



Multigenerational church—a church of many age groups

Intergenerational church—a church where different age groups serve together, interact with each other, value each other, and learn from one another

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything.

1 Corinthians 12:25-27 | The Message

What does being an **intergenerational** church require of us?

Hard work & intentionality

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 NIV

Remove stereotypes

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV

Build bridges

Cross-generational discipleship is beneficial not only for young people but also for older generations who need the vitality of the young to inspire their faith just as much as the young need wise elders to ground theirs. Faith, after all, is not just passed down. It's passed around.

Growing Young | Powell, Mulder, Griffin

Have a "one-another" attitude

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

ROMANS 12:10 NIV

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 NIV

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

PSALM 92:12-15 NIV

What do "well-seasoned adults" have to offer an intergenerational church?

Become a faith champion

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

JAMES 1:2-4 NIV

...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

ROMANS 5:3-4 NIV

Build meaningful relationships

My next step is...

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