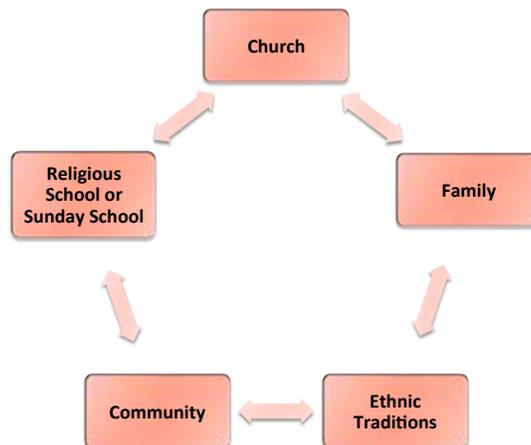


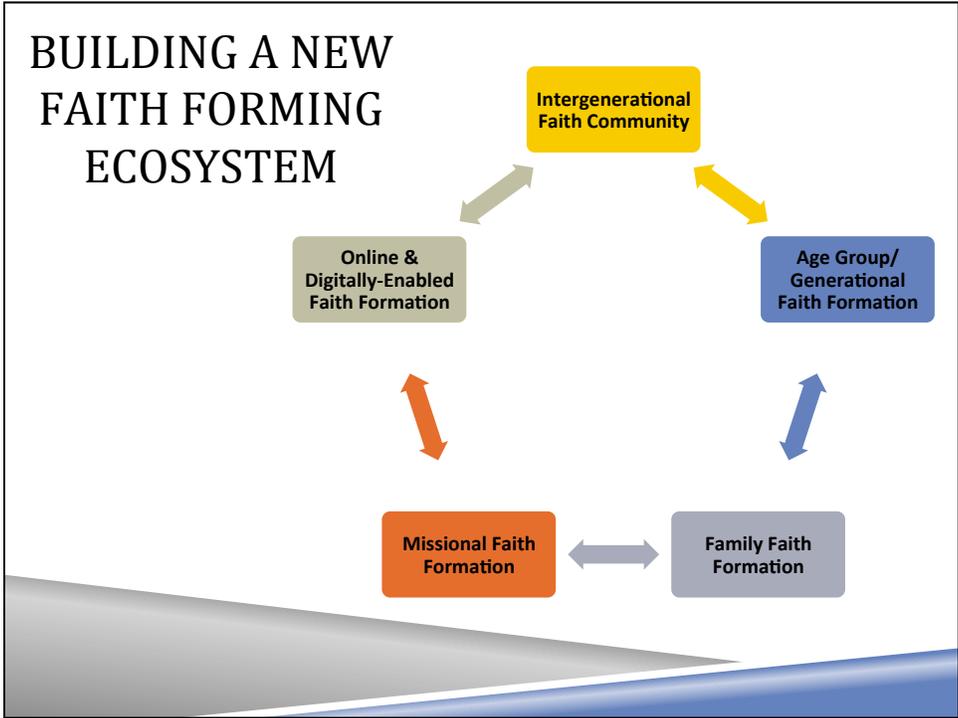
REIMAGING FAITH FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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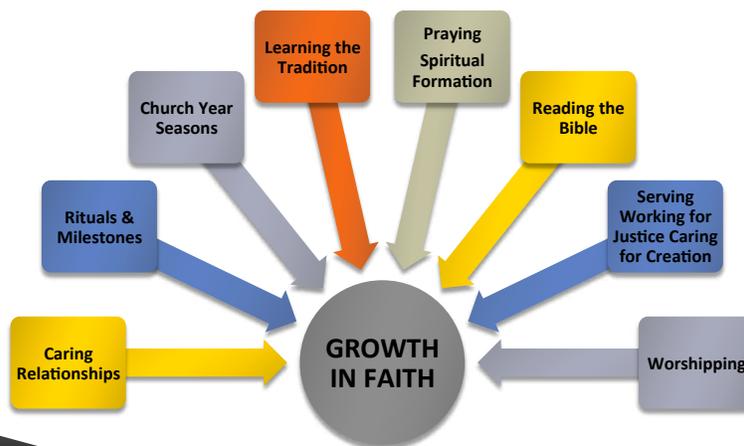


THE “OLD” FAITH FORMING ECOSYSTEM





COMPREHENSIVE FAITH FORMATION



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.



A still from Ewan Ferguson's documentary, *Present Perfect* shows an elderly resident doing a puzzle with preschoolers. From *Froggy*.

