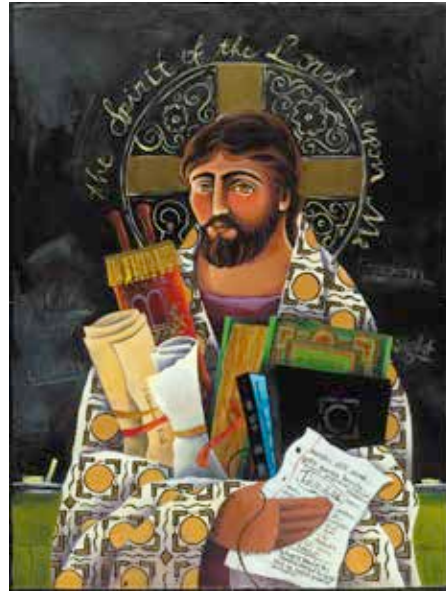


# REIMAGINING FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY



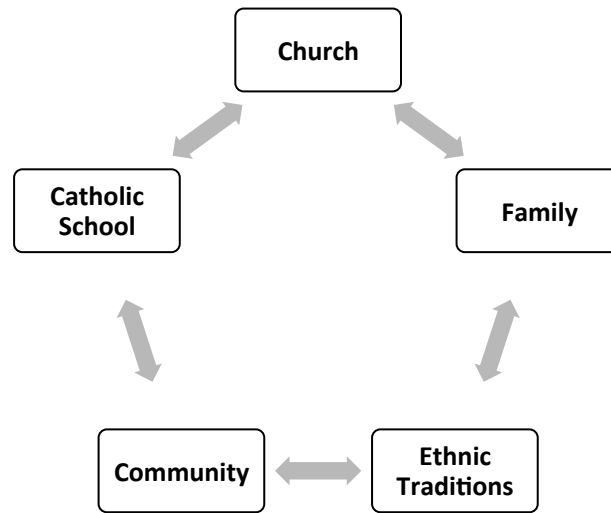
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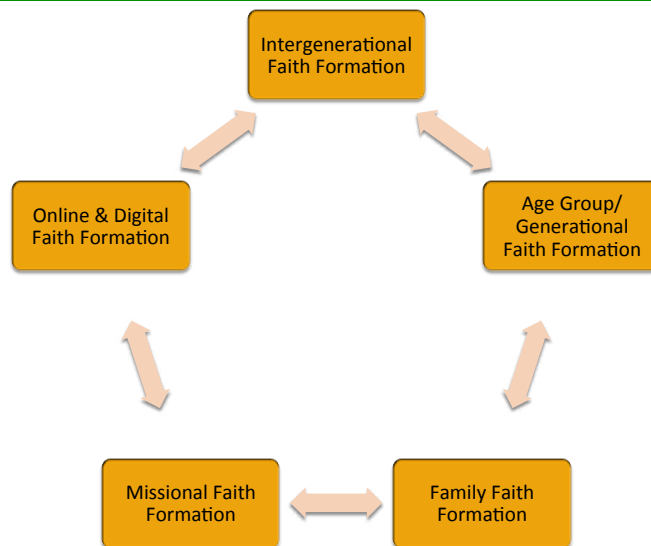
## 4 Big Adaptive Challenges

1. Increasing diversity throughout American society in the length of the lifespan, in generational identities, in family structures and marriage patterns, and in the ethnic makeup of America
2. Rise of new digital technologies that are reshaping society, and the emergence of a connected, networked society
3. Dramatic changes and increasing diversity in the religious beliefs, practices, and affiliation of Americans
4. Decline in religious transmission from generation to generation

## The "Old" Faith Formation Ecosystem



## A New Faith Forming Ecosystem

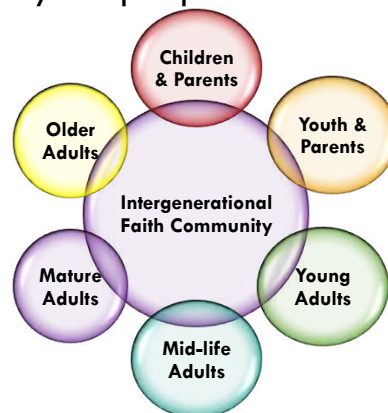


## Intergenerational Community

Intergenerational faith formation and whole community faith experiences are at the *center* of all faith formation networks, engaging all ages and generations in the life and events of church life and the Christian faith and participation in intergenerational faith experiences.

