REIMAGING FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Presenter: John Roberto

Not Just an Era of Change but a Change of Eras
ACCELERATING CHANGE

The world is now changing at a rate at which the basic systems, structures, and cultures built over the past century cannot keep up with the demands being placed on them. Incremental adjustments to how you manage and strategize, no matter how clever, are not up to the job. You need something very new to stay ahead in a age of tumultuous change and growing uncertainties.

(John Kotter, Accelerate: Building Strategic Agility for a Faster-Moving World)

FOUR PERSPECTIVES ON OUR CHANGING WORLD

1. Social
2. Generational
3. Religious/Spiritual
4. Educational
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

LIFE SPAN DIVERSITY
FIVE GENERATION DIVERSITY

- iGeneration (2000-)
- Millennials (1980-99)
- Generation X (1961-1979)
- Baby Boomers (1946-60)
- Builders (before 1946)

- Relationship to Institutions
- Relationship to Authority
- Family Relationships
- Work-Life Balance
- Communication Style
- Technology Usage
- Learning Style
- Spiritual Expression
- Worship Style

FAMILY DIVERSITY

1. Married Couples with no children
2. Married Couple with Children (biological family)
3. Married Couple with Children (blended family)
4. Single Parent with Children
5. Unmarried Couple with Children
6. Unmarried Couple without Children
7. Same Sex Couple with Children (married / unmarried)
8. Same Sex Couple without Children (married / unmarried)
9. Grandparents & Parents with Children
10. Grandparents as Primary Caregivers
11. Parents with Single Young Adults Living at Home
SPIRITUAL-RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

The Unaffiliated
The Spiritual
The Occasional
The Active

Unaffiliated Make Up Growing Share Across Generations
% of each generation that identifies current religion as atheist, agnostic or nothing in particular

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**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**Youth (teens)**
- Abiders: 20%
- Adapters: 20%
- Assenters: 31%
- Avoiders: 24%
- Atheists: 5%

**Emerging Adults (20s)**
- Committed Traditionalists: 15%
- Selected Adherents: 30%
- Spiritually Open: 15%
- Religiously Indifferent: 25%
- Religiously Disconnected: 5%
- Irreligious: 10%
REASONS: LEAVING/DISSATISFACTION

1. Church too judgmental
2. Church bureaucracy
3. Lecture style of preaching
4. **Church is not where I encounter God**
5. Social & political stances of the church
6. **Church is not where I find community**
7. Couldn’t find a church that was welcoming
8. I wanted to be more involved in living out God’s calling in my life

RELIigious TRANSMISSION
RELIGIOUS TRANSMISSION

- Value & religious transmission is primarily a family affair. Families can transmit a religious faith tradition or not.
- Keys:
  1. Family Religious Inheritance
  2. Grandparents
  3. Parental Role Modeling
  4. Parent-Child Relationship

WHY THESE TRENDS WILL CONTINUE

- Younger generations more unaffiliated and less involved in faith communities
- Older generations more affiliated and more involved and supportive
- Generational transition: as younger generations replace the older generations there will be fewer engaged and more unaffiliated
WHY THESE TRENDS WILL CONTINUE

- Declining levels of family religious transmission and faith practice at home are a result of non-affiliation.
  - 1st generation & 2nd generation
  - If the pattern continues, expect higher levels of non-affiliation and lower levels of church involvement in younger families.

WHY THESE TRENDS WILL CONTINUE

- Increase in individualism – more focus on the self, less on others and society. Religious affiliation is low when the culture is high in individualism and low in social support.
- Increase in religious pluralism—questioning or minimizing of all faiths.
- Increase in diversity
Religion is not going away anytime soon, regardless of how people may identify themselves. But business as usual among existing religious institutions will not stem the losses we are seeing.

(Richard Flory, USC)

(http://religiondispatches.org/u-s-christianity-is-dead-long-live-u-s-christianity)
A shift from education to learning anywhere, anytime.
A shift from consumption of information to participatory learning.
A shift from institutions to networks.
IMAGINING A NEW FUTURE

THE ECOSYSTEM

THE NETWORK
THE “OLD” FAITH FORMING ECOSYSTEM

Church

Religious School or Sunday School

Family

Ethnic Traditions

Community

BUILDING A NEW FAITH FORMING ECOSYSTEM

Intergenerational Faith Community

Online & Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation

Age Group/Generational Faith Formation

Missional Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation
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.

COMPREHENSIVE FAITH FORMATION
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

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Adult Faith Formation Network

Sunday Worship

Liturgical Seasons

Discovering Faith

Grandparents

Life Issues & Milestones

Service & Mission

Faith Enrichment

Scripture Enrichment

Spiritual Enrichment

Content Area

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Faith Community
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

FAITH FORMATION PLAYLISTS

Variety of Environments: Self-directed, mentored, at home, in small groups, in large groups, church-wide, in the community, and in the world.

Variety of Ways to Learn
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION PLAYLIST**

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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

HOLY TRINITY ADULTS

Family Faith Formation Network

Sunday Worship @ Home

Seasons of the Year

Praying & Growing Spiritually

Reading the Bible

Learning the Faith

Celebrating Rituals & Milestones

Serving

Growing as a Family

For Parents

Children’s Programs
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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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DIGITALLY ENABLED LEARNING

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

Event or
Program

LEARN
Read
Listen
Watch

PRAY
Devotions
Bible Reading
Daily Prayer

ACT
Practices
Service
Projects

EXAMPLE: SUNDAY WORSHIP

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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PRESCHOOL FAITH FORMATION @ HOME

FIRST CHURCH SIMSBURY, CT
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

ONLINE COURSES

N.T. Wright
Online – Bible Courses

Church Next
Online Adult Faith Formation

Enrich Your Spiritual Life
Explore hundreds of online courses that can invigorate your life—and your congregations. Scroll down to learn more.
EXAMPLE: 40-DAY LENT CURRICULUM

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INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

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

The Preschool Inside a Nursing Home

For the elderly residents, interacting with the kids is a jolt back to the world of the living.

