

“What We Need to Do..” Ideas

National / Regional

1. Educate churches.
2. Give churches tools.
3. Develop a common language.
4. Share proof of results through congregational stories.
5. Cast a vision for church leadership.
6. Provide current resources including webinars.
7. Provide sponsorships for leaders to learn.
8. Publish articles to get people’s attention
9. Incorporate into the DNA of the organization.
10. Address/help skeptics.
11. Move beyond the campus.
12. Our vision and practice must be broader than just faith formation.
13. Engage pastors/leaders; forming leaders – they need to have IG experiences.
14. Harvest power – share the stories – so they can see the possibilities.
15. Evangelize; speaking boldly; sound the alarm.
16. Change our language as need: process not program, multi-generation vs. intergenerational.
17. We are change agents (above and below) and invite others to be ones.
18. We need more time to talk (different generations) and good process.
19. Be rooted in our story (centered on Christ) and be willing to share stories; empowering each person to share his/her story.
20. Connect with pastors and other key people who need to get this if it’s going to happen.
21. Make visible those who are doing intergenerational approaches (support).
22. Share ideas and resources; create toolkits – helping churches do the work of IFF; providing tools flexible enough so they can use it as it works in their setting.
23. Hold on another accountable – accountability partners checking in with one another; collaborative partners; think tanks like this.
24. Spread the word – the IFF model is not new but we must spread the word in language that appeals.
25. Create cultures where it is the norm.
26. Help communities to realize they’re already doing intergenerational ministry; highlight it; look at ways of doing age appropriate and bring the two groups together across generations.
27. Create assessment materials.
28. Learn into this approach.
29. Building intergenerational planning teams to work collaboratively.

30. Taking in account how one age group would respond, e.g., matching with the learning style of a generation.
31. Language: talking about how we articulate concepts, approaches, and more with those we’re called to serve.
32. Affirm what we’re already doing – affirming leaders; develop 1 or 2 new things we can do to further incorporate intergenerational model.
33. Witness, sharing stories, testimony.
34. Pray with one another and our communities.
35. Leadership formation and real support for leaders.
36. Experiment – create safe spaces for experimentation, creativity, resources.

Pastoral Leadership

37. Establish/revisit the vision with a common language
38. Team-building/empowering for future sustainability.
39. Normalizing the vision: we are intergenerational (not a paradigm shift).
40. Using tools people will use: technology sending it home.
41. Blend/introduce IFF into existing groups and ministries.
42. Creative church culture to equip and empower homes to connect faith.
43. Give people opportunities that are “safe” to build IFF relationships.
44. Equip and empower people with faith that works for everyday life.
45. Celebrate successes.
46. Be intentional about the process.
47. Storytelling.
48. Networking to share practical “how-tos”
49. Work with staff to explore ways to tell stories, bless, and prayer for each other.
50. To listen deeply to needs and hungers, and sensitive to people’s challenges.
51. Connect people with the story of how God is with his people making the disciples of Jesus and incorporating them into the Body of Christ.
52. Be ambassadors for IFF: sharing the vision, ideas; stay on message.
53. We need to define the felt needs of each generation within the community.
54. Invite, invite, invite.
55. Be intentional.
56. Recognize the “minister of lifelong faith formation” is the umbrella for all else in the parish.
57. Offer quality experiences.

58. Be able to interact with each other and learn how to tolerate the “discomfort.”
59. Lighten people’s burdens not add to them.
60. Be intentional about naming our vision; then following up to assess.
61. Prayer – leave room for the Holy Spirit.

Faith Formation

62. Create clear, shared vision among leaders.
63. Identify a common language/vocabulary.
64. Prayer - pray for help and guidance.
65. Take risks in expanding on what we already have.
66. Collaborate to ensure sustainability.
67. Have patience with culture change.
68. Complete immersion through all ministries.
69. Internet/social media, etc. to expand church “campus.”
70. Transition from family paradigm to truly intergenerational.
71. Visioning process.
72. Practice blessings and praying with each other.
73. Come and see; go and tell
74. Body of Christ/whole parish; hearts and minds centered on Christ. Move from intergenerational programming to intergenerational mindset.
75. Create people to share faith stories and best practices.
76. All welcoming.
77. What matters most: intentional, specific, and personnel.
78. Sustainability/share the vision/evaluate the vision.
79. Pastoral support and support of those in administration.

80. Do no reinvent the wheel – make what we do in the parishes intergenerational.
81. Intentionally and effectively communicate the transformative power of intergenerational faith formation.
82. Market it: stories, bulletins, social media, announcements, etc.
83. Be intentionally intergenerational in all aspects of church life.
84. Be bold (“to boldly go where no one has gone before”)
85. “Recalculating... recalculating”
86. Storytelling among generations
87. Training and education of leaders (including at seminaries) that includes visioning, change processes, and sustainability.
88. Rethink and tweak existing programs and opportunities outside the faith formation arena by being creative and innovative.
89. Share best practices and practical resources with each.
90. Plan and build rituals and traditions, faith practices and liturgies that are intentionally intergenerational.
91. Recognize each culture setting.

Youth Ministry

92. Keep Christ-centered.
93. Begin with those who are willing.
94. Define the shared vision of IFF.
95. Share the positive stories of IFF.
96. Change the language we use.
97. Enlighten those already practicing IFF.
98. Do not be afraid to experience and fail.