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## INTERGENERATIONAL

Meaningful intergenerational church experiences are intentional and valued.

*one generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.*

PSALM 145:4

Woven throughout scripture, God's story was passed on from one generation to the next. Households and communities would gather together to eat, share in life and tell each other of God's mighty acts. Today when generations come together, we can continue to do the same.

Intergenerational ministry takes place when people from at least two generations intentionally gather for the same activity in the name of Christ. They interact with one another in ways that reflect mutual respect and appreciation. The aim is to bring the whole church together in ministry, worship, service and community to nurture spiritual growth.

Intergenerational ministry helps to build and nurture relationships between generations. These relationships in the midst of faith and life transitions are important. Children, young people and families need peers and

the greater faith family to support and care for them.

Every church can be intentionally intergenerational in all of its ministry and faith formation experiences. To become a life-giving spiritual community we can:

- cultivate relationships across generations
- include all generations in worship
- engage all ages and generations together in learning
- encourage a community of prayer
- involve all ages and generations in service and mission to the world

Intergenerational ministry is not a new program to be added on to what the congregation is already doing, rather it can be effectively woven into the fabric of current ministry.