Tiffany H. Jensen | JAN 26, 2015 | FEEDESIGN
INTENTIONALLY INTERGENERATIONAL

Create IG Experiences at Church

Infuse IG Experiences & Relationships into Existing Ministries/Programs

Connect Generations in Church Life
Elements of LOGOS

1. Bible Study
2. Family Time
3. Worship Skills
4. Recreation

GenOn Ministries
www.genonministries.org

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 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

Church Life & Ministries

Family
Faith Transmission
Faith Forming
Practices
Family Development
Parent Formation
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

More about Milestones

The vision of Milestones Ministry is to provide a model so that individuals and households can participate in a way of life that marks special moments in the practice of faith, and through this way we pass on faith about our families to the center of our ministry, and recognize. Faith’s founding work of play through home, congregation, community, culture, and creation. This has alternating of each milestone are:
1. Naming and Recognition of the Milestone and its signifi-
cance in our lives.
2. Copying of children in family and as we come together
   for a Family Gathering, shows that faith exists in our lives
   and either to practice daily every day, when we are
   at home, at school, at play.
3. Congregations the individual who is at home shows
   that faith is on the ordinary and demonstrates sort,
   showing the life of all.
4. Setting the individual and family sends you home with
   a tangible reminder of the milestone, and with a resource
   to continue faith practices every day.

Through Milestone Ministries, we hope to equip and
engage families to participate in the Four Keys of Faith
Practices: care conversations, devotions, service, and
rituals and traditions. These concepts are foundational,
universal, and encouraging to be practiced at any every
day home. To recognize people in all situations, to listen,
to be a physical sign and gift to them. To welcome
our families with God’s story – this is a celebration of a
Christian. We’re in it; let’s be in it together.


How do we participate?

Families can participate in the Milestone Ministry by first
suiting appropriate for their age of child. For planning pur-
poses, we will let your church office know in their,
which the Milestone at least 2 weeks ahead of the
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What are Milestones?

Milestone Ministry is an intentional ministry that connects families to each other and to the congregation. We encourage families to talk about God, faith, and life together. Milestone Ministry is about being a part of a community; it is about the whole family, not just the children. Each Milestone will have a Family Gathering component—a time to gather, share, and learn about God and faith. For many milestones, a Family Gathering will be held the day before or after the Milestone. Most Milestone Gatherings are scheduled to take place on Sunday mornings, from 10:45-11:15 a.m. Each Milestone will have a blessing during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the date listed. (Unless noted differently.)

What do we believe? Family Gatherings will be Jan. 27, Feb. 3, & Feb. 10.

Pray the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer:

- Lord, teach us to pray… Family gatherings will be Jan. 6, 13, & 20.
- You are wonderfully made in God’s image, and give you tools to communicate as a family through the teen years. Family Gatherings will be April 7, 14, & 21.

Associate Pastor: Imago Dei: Created in God’s Image

- Imago Dei: Created in God’s Image Family Gathering, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- You can talk to God at bed time, meal time, play time, any time! Family Gathering: September 5. Worship celebration with presentation of Story Bibles on September 16.
- First Communion Any Age March 24, 2013
- Entry into Sunday School 3 year olds Sept. 16, 2012
- Baptism: All Ages Sept. 9, 2012
- Blessing of Backpacks All Ages Sept. 9, 2012
- Welcome to Worship 4-5 year olds Oct. 7, 2012
- Baptismal Birthday 1 year olds Jan. 13, 2013
- Confirmation Classes 7th-12th Grade May 19, 2013
- Confirmation: Affirmation of Baptism 10th Grade May 19, 2013
- Senior Recognition 12th Grade May 19, 2013
- Family Gatherings will be April 7, 14, & 21.
- What are Milestones? Family Gatherings will be Jan. 27, Feb. 3, & 10.

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 learning and resource center; Facebook (or other social media) as a connection and community
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.
GROWTH IN FAITH
Caring Relationships
Rituals & Milestones
Church Year Seasons
Learning the Tradition
Praying Spiritual Formation
Reading the Bible
Serving Working for Justice Caring for Creation
Worshipping
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.

CURRICULUM FOR LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

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

GROWTH IN FAITH
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
ADULT FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

Holy Trinity Adult Faith Formation

For Parents

Growing as a Family

Serving

Celebrating Rituals & Milestones

Learning the Faith

Reading the Bible

Praying & Growing Spiritually

Seasons of the Year

Family Faith Formation Network

Sunday Worship @ Home

Children’s Programs
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
FAMILY 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 plan.

**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

![Image of the Family Faith Formation website](image-url)
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SEASONAL PLAN & CALENDAR

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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.
SAINT LYDIA’S
Welcome.
St. Lydia’s is a church where life is lived out around the table.
A progressive, LGBT-friendly congregation in the Gowanus neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York, we are working together towards inclusion, acceptance, and support. We are always welcoming.

The Step Right Up Campaign: we’re almost there!
Take what we’re up to!
SUPPORT St. Lydia’s

Wesley Playhouse UK
ONLINE & DIGITALLY ENABLED

MISSIONAL OUTREACH

THE Digital CATHEDRAL
Networked Ministry in a Wireless World
KEITH ANDERSON
Foreword by Elizabeth Brescher
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