



TOWARDS INTERGENERATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

DEFINITION:

An intergenerational youth ministry is one in which a variety of generations are engaged in the process of modelling and communicating faith to the young people.

ITS VALUE:

1. Exposure to mature and tested faith leads towards mature and tested faith.
2. A sense of community and belonging within the wider church develops.
3. Generational support exists for teens and their families.
4. Opportunities to serve outside of the youth ministry.

INTERGENERATIONAL IDEAS

1. Events
 - Hold combined social events involving youth and older generations.
 - Create activities, programmes and worship services where generations can discuss and experience life and faith together.
2. Involvement
 - Look for ways to involve young people in the wider ministries of the church alongside adults.
 - Look for ways to involve older generations in the youth ministry.
 - Mentors to individual young people and/or small groups.
 - Praying “grandparents” for small groups or individuals.
 - Assistance with tasks: suppers, transport, security.

STEPS TOWARD INTERGENERATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

1. Talk up its value by promoting it to young people, older people and church leaders.
2. Request that your minister promote intergenerational youth ministry to the wider church.
3. Research ideas and suggestions for intergenerational activities and involvement.
3. Start small – hold a combined activity or involve just one older person in leading.
4. Tell stories – pass on positive comments and talk up your “successes”.
5. Make “intergenerational” a philosophy and a value, not just a programme.

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