



BEING AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

Resource Paper #10 | MORE THAN WORSHIP, MORE THAN SUNDAY

The Uniting Church in Australia seeks to be a genuinely intergenerational church in which all ages are welcomed and valued, where every generation is engaged together in active discipleship, growing in and sharing faith in Jesus. This paper is one of a series that has emerged to assist the church in being and becoming more intentionally intergenerational. It is offered as a resource for all those who share the dream of a more intergenerational church – a church comprised of lifelong followers of Jesus, of all ages, caring, praying, celebrating, learning and serving faith-fully together.

“Intergenerationality is relevant for the whole life of the whole church. It could be thought of as a core value (something fundamental to who we are and who we are aspiring to be), an attitude or disposition (the way we approach “other”, in this case those who are different to us in age) or as part of our philosophy of ministry/ethos (the way we do the things we do). It can encompass all aspects of our life together.”

*More than Worship, More than Sunday is a **practical resource** that offers some ideas, process and planning tips to consider as part of an intergenerational ministry journey. It contains...*

- Practical ideas
- Helpful processes
- Stimulating questions
- Thought provoking reading

*More than Worship, More than Sunday offers a **simple way forward** for becoming more intergenerational across the life of a community.*

*More than Worship, More than Sunday suggests a **useful starting point** for action is in the area of shared activities common to many Christian communities...*

Caring | Celebrating | Learning | Praying | Serving

*More than Worship, More than Sunday **provide encouragement** for intergenerational endeavours that build upon, and go beyond, the gathering of the community for worship. The key to a faith community becoming more intergenerational is the development of the value of intergenerationality across the whole life of the community.*

*More than Worship, More than Sunday includes **helpful questions** for reflection and action. For each of these areas of caring, praying, learning, celebrating, and serving, some good initial questions to ask of your community life may be...*

1. What is currently happening in this area?
2. To what extent is it already intergenerational?
3. How could the current activity be more intentionally intergenerational?

*More than Worship, More than Sunday **can be downloaded** for...*

- Tips on planning ministry that is more intentionally intergenerational
- Practical examples in relation to how churches could be more intergenerational in relation to shared Caring, Praying, Learning, Celebrating and Serving
- Useful Tools that include a Planning Worksheet and a What's Intergenerational Ministry? Handout to use as the basis for discussion within your community

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