



BEING AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

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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.

If being intergenerational is...

- a core value
- an attitude/disposition
- a part of our philosophy of ministry

...that can encompass all aspects of our life together - including our caring, praying, learning, celebrating and serving – then it is also integral to our participation in God's mission.

If being intergenerational is fundamentally about creating and deepening relationships across different generations, then this can be intentionally fostered...

- amongst those who are serving in mission
- amongst those who are being engaged in mission
- between those who are serving and those who are being engaged in mission

Being more intentionally intergenerational in missional activity can involve...

- different generations serving together
- different generations being engaged together
- one generation engaging different generations

... in relationships marked by mutuality, reciprocity and respect.

Being more intentionally intergenerational in missional activity is about...

- the who...team and focus
- the how...values, attitudes & relationships
- the who...those being served

Intergenerational Mission involves multiple generations together in the...

- **Shaping** Who is involved in determining what missional activity actually takes place?
- **Doing** Who is actively engaged in the missional activity?
- **Evaluating** Whose views are intentionally sought when it comes time for feedback?

...of missional activity.

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