## Age Group Faith Formation

Age group and generational faith formation addresses the unique life tasks, needs, interests, and spiritual journeys of people at each stage of life.



## Family Faith Formation

Congregations equip families to become centers of learning, faith growth, and faith practice in 5 ways:

1. Nurturing family faith at home through eight faith forming processes
2. Parent faith formation
3. Parenting for faith growth training
4. Parenting education
5. Building strong families by developing family assets: nurturing relationships, establishing routines, maintaining expectations, adapting to challenges, and connecting to the community.

## Missional Faith Formation

1. Missional faith formation expands and extends the church's presence through outreach, connection, relationship building, and engagement with people where they live—moving faith formation out into the community.
2. Missional faith formation provides pathways for people to consider or reconsider the Christian faith, to encounter Jesus and the Good News, and to live as disciples in a supportive faith community.

## Online & Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation

Faith formation utilizes the digital technologies and digital media to engage people with faith forming content anytime, any place, just-in-time; and that can extend and expand faith formation in physical, face-to-face settings into people's daily lives through digital content and mobile delivery systems.

## Triple Revolution

1. Internet Revolution
2. Mobile Revolution
3. Social Media Revolution

Information is now. . .

- ▣ Portable
- ▣ Personal
- ▣ Participatory

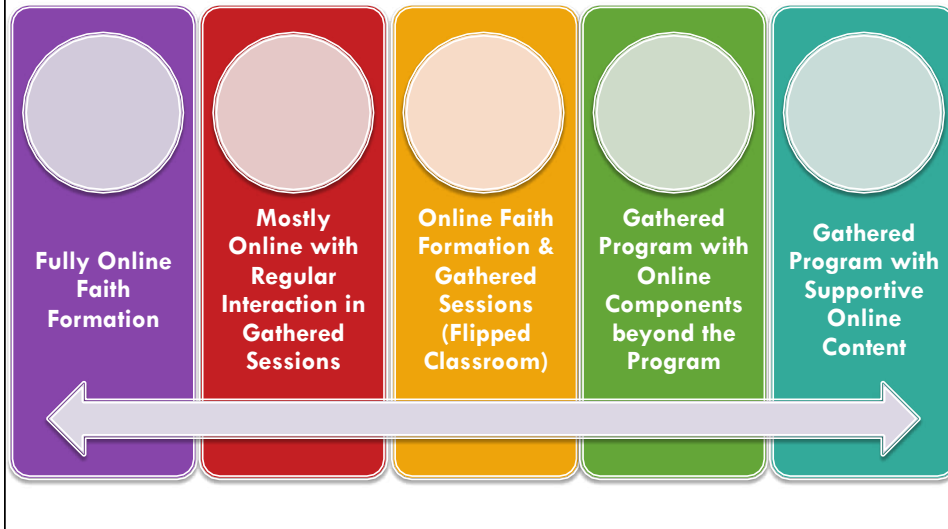


## Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation

We now have the technology, online platforms, and digital content to:

- **engage** people with a wide variety of faith forming content for all ages - anytime, any place
- **extend** church events into people's daily lives via online content and experiences
- **connect** faith formation in gathered settings with faith formation in online settings
- **offer** a variety of online faith formation content, experiences, and courses for self-study and small group study

## Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation



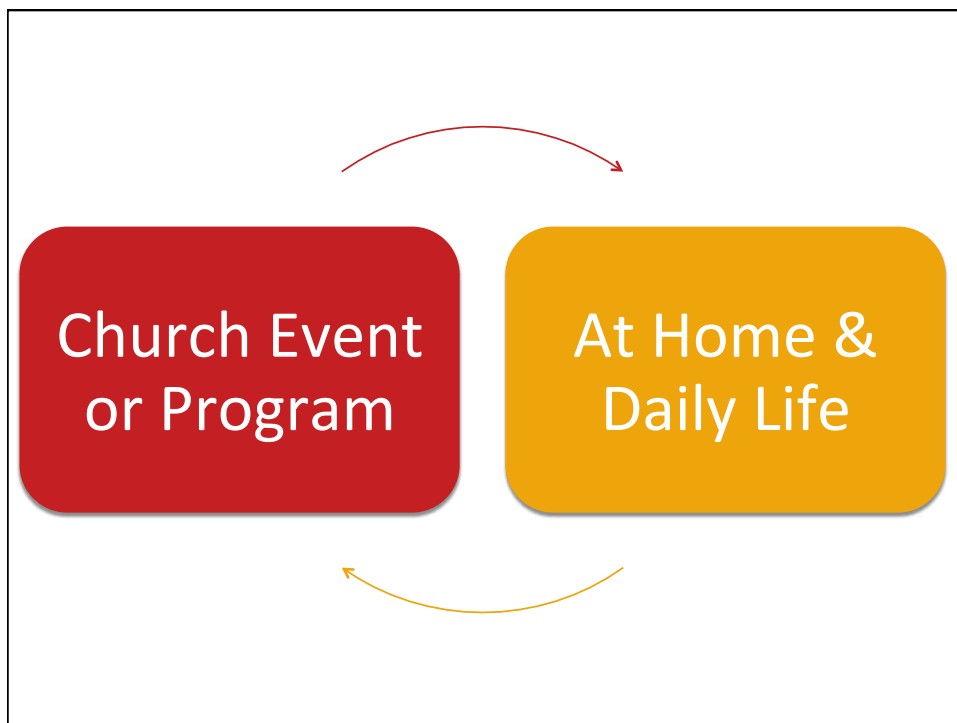
## Gathered with Online Content

A gathered program using online content from websites, videos from YouTube or other video sites, and blogs and other social media. With an abundance of high quality digital content, this first option is the easiest way to bring the digital world into a gathered program.

## Gathered and Online Content

Connecting church programs or events with online content that extends and deepens the experience through learning, prayer, ritual, action, etc.

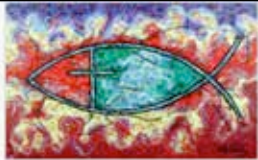
- Sunday worship & church year feasts and seasons
- Intergenerational & family programs
- Children, youth, and adult classes & programs
- Extended programs: mission trips, retreat experiences, and vacation Bible school, summer camp





## Example: Sunday Worship

Church Life →	Daily & Home Life	← Online Life
<p>Experience of Worship in the Congregation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday worship and lectionary</li> <li>• Church year feasts and seasons</li> <li>• Church rituals: baptism, communion, funerals, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Experience of Sunday worship, rituals, and church year seasons in daily life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflecting on the sermon and readings at home</li> <li>• Practices: Lectio, etc.</li> <li>• Application to daily living</li> </ul>	<p>Online worship, church year, and lectionary resources on the church's faith formation website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectionary commentaries online</li> <li>• Video reflections and commentary</li> <li>• Online activities and projects</li> </ul>




### The Third Sunday in Easter: April 19, 2015



**Key Bible Verses:**  
While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, Jesus said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. (Luke 24:41-42 NRSV)

**Devotions for the Week**

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 [For Youth](#)   
 [For Families](#)   
 [Pray in Color Easter](#)

**For Fun**



## Online and Gathered

“Flip the classroom or program” by creating a digital platform to provide the content that people would learn in the gathered setting in an online learning space using print, audio, video, and more. And then transform the gathered program using interactive activities, discussion, project-based learning, and practice and demonstration.

## Online and Gathered

- Flip children’s programming: At home learning with parents (print, video, online); in-class application with activities, project-centered learning
- Flip confirmation programming
- Develop a online justice and service center

## Mostly Online

Offering opportunities for individuals, families, and small groups to utilize the digital platform as their primary learning setting and provide opportunities for regular interaction in face-to-face, gathered settings or in a web conference format, such as a Google+ Hangout.

- Parent webinar programs delivered to parents at home in four-month semesters: three webinars followed by a parent gathering at church; three more webinars and concluding with a parent gathering at church.

## Mostly Online

- Online learning resources for self-study or small group study, and gathering at the conclusion to share their insights with others who participated.
- Online Bible study where groups can meet regularly in a physical setting or virtually through Skype or a Google+ Hangout for sharing their learning.
- Selected online courses and activities from colleges, seminaries, and religious organization for individualized learning with the option for a mentor or small group gathering.

