DESIGNING A 21ST CENTURY CHURCH
PART TWO

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A NEW FAITH FORMING ECOSYSTEM
GROWTH IN FAITH

- Church Year Seasons
- Rituals & Milestones
- Learning the Tradition
- Praying Spiritual Formation
- Reading the Bible
- Serving: Working for Justice Caring for Creation
- Caring Relationships
- Worshipping

INTERGENERATIONAL
INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

How to become intentionally intergenerational in church life & faith formation as the foundation for lifelong faith formation and discipleship?

Throughout Scripture there is a pervasive sense that all generations were typically present when faith communities gathered for worship, for celebration, for feasting, for praise, for encouragement, for reading of Scripture, in times of danger, and for support and service. To experience authentic Christian community and reap the unique blessings of intergenerationality, the generations must be together regularly and often—infants to octogenarians.

(Allen and Ross, Intergenerational Christian Formation)
INTENTIONALLY INTERGENERATIONAL

Create IG Experiences at Church
Infuse IG Experiences & Relationships into Existing Ministries/Programs
Connect Generations in Church Life
INTENTIONALLY INTERGENERATIONAL

1. Intergenerational Worship
2. Intergenerational Learning
3. Intergenerational Prayer & Spiritual Formation
4. Intergenerational Social Events
   (arts festivals, music and concerts, drama)
5. Intergenerational Service & Mission Trips
6. Intergenerational Retreats & Camps
7. Intergenerational Mentoring
8. Intergenerational Leadership

FAMILY
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

How to equip, resource, and support families as the center of faith formation?

1. Transmitting faith from generation to generation
2. Nurturing family faith at home – faith practices
3. Building strong families – family assets
4. Equipping & supporting parents & grandparents – formation

RELIGIOUS TRANSMISSION
FAMILIES AT THE CENTER

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

1. Through the day: meal times, car times, morning and bedtime, exits and entries, family sharing times
2. Through the year: church year seasons, rituals and celebrations
3. Through the lifecycle: milestones & rites of passage
4. Through key family moments – good times and hard times, times of joy and sorrow
5. Through life issues and life skills: parenting, decision-making, financial planning, communication, and more
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

1. Family and intergenerational learning programs, as well as parent-child/teen programs
2. Family faith formation around life-cycle milestones
3. Family teen service projects
4. At-home resources to develop family faith practices
5. Focus on parents—parent faith formation and parental training
6. A family faith formation website as an online leaning and resource center; Facebook (or other social media) as a connection and community

FAMILY-CENTERED LEARNING

- Monthly or seasonal programs
- Family workshops
- Family cluster/small group learning
- Family-centered Lectionary-based programs
- Family vacation Bible school
- Family retreats and camps
LIFELONG

LIFELONG 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.
LEARNING NETWORKS

museums

libraries

after school

home

schools

online

GROWTH IN FAITH

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GROWTH IN FAITH

CURRICULUM FOR LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION NETWORKS

A network of relationships, content, experiences, & resources...

- Offering a variety of content, methods, formats, and delivery systems (online & physical settings) to address the diverse life tasks and situations, needs and interests, and spiritual and faith journeys of people.
- Offering content and experiences that is responsive to the diverse religious and spiritual needs of people today—from the spiritually committed and engaged to the spiritual but not religious and the unaffiliated.
- Offering multiple environments to address people’s busy lives and providing more ways to participate: self-directed, mentored, at home, in small groups, in large groups, church-wide, in the community, and in the world.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Online & Digitally-Enabled
FAITH FORMATION NETWORKS

1. Caring Relationships
2. Celebrating the Seasons
3. Celebrating Rituals & Milestones
4. Learning the Christian Tradition
5. Praying & Spiritual Formation
6. Reading the Bible
7. Serving, Working for Justice, & Caring for Creation
8. Worshipping God
9. Life Stage Issues
10. Missional
SAMPLE THEMES – ADULTS

1. Dealing with retirement
2. Making life plans, finances, health
3. Becoming a grandparent
4. Making a difference in the community and world
5. Incorporating family changes and transitions
6. New ways of living and relating as a married couple
7. Caring for aging parents
8. Taking time to read the Bible and learn more about my faith
9. Growing spiritually and exploring spirituality for the 2nd half of life
10. Connecting with people my age; talking about things that matter to us
11. Dealing with loss

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PLAYLIST

- Spiritual Enrichment
- Online Courses
- Apps & E-newsletters
- Online Prayer & Spirituality
- Small Group Bible Study
- Retreats
- Day at the Monastery
- Spiritual Book of the Month
- Spiritual Practices Series
- Resource
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION PLAYLISTS

Playlists are thematic learning plans that integrate a variety of ways to learn, multiple learning environments, and online and physical spaces—from which people can create their own faith formation plan.