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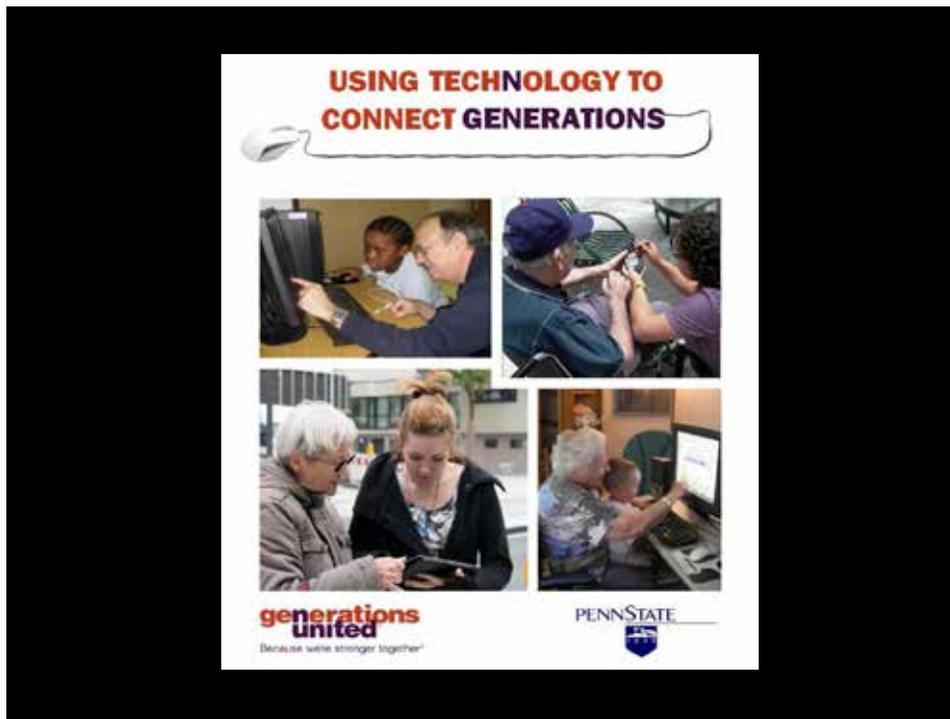
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Mount Rushmore



Walk on the Beach



INTENTIONALLY INTERGENERATIONAL

Create IG Experiences at Church

Infuse IG Experiences & Relationships into Existing Ministries/ Programs

Connect Generations in Church Life



INTENTIONALLY INTERGENERATIONAL

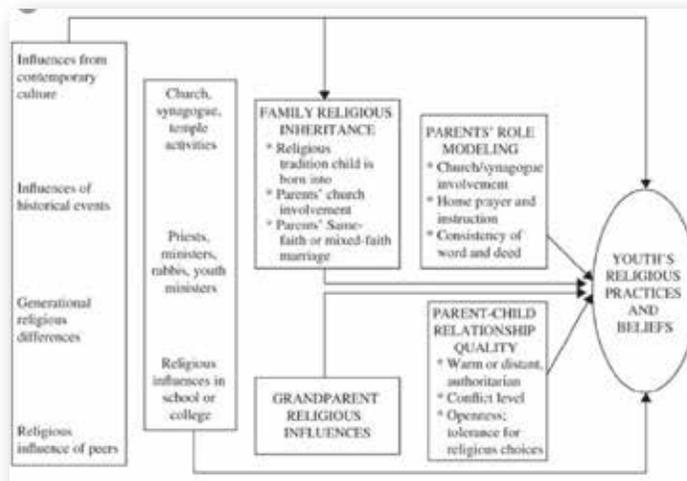
1. Intergenerational Worship
2. Intergenerational Learning
3. Intergenerational Prayer & Spiritual Formation
4. Intergenerational Social Events
(arts festivals, music and concerts, drama)
5. Intergenerational Service & Mission Trips
6. Intergenerational Retreats & Camps
7. Intergenerational Mentoring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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

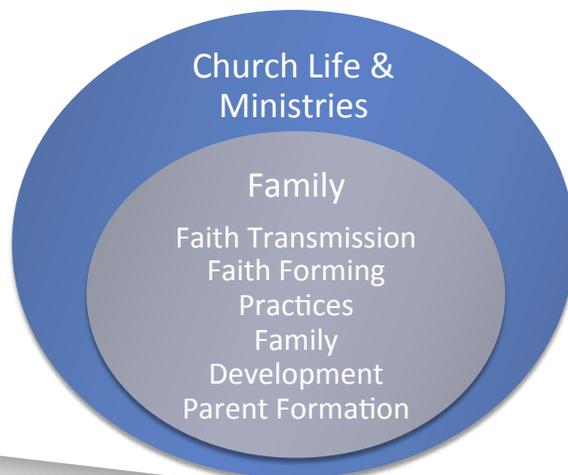
How to equip, resource, and support families as the center of faith formation?