## Fully Online

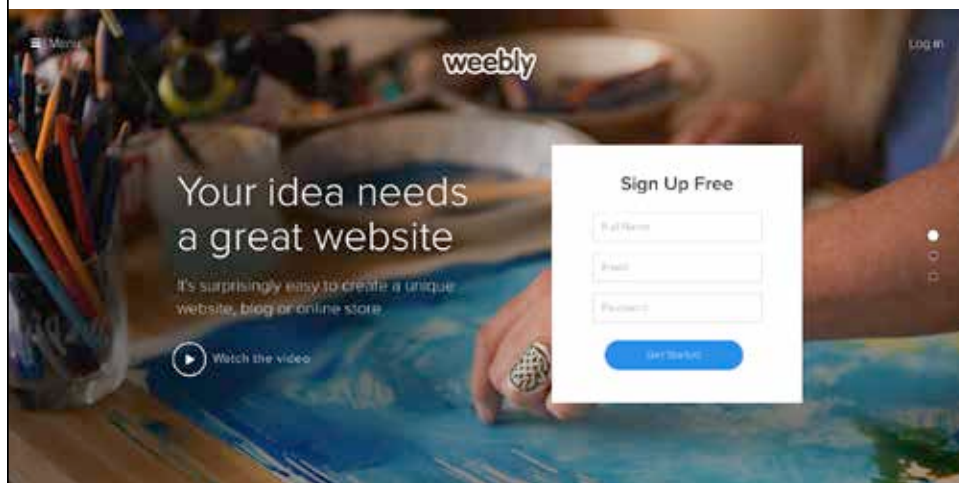
The rise of high quality and easily accessible online religious content—courses, activities, print and e-books, audio and video programs, and content-rich websites—has made designing online faith formation feasible.

- Online Bible and theology courses, video programs, webinars for individual study

## Fully Online

- Online prayer and spirituality center where people can access daily prayer reflections and devotions, offer prayer intentions, pray for others, learn about spiritual practices, download prayer activities for the home
- Online parent resource center with the best knowledge, practices, and tools for parenting (print, audio, video)
- Online retreat experience

# Digital Platform



## Other Platforms

[www.wordpress.org](http://www.wordpress.org)   [www.wix.com](http://www.wix.com)   [www.squarespace.com](http://www.squarespace.com)



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## Look What We've Got for Families in Winter-Spring 2015

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### Just For Parents - Winter-Spring 2015

The 2015 "Just for Parents" programming offers a variety of ways for you to enhance and enrich your knowledge and skills for parenting children and teens. Take a look at our offerings:

1. Participate in the "First Wednesdays" Webinar Series - *without leaving your home!*
2. Learn More About... resources for you!
3. Participate in a Small Group Study with the best selling book *The Secrets of Happy Families* by Bruce Felier.
4. View an Online Webinar: "Parenting for the Long Haul"

### "First Wednesdays" Parent Webinar Series

*We bring the program to you!*  
9-10 pm Monthly

January 7 - Establishing Family Traditions & Routines  
February 11 - Managing Time and Commitments  
March 11 - Developing Values in Children and Teens  
April 8 - Celebrating Family Milestones

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MEET A WEBINAR HOST/CO-HOST

VIEW YOUR WEBINAR WITH CLOSED CAPTIONING

### Learn More About . . .

#### Children's Development



Every child is unique, and every family faces different challenges. There are some things, however, that every parent face with around the same time. The way parents choose to deal with these issues has an important impact on how healthy and competent their children grow up to be. Learn what the age of your youngster means about the significant responsibilities of this stage of life.

- Ages 0-2
- Ages 3-5
- Ages 6-8
- Suggestions for Children & Teenagers

#### Adolescent Development



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- Ages 10-14
- Ages 15-18

#### Developing Positive Values



How do you raise a child with character? By teaching positive values, habits, and life skills. Integrated character- they help give the child the tools and skills to succeed in life. Search for resources that are consistent with your family's values, beliefs, and traditions. Integrate learning opportunities and materials.

- Learn how to develop these six positive values.
- Learn what and why for effective communication.

#### Family Communication



Every family has its own unique characteristics, traditions, and values. Changing the way you communicate with your family can be a challenge, but it is worth the effort. You can be made more effective in your communication by intentionally building your communication practices. You can ensure that your family remains strong, even when things get tough.

- Learn what and why for effective communication.