Example: Spiritual Enrichment for Adults
Theme: “Spiritual Practices”

1. Spiritual Practices Course (5 sessions at church in one month)
2. Spirituality Over 50 Book Group (variety of times & places)
3. Online Daily Devotion Resources
4. Online Prayer Practices Resources
5. Online Course or Retreat with a Spiritual Master
6. Online Retreat

ADULT FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PLAYLISTS

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Example: Just for Parents

The "Just for Parents" programming offers a variety of ways for you to enhance and enrich your knowledge and skills:

1. "First Wednesdays" Webinar Series - without leaving your home!
2. Learn More About Your Children
3. Book Groups: The Secrets of Happy Families by Bruce Feiler
4. Online Video: "Parenting for the Long Haul"
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

3 SEASONS OF PROGRAMMING

Fall Season: Sept 1 – Jan 1
Winter/Spring Season: Jan 1 – May 1
Summer Season: May 1 – Sept 1
# SEASONAL PLAN & CALENDAR

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**MISSIONAL**
MISSIONAL FAITH FORMATION

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.

- Moving worship & faith formation into the community
- Opening programs to everyone
- Life skills: parenting, careers, training, mentoring
- Small group programs on a variety of topics
- Community-wide service
- Community events: arts, music, theater

MISSIONAL FAITH FORMATION

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.
St. Mark’s Daily Devotion

MISSIONAL OUTREACH

THE DIGITAL CATHEDRAL
Networked Ministry in a Wireless World
KEITH ANDERSON

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MISSIONAL OUTREACH
INVITATION & MENTORING

Step 1. Prepare church leaders

Step 2: 40-day preparation for community members (study, prayer, worship, small groups)

Step 3: Invitation to one person & four-week small group experience with “taste & see” church experiences
ONLINE & DIGITALLY ENABLED STRATEGIES
GATHERED USING 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 WITH 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
GATHERED WITH ONLINE CONTENT

Church Event or Program

At Home & Daily Life

GATHERED WITH ONLINE CONTENT

TALK
Conversation Activities

SHARE
Facebook Video Projects

LEARN
Read Listen Watch

Event or Program

PRAY
Devotions Bible Reading Daily Prayer

ACT
Practices Service Projects
### EXAMPLE: SUNDAY WORSHIP

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| **Experience of Worship in the Congregation**  
  - Sunday worship and lectionary  
  - Church year feasts and seasons  
  - Church rituals: baptism, communion, funerals, etc.  
| **Experience of Sunday worship, rituals, and church year seasons in daily life**  
  - Reflecting on the sermon and readings at home  
  - Practices: Lectio, etc.  
  - Application to daily living  
| **Online worship, church year, and lectionary resources on the church’s faith formation website**  
  - Lectionary commentaries online  
  - Video reflections and commentary  
  - Online activities and projects |

### 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.

- Flip children’s programming: At home learning with parents (print, video, online); in-class application with activities, project-centered learning
- Flip confirmation programming
MOSTLY ONLINE

Utilizing the digital platform as the primary learning setting and providing opportunities for interaction in gathered settings.
- Parent webinar programs delivered to parents at home in four-month semesters: three webinars + a parent gathering
- Online learning resources for self-study or small group study, and gathering at the conclusion to share their insights.
- Online Bible study where groups can meet regularly in a physical setting or virtually on Skype or Google+ Hangout.
- Selected online courses and activities from colleges, seminaries, and religious organization for individualized learning with the option for a mentor or small group.

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
- Online prayer & spirituality center where people can access daily prayer reflections and devotions, offer prayer intentions, pray for others, learn about spiritual practices, download prayer activities, etc.
- Online parent resource center
- Online retreat experience
EXAMPLE: 40-DAY LENT CURRICULUM

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