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

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

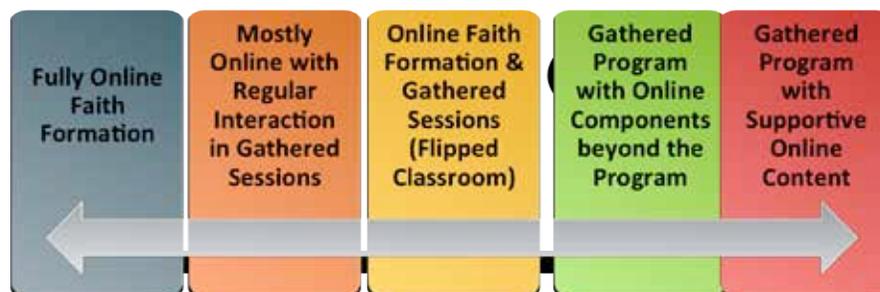
MISSIONAL FAITH FORMATION

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.

ONLINE & DIGITALLY ENABLED



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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



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EXAMPLE: SUNDAY WORSHIP

Church Life →	Daily & Home Life	← Online Life
Experience of Worship in the Congregation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

St. Mark's Daily Devotion



EXAMPLE: 40-DAY LENT CURRICULUM

Church Life →	Daily & Home Life	← Online Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Lenten Sunday liturgies • Stations of the Cross • Lenten prayer • Lenten retreat • Lenten service • Lenten soup suppers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fasting • Praying • Service/ Almsgiving • Lectionary reflection • Family activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten learning resources • Lenten calendar • Daily Lenten prayer • Weekly table prayer • Video resources • Online retreat experience

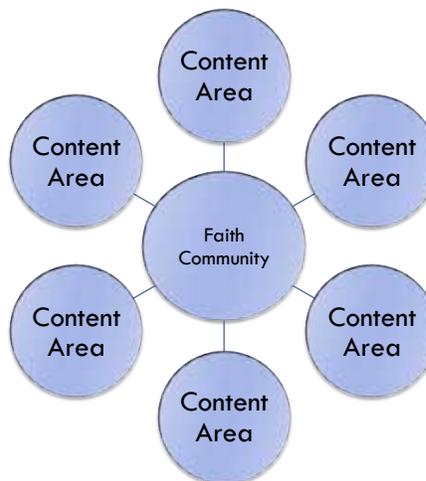
FAITH FORMATION NETWORKS

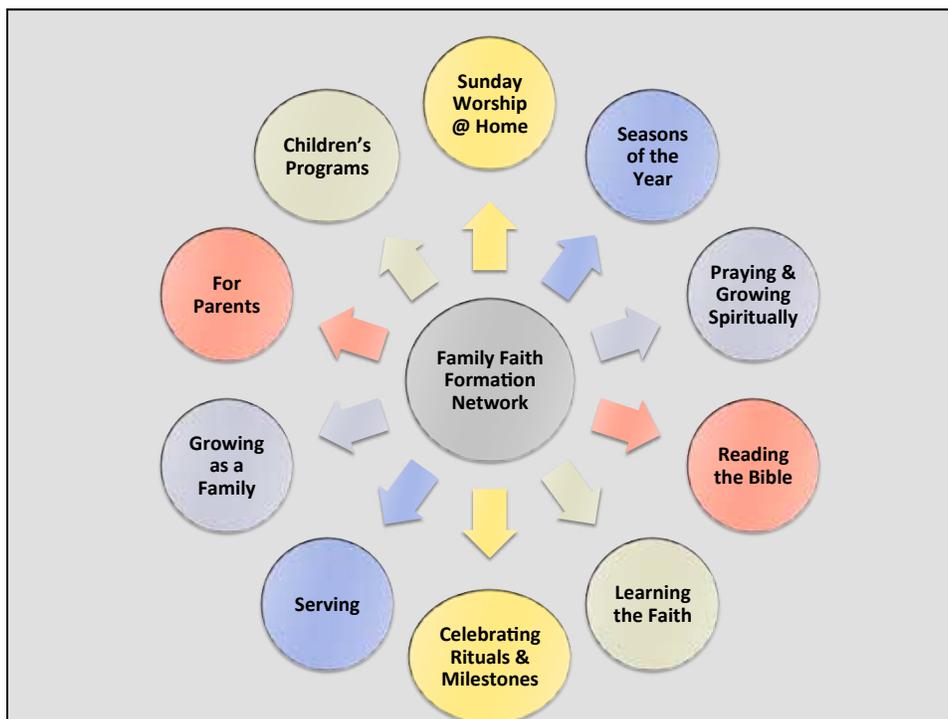
A network of relationships, content, experiences, & resources. . . .

- ▶ 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.

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





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"

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



FAITH FORMATION PLAYLISTS

Digitally-Enabled: Blending gathered community settings with online learning environments and utilizing the abundance of digital media and tools for learning and faith formation

