

2017 SYMPOSIUM *FAITH FORMATION WITH A NEW GENERATION*



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Symposium Resources

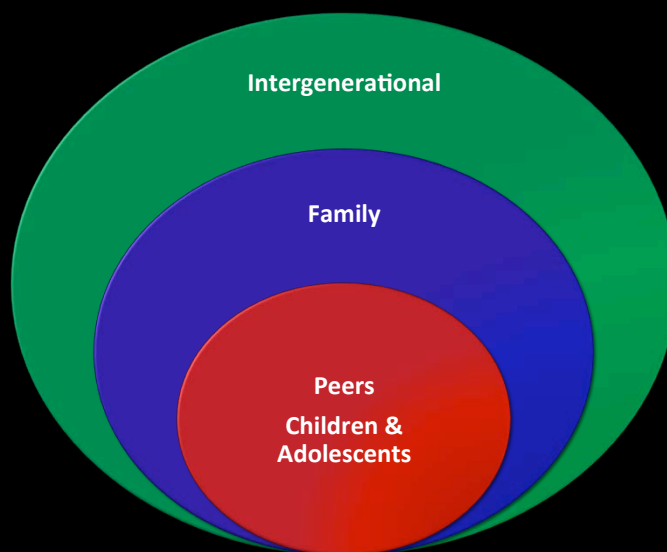
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Symposium Team

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- ✦ Lee Yates

Key Concept: Faith Forming Environments



Key Concept: Life Stages Groups



1. Young Children
2. Older Children



3. Younger Adolescents
4. Older Adolescents



Key Concept: The New Generation



Key Concept: Maturing in Faith



Key Concept: 21st Century Learning



Key Concept: Personalized Faith Pathways



Key Concept: Playlists for Learning



Symposium Schedule: Thursday

1 pm	Welcome and Symposium Overview Community Building Activity & Prayer Session 1. Maturing in Faith from Childhood through Adolescence Session 2: New Approaches to Learning and Faith Formation in the 21st Century
5:00 pm	Break
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:45 pm	Session 3. Forming Faith: Intergenerational Relationships & Community
8:30	Closing

Symposium Schedule: Friday

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	Session 4. Forming Faith: Family & Parents
12 noon	Lunch
1:30 pm	Session 5. Forming Faith: Life Cycle Stages
	Session 6. Developing Personalized Faith Formation with Children, Adolescents, and their Parents
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:45 pm	Session 7: Developing Faith Formation Playlists for Children, Adolescents, and their Parents
8:30	Closing

Symposium Schedule: Saturday

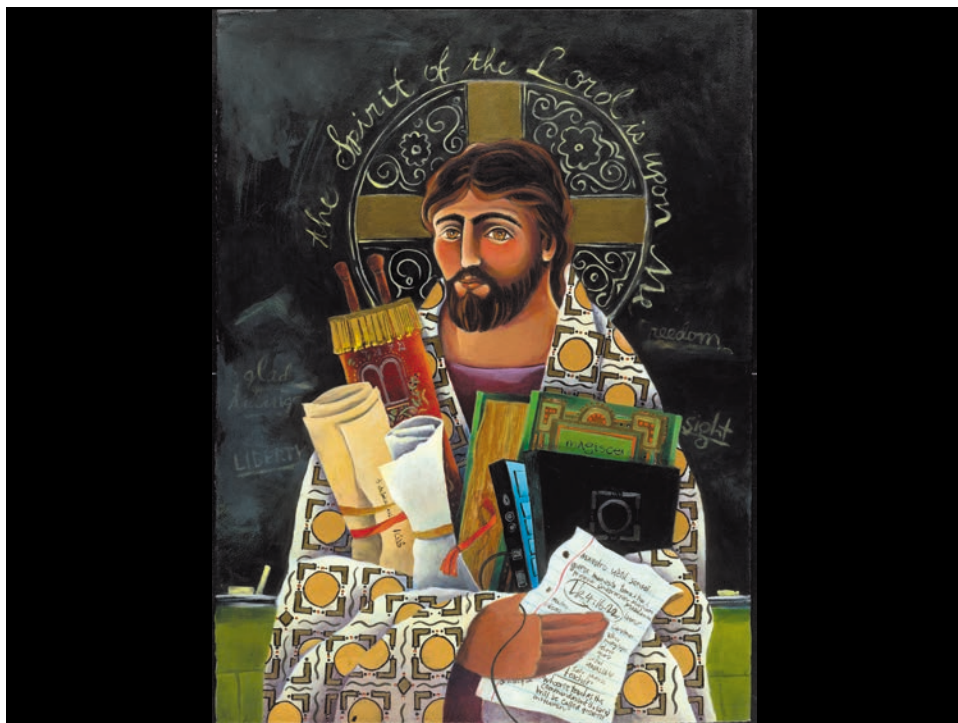
7:30 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	Session 8. Implementing New Approaches in Faith Formation with Children and Adolescents
12 noon	Closing

