experiences to address the specific needs of people.

A Lifelong Faith Formation Network

*providing faith formation for everyone—
all ages and all generations—24x7x365*

