INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY
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Using Technology to Connect Generations
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Penn State
Intergenerational houses bring seniors, 20-somethings together

By Vikki Ortiz - Staff Reporter

Multigenerational Households Make Sense
Why more and more adults are living with their parents.

By Boon Deng
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, 84)
Intergenerational Community

The best curriculum for forming children, youth, and anyone else in Christian faith is guided participation in a community of practice where people are vibrantly, passionately risking themselves together in lives of faith in a world crying out for the love of Christ.

(Joyce Mercer)

Intergenerational Community

Guided participation in a community of practice puts a premium on both participation and practice. . . . We become Christian, taking on the identity of one who is a disciple of Jesus, by acting the way Christians act, and by talking the way Christians talk. Over time through practice, even our hearts and minds are formed in this way of life.

(Joyce Mercer)
Importance of Intergenerationality

A faith-forming education requires the interdependence of the generations. This involves developing sustained patterns of intergenerational learning, relationships, and mentoring that develop young people’s identification with the faith community, give them memories of hope to enliven their future, and create their sense of responsibility for the well-being of the community and the earth.

(Charles Foster)

Importance of Intergenerationality

The responsibility of mentoring the faith of children and youth belongs to the whole congregation in the full range of its ministries. The clearest way of learning to be Christian is to participate with others in the practices of being Christian. Each member of a faith community may potentially mentor someone at the threshold of expertise in some shared community practice.

(Charles Foster)
Importance of Intergenerationality

Christian commitment is formed and strengthened as persons develop relationships and actively participate in intergenerational faith communities that teach, model, and live our the communities’ beliefs.

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Intergenerational experiences strengthen and create new relationships among people of all ages, enhances their sense of belonging in the faith community, and increases participation in church life.
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Intergenerational experiences support families by surrounding them with a community of faith and engaging the whole family in a variety of faith-forming experiences together.

Intergenerational experiences strengthen the ability (confidence and competence) of parents and grandparents to promote religious socialization at home; be role models of faithful practice; and engage in faith practices at home.

Intentionally Intergenerational

Create Intergenerational Experiences at Church

Infuse Intergenerational 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

## Learning

*Engaging all ages and generations together in learning experiences that teach scripture and the Christian tradition, informing and forming disciples of all ages in Christian identity.*

Intergenerational Learning  
1. Weekly  
2. Bi-Weekly  
3. Monthly  
4. Small Group & Large Group
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- Intergenerational Learning
  1. In-Common All Ages Experiences
  2. Parallel Learning
  3. Contributive Occasions
  4. Interactive Sharing

- Weekly, Bi-Weekly, and Monthly Models
- Small Group & Large Group Models

Learning Process

Meal and Community Building (30 minutes)
Part 2. All Ages Learning Experience (20-30)
Part 3. In-Depth Learning Experience (75-90)
  - Option 1. Whole Group (together)
  - Option 2. Age Group (parallel)
  - Option 3. Activity Center
Part 4. Sharing Learning Experiences and Home Application (15-20)
Part 5. Closing Prayer (5-10)
HI-life Gatherings...

Our sixth year of whole community application of Generous Living. A core theme in Navigating Life with GPS - God’s Proven System: Christian wisdom. Hills can be summoned up as the recognition of the awesome gift of God's loving presence in our lives and our continuing efforts to respond to that love. During this year we will explore the pathways that God has chosen to follow lives of love and faithfulness, including the ten commandments and the beatitudes. We emphasize participation of all ages to participate in our HI-life Gatherings – our intergenerational learning assemblies that see the foundation of our lifelong faith formation process. Our monthly Gatherings are a time of fellowship, faith formation, and fun.

1. Sharing a Simple Meal Together
No cooking - just come and enjoy
As a typical Gathering you are welcomed by greeters in the Hospitality Room and seated in a table in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a meal with fellow parishioners of all ages. At your table there might be a single adult, a family of four, a retired person, or an empty nest couple. There will be a couple of opportunities on the table to know our table talk.

2. Whole Group Opening Experience
Introduction of the topic to be experienced by all ages
After the meal, everyone moves to the church for an opening prayer and an activity to set the tone for the evening, such as a story or video segment. Each Sunday’s devotions are 30-45 minutes and learn to use it throughout the evening.

3. Exploring the Topic through Age-Specific Learning Articles
Learning about the same topic according to one’s age stage in life.
Then the group divides into smaller groups for age specific learning activities. A typical evening might have activities in the church in a Sunday School room, a grade school room, a middle school room, or a high school room. Meeting Room 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 based on the topic. Parents/children groups with young adults (approximately ages 11-19) together in the Fellowship Hall. There are leaflets/handouts for each group to teach and guide the learning activites of the evening and trained facilitators to assist the parents and children at each table.

4. Whole Group Sharing Experience
Cameo of the Gathering for all ages
To conclude our evening, everyone gathers in the church to share what has been learned, to learn together, and to be interested in continue learning at home in preparation for the church event of upcoming week which is the focus of the month.

Elements of LOGOS
In local churches, LOGOS teams build intergenerational relationships between young people and caring Christians. Each meets through a four-part weekly format:

ACTS 2:42 NRV
They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.

Bible Study: A time for each group or a combination of groups, in which the Bible is the model for Christ-centered living. The Sunday School curriculum is the curriculum for Sunday School students. The curriculum for Jr. High and High School is the same as the curriculum for youth and young adults.

Family Time: The heart of each is a time to gather regular “table leaders” of each group. This is a time for the leaders to share their personal faith and lead each group in prayer. This is a time for fellowship and encouragement.

Worship Skills: Each team builds on their strengths, such as music, art, or creative writing. Each week at the church the team demonstrates its worship skills with its own theme and worship style.

Recreation: All have fun in a cooperative environment, along with the children and other students in the congregation selling to share their passion into some time back on the river.

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LOGOS Intergenerational Ministry

generations learning and growing together in faith
modeled after the life of the early church in Acts 2:42

LOGOS is theology in action because faith thrives when we gather and live out our faith.

LOGOS is the act of sharing, which transforms our lives and the lives of those we serve.

LOGOS is the way we live together, sharing life and faith.

LOGOS is the way we learn together, sharing stories and experiences.

LOGOS is the way we grow together, sharing in the journey of faith.

LOGOS is the way we love together, sharing in the love of God.

LOGOS is the way we serve together, sharing in the service of others.

LOGOS is the way we pray together, sharing in the act of worship.

LOGOS is the way we laugh together, sharing in the joy of life.

LOGOS is the way we cry together, sharing in the sorrow of life.

LOGOS is the way we celebrate together, sharing in the joy of life.

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