Getting to Know You...

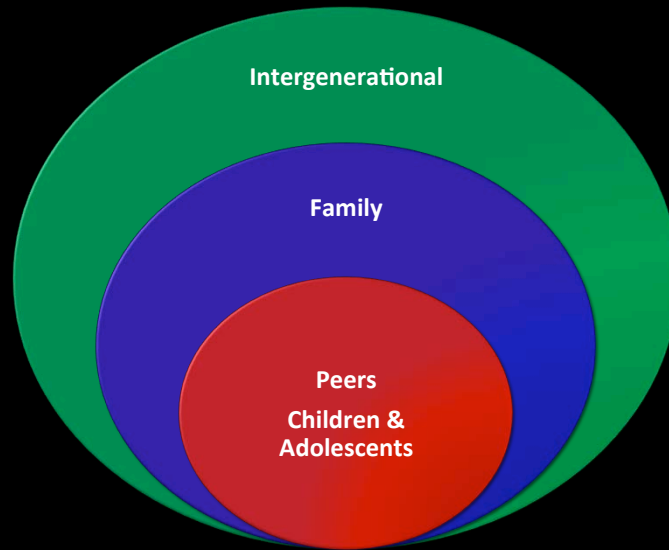
- ✦ Share your name.
- ✦ Share your ministry setting.
- ✦ What you are most excited about in your ministry right now?



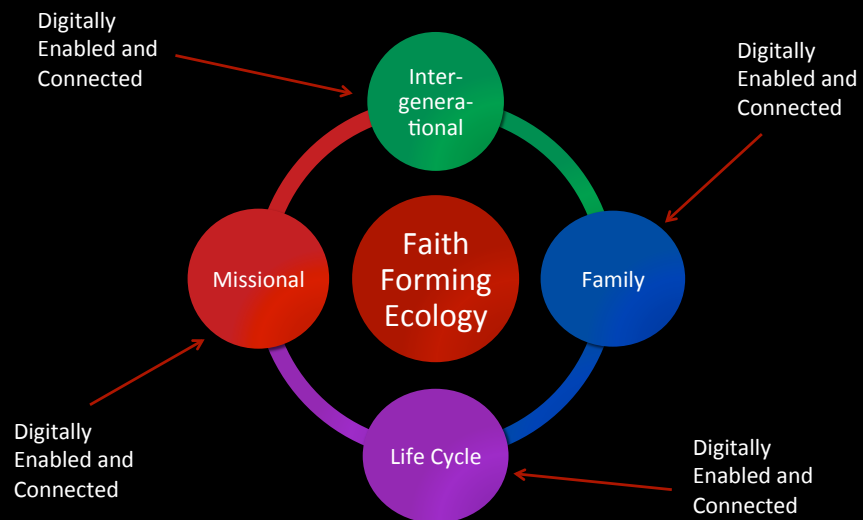
Love God with all the power of your heart,
 with its yearnings and passions.
 Love God with all you hold dear in life,
 and with the fullness of whatever the world offers you,
 Both joy and sorrow.
 Teach children to cope,
 to dream and to stretch,
 to become their purpose,
 to live holy lives.
 Wrap these words around every deed,
 a garment of holy expression.
 Let these words shape your home,
 a dwelling of peace.
 Wherever you go,
 scatter the words as seed,
 or as drops of water into the thirsty earth.
 Nurture trees of life in your garden.
 Seal these words upon your heart;
 let them course through
 and cleave soul to body
 that the sacred permeates all your being.



