

The Intergenerational Church

Most churches are multi-generational. With intentionality, a church can become intergenerational. The intergenerational church lives with an emphasis on growing relationships and not just everyone in the same room at the same time.

As generations mutually invest in one another, relationships deepen, transforming the church from doing intergenerational programming to thriving as an intergenerational community. Christ-centered community draws us all closer to God.

What is intergenerational ministry?

The nurturing of Christ-centered community by bringing together two or more generations in planned and purposeful settings, where all are mutually-invested.

Why is such a setting crucial for the church?

Studies have shown that intergenerational community provides:

- Affirmed value, regardless of age
- Response to God's call for faith to be shared in community
- Decreased isolation for all ages
- Support of families
- Welcoming and inclusive environment
- Practice in caring for one another
- Understanding and unity as a congregation

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Becoming Intentionally Intergenerational

It's for and about the whole church!



DISCOVER

what it means
to be an
intergenerational
church

Enjoy the exploration! Contact GenOn Ministries and ask questions. Gather a team of church leaders to be involved. Use our Visioning Tool for Intergenerational Ministry. Review recommended books, articles, and websites.

EXPERIMENT

with Christ-centered
intergenerational
gatherings

Host an intergenerational event. Evaluate what went well and what might change. Share stories and pictures from the event throughout the church. Network with other intergenerational churches.

EVALUATE

options
to be more
intergenerational

Identify areas for growth. Consider GenOn's options for more intentional ministry: Sunday LIFT, LOGOS, All God's Children. Explore next steps found in Sunday LIFT: Why & How or Launching LOGOS. Choose a GenOn introductory training event to host or attend.

COMMIT

to deeper
intergenerational
community

Become more regular and intentional in being intergenerational. Grow stronger Christ-centered relationships. Invest in regular training.

SHARE

understanding and
chosen model
with others
in the church

Communicate the "why." Explain where your church is and where you'd like to go. Describe the benefits for all generations with GenOn's Share the Why resource.

RECOMMIT

again and again
for long-term
systemic
transformation

Plan for next year. Invite more leaders onto the team. Continue to DISCOVER, EVALUATE, and SHARE. Keep innovating. Consider GenOn coaching to go deeper.



"I enjoy how activities can engage people of all ages."

"I like getting to know people from this church better and how we were able to come together as different generations."

"It's good to have friends my age here as well as friends younger and older. We help each other love and serve God."

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Why?