

WHAT IS INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY?

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY IS ABOUT BUILDING AND DEEPENING INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

Intergenerational ministry is characterized by people across the generations doing life together - sharing, learning, growing and serving in relationships. It is characterized by an emphasis on community and the building of deep, genuine relationships. Intergenerational connections can be with any generation of a different decade.

INTERGENERATIONALITY IS MARKED BY...

MUTUALITY

(we all participate and benefit)

RECIPROCITY

(we all give and receive)

EQUALITY

(we are all valued equally)

Being intergenerational is...

- Not just about children, it's about **people of all ages**
- Not just about what we do, it's about **who we are**
- Not something that just happens, it requires **intentionality**

Simply having multiple generations in the same space does not make the experience intergenerational. To be truly intergenerational requires the generations to be **genuinely interacting and engaging together**.

Intergenerational ministry seeks to **actively engage and equally value** the gifts and needs of every generation. We are most fully the people of God when we are gathered for worship, service, learning, and fellowship together with all ages. We learn, worship, serve, and build community best when we **honor the perspectives and gifts of all ages**.

WHY INTERGENERATIONAL?

From John Roberto's article "Our Future is Intergenerational"

- Encourages greater faith in all generations
- Utilizes the strengths (wisdom, experience, and knowledge) of one generation to meet the needs of another generation
- Nurtures special relationships
- Fosters leadership regardless of age or stature
- Provides "up close and personal" formation in faith as all ages engage in sharing faith, teaching, learning, and praying for one another
- Provides role models
- Affirms each person's value in the total community (regardless of age)

AN INTENTIONALLY INTERGENERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IS MORE LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE AND SUSTAIN LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP FOR ALL AGES.