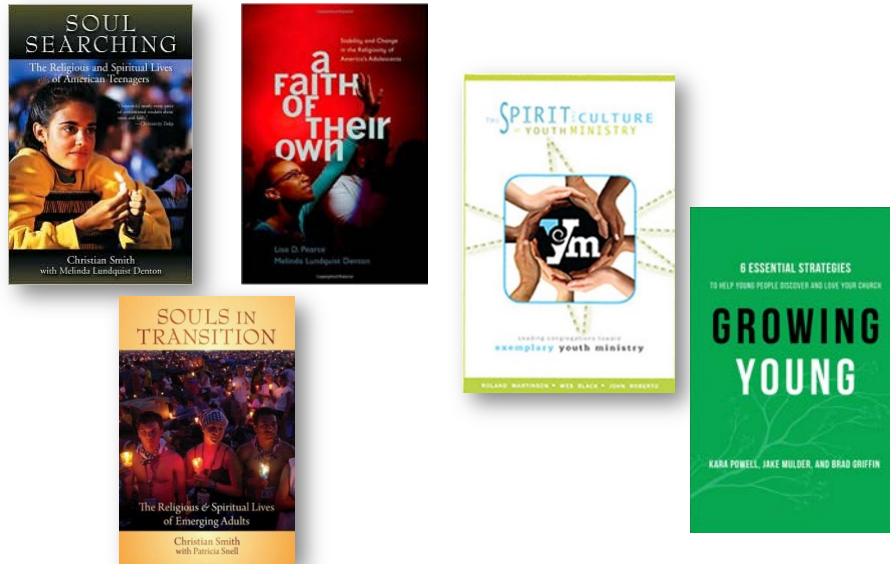
Faith Forming Environments



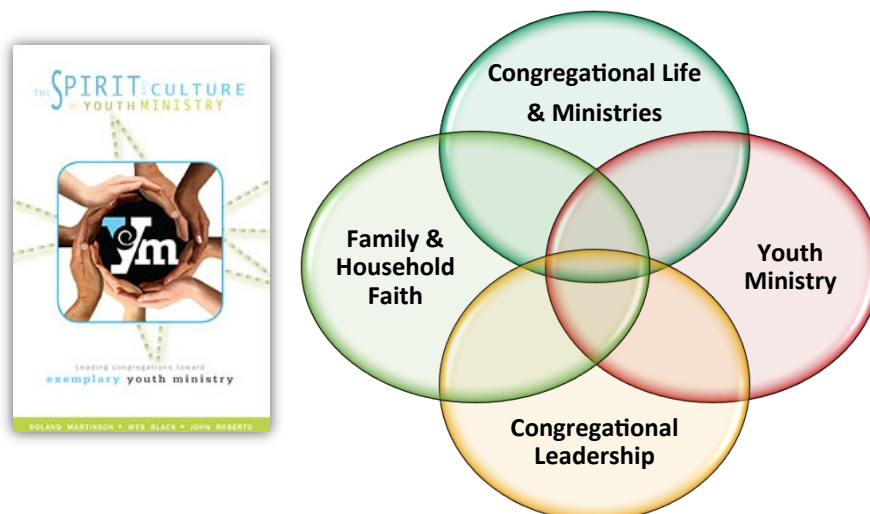
The Big Picture: Faith Forming Ecology

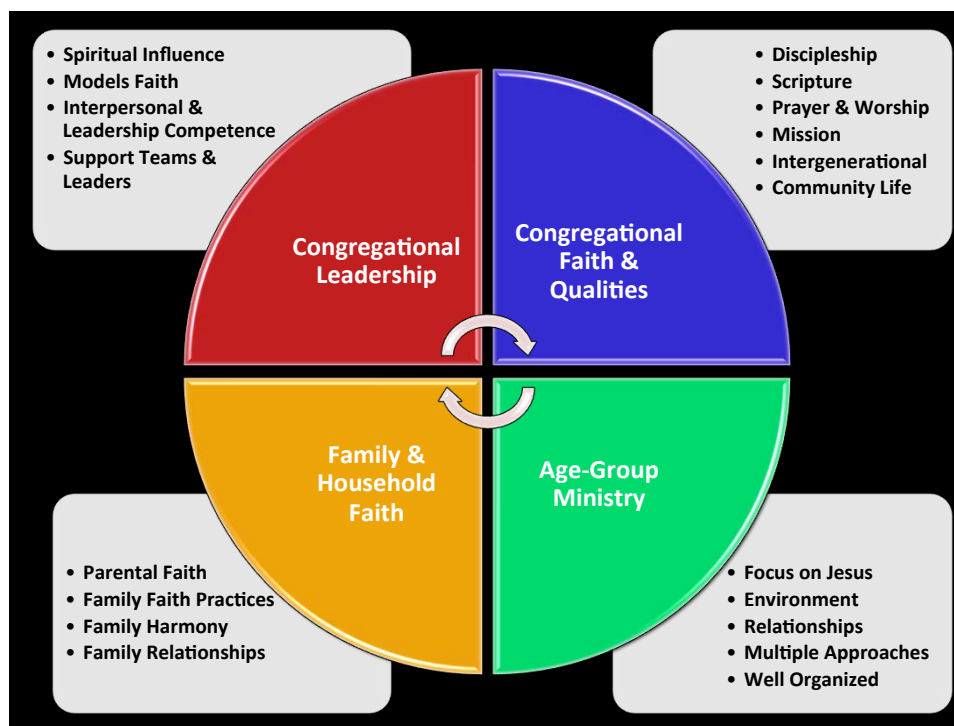


Several Key Research Studies



Exemplary Youth Ministry Study





Life Stages Groups



1. Young Children
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Life Stages Activity

- ★ What are 2-3 of the most important religious and spiritual needs of your life stage?
- ★ What are 2-3 characteristics or images of the emerging culture of Generation Z (all those born since 2000)?