### Secrets of Happy Families Small Group Study

#### Join a Fall Small Group Study of Bruce Felier's book, *The Secrets of Happy Families*



Best selling author and New York Times family columnist Bruce Felier shares his 30+ years of experience as a parent and a professional. He shares his secrets for raising happy, healthy, and successful children. The result is a fun, comprehensive guide for parents. Felier's The Changing of the Guard includes a wealth of tips that can transform you from a parent to a professional. Bruce Felier's guide for setting an example, and the key to success for raising a child. The Secrets of Happy Families is a timely, comprehensive book that answers the questions countless parents are asking: How do we change the lives of our kids? How do we reach out to them? How do we help our kids grow up?

#### Watch his Ted Talk: "Agile Programming for Your Family"



Bruce Felier has a solution to deal with the stress of modern family life. He's shared his agile software engineering. He'll introduce family practices which encourage flexibility, teamwork, and more. He'll share his secrets and accessibility. The surprising factors that lock their own solutions.

SIGN UP FOR SMALL GROUP STUDY

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## Holy Trinity Adults

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### Holy Trinity Adult Faith Formation Winter-Spring 2015 Season of Programming



Welcome to Holy Trinity's adult faith formation center designed specifically for adults in their 40s through 70s who seek a faith community that . . .

- engages them in meaningful spiritual growth and faith enrichment
- provides enriching worship services
- engages them in making a contribution to the church & world
- connects them to each other and the other generations in the faith community

Our faith formation center is rich in experiences, activities, and resources designed to nurture your faith as adults. Select from our variety of activities using the menu. You can learn and grow on your own, at home, in small groups, in large group programs, in our church community, and in the world. Invite your friends to join you in an activity.

## Lent 2015 Scripture Enrichment "The Death and Resurrection of Jesus"



**Deepen your understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels as we prepare Holy Week 2015.**

The passion and resurrection of Christ are at the core of Christian faith and form the capstone of each of the four gospels. This Lent we will explore the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to discover the special insights each presents into Jesus' death and resurrection. Examining the passion and resurrection will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living.

1. Participate in a Four-Session Presentation Series at Church
2. Watch the Four Video Presentations on Your Own or with a Small Group
3. Participate in a Six-Week Small Group Scripture Study
4. Study the Death and Resurrection of Jesus on Your Own

### 1. Participate in the Lenten Presentation Series: "The Death and Resurrection of Jesus"

Thursdays - 7:30 pm to 9 pm  
February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19  
Church Center

Join us for four presentations that will provide an modern view of what Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John reveal about the death and resurrection of Jesus and what it means for him today. Each day will prepare us for Holy Week as we re-live the passion of Christ from the Gospels of Mark and the Gospel of John.

1. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to Mark - Presentation
2. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to Matthew - Presentation
3. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to Luke - Presentation
4. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to John - Presentation

[Register for the Series](#)
[Watch the Presentations Online](#)

### 2. Participate in a Scripture Study Group

The passion and resurrection of Christ are at the core of Christian faith and form the capstone of each of the four gospels. This study opens Matthew, Mark, Luke and John individually to reveal the special insights each has provided. Examining the passion and resurrection will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living. Many Scripture study groups have found this study to be ideal for Lenten season study. Presently, these groups will study the passion during Lent (Lentens 1-4), seek for Holy Week, and receive daily during Easter to experience the resurrection (Easter 1-4).

Lesson 1--The Passion According to Mark: Mark 14-15  
Lesson 2--The Passion According to Matthew: Matt 26-27  
Lesson 3--The Passion According to Luke: Luke 22-23  
Lesson 4--The Passion According to John: John 18-19  
Lesson 5--The Resurrection According to Mark and Matthew: Mark 16, Matt 28  
Lesson 6--The Resurrection According to Luke and John: Luke 24, John 20-21

[Join a Scripture Study Group](#)
[Read Your Own Scripture Study Group](#)

### 3. Study the Death of Jesus - On Your Own

Use your own self-paced, online journey through "The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Readings, Explore the Four Different Gospel Accounts and Discover Each Evangelist's Unique Insights into the Spiritual Meaning of Jesus' Death." It is an ideal for Lent and Holy Week. Includes introductory reading on "Living the Word" and an overview of the four Gospels. Content by Dr. Philip Cunningham, former Director of the Roman College Center for Christian Faith Learning. [www.romancollege.edu](http://www.romancollege.edu)

By the end of the introduction, participants will have acquired:

- the key different Gospel Author's Purposes for writing the Gospels that are common to each of the narratives
- the unique characteristics of each account
- the kinds of our historical knowledge about Jesus' death
- the central message about the death of Jesus and each evangelist's unique insight