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## PEER RELATIONSHIPS

Faith formation is encouraged by building Christian relationships through quality, age-specific ministry.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

HEBREWS 10:24-25

Peer ministry is an intentional gathering that leads children and young people into deeper communion with God and one another. While intergenerational relationships are important, so are quality peer relationships based on a solid foundation of faith formation. Children need to hang out with children. Teenagers need to hang out with teenagers. All people are drawn to people of the same age or stage in life.

Faith-formation needs to be seen as a lifelong journey of discipleship. This is a process of experiencing, learning, and

practising the Christian faith with our peers as we encourage each other to follow Jesus in today's world. Friendships and connections are a vital factor as we journey together and transition through the stages of life.

Peers that reflect similar family and faith values can be a strong influence and have a lasting impact on our faith formation.

Creating quality, age-specific ministries is an important step in encouraging peers to stay close and connected to their church, families and God.