The New Generation



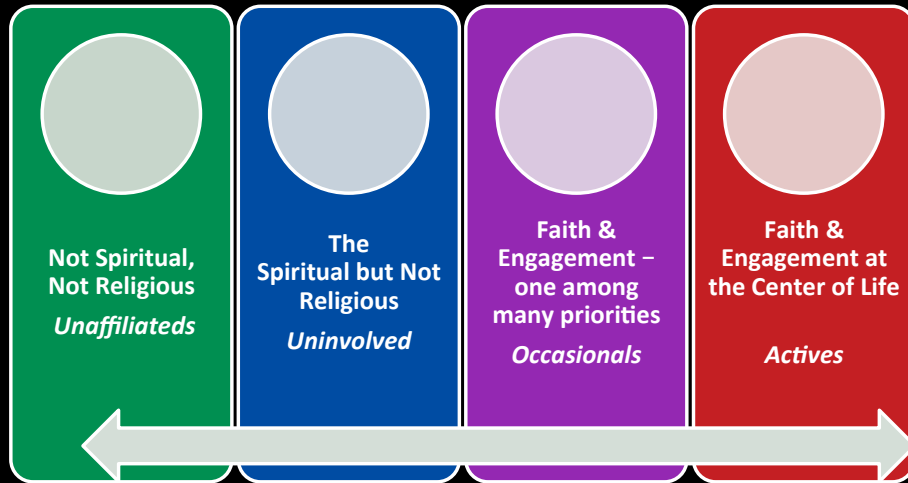
Generation Z



Families of Generation Z

- ✓ Diversity of family structures and a variety of living arrangements from 0-18 years old
- ✓ Pressures of work and finances; 70% of mothers work outside home
- ✓ Increasing complexity of family life, managing/ balancing time and commitments
- ✓ New generation of parents: Millennial parents & young Gen X
- ✓ Decline in religious practice at home, and decline in participation and affiliation in churches
- ✓ Decline in faith transmission and practice at home

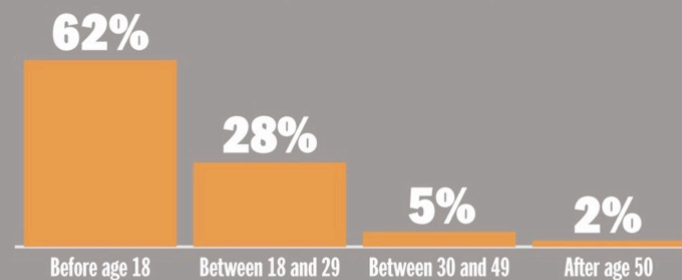
A Diversity of Spiritual Religious Identities



Spiritual-Religious Diversity

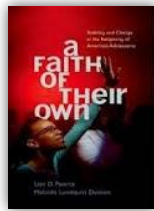
Many 'nones' lost faith before they finished high school

Percentage of religiously unaffiliated Americans raised in a faith group who said they abandoned religious practice at the following time

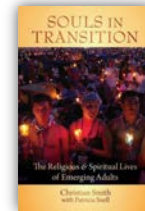


SOURCE: Public Religion Research Institute

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Spiritual-Religious Diversity



Youth (teens)

Abiders	Adapters	Assenters	Avoiders	Atheists
20%	20%	31%	24%	5%

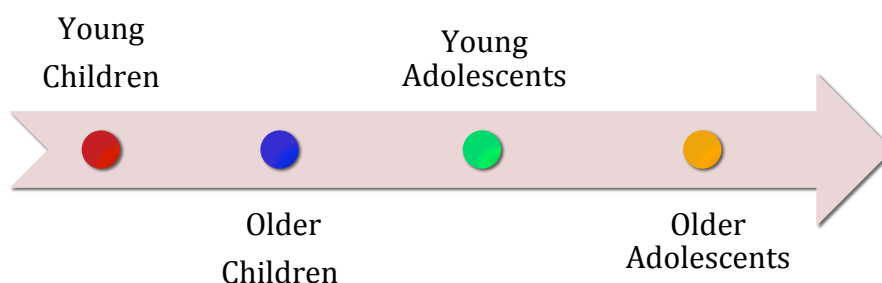
Emerging Adults (20s)

Committed Traditionalists	Selected Adherents	Spiritually Open	Religiously Indifferent	Religiously Disconnected	Irreligious
15%	30%	15%	25%	5%	10%

Maturing in Faith



Focus on Maturing in Faith: *Toward What Ends Are We Working*



Focus on Maturing in Faith

1. **Sustaining a personal relationship with Jesus Christ** supported through regular prayer, faith sharing and Bible reading.
2. **Making the Christian faith a way of life** by integrating their beliefs into the conversation, decisions, and actions of daily life.
3. **Possessing a vital faith** and being aware of God present and active in their own life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Focus on Maturing in Faith

4. **Seeking spiritual growth** by actively pursuing questions of faith, learning what it means to believe in God, and what it's like to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
5. **Living a life of service** by caring for others, reaching out those in need, and addressing injustice in the world.
6. **Sharing the Good News** through words and actions, through Christian stewardship and working for peace, justice and human dignity.

Focus on Maturing in Faith

7. **Participating** fully, consciously, actively and regularly in the ritual and **worship life** of the faith community.
8. **Articulating the fundamental teachings** of the Christian faith and demonstrating a commitment to learning and growing in this faith.
9. **Exercising moral responsibility** by applying Christian ethics, virtues, principles, values, and social teaching to moral decision-making, life situations, and in interactions with the larger culture.

Focus on Maturing in Faith

- 10. Practicing faith in Jesus Christ**, privately and publicly, through participation in the congregation's worship, ministries, and leadership.
- 11. Discerning and using their gifts** to actively belong to and participate in the life and mission of the Christian community.
- 12. Exploring God's call to vocation** through prayer, reflection, and discernment.
- 13. Possessing a positive spirit** with loving and hopeful attitudes toward others and life, convinced that they can make the world a better place.

Maturing Characteristics Activity

1. Review characteristics.
2. Apply to each characteristic for your life stage:
 - When this characteristic is present in someone's life, what do you see?
3. Develop a summary of "indicators" for each characteristic.