

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY FOUNDATIONS

# GETTING STARTED

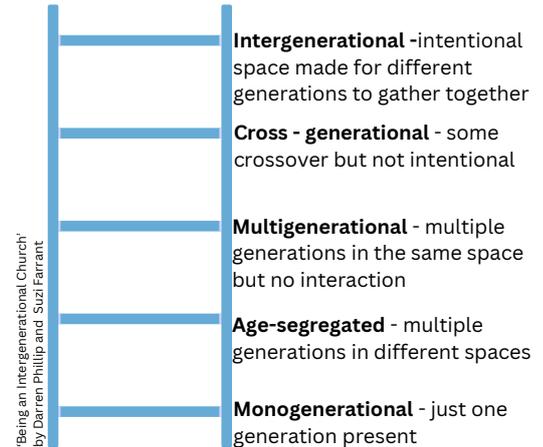
These cards are designed to prompt conversation around what it means to be an Intergenerational Church.

There is no right or wrong way to use them. They could be used as part of a PCC meeting/away day to get you thinking about Intergenerational Ministry and what that looks like in your setting, or as part of a focus group within the church that is looking at developing services.

If you would like any further support in using this resource or developing Intergenerational Ministry further than please do get in touch with us at **[childrenandyouth@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:childrenandyouth@leeds.anglican.org)**

# INTENTIONAL

- It is more than different generations happening to share a space and time together. There is a deliberate intention being made to bring the different generations together and allow for mutual learning together.
- No rung on the ladder is better than another - there is benefits to having all these types of ministry within the life of a church.



## IN YOUR CONTEXT.....

- Where would you place your different church activities at the moment?
- Do the activities straddle more than one rung on the ladder
- Is there any space given for generations to intentionally gather together?

# INCLUSIVE

- It takes into account the fact that we are all different and the way in which we encounter God is different. Have a look at this from David Csninos to explore this more - [Spiritual-Styles](#)
- All generations are included in the planning, preparing, reviewing and reflecting of a service/activity.
- Potential barriers to worship are removed as much as possible

## IN YOUR CONTEXT.....

- Have a look at the research on Spiritual Styles - how could this inform planning?
- Consider inviting people of different ages to be part of the planning team.
- What barriers to worship might people encounter in your context?
- Are there people in the congregation you might consult about their experiences?

# MUTUAL LEARNING

- The adults are not just the ones in charge - everyone is represented in the decision making and everyone is **invited** to participate fully.
- It's also not just a children's service.
- Everyone is encouraged to be actively engaged in encountering God and learning from each other – adults from children as much as children from adults.
- There is the opportunity to share questions and doubts, testimonies and assurances, hopes and fears, promises and prayers

## IN YOUR CONTEXT.....

- Is there opportunity for everyone to be involved and empowered in serving if they want to?
- How are people encouraged to learn from each other - is there opportunity for discussion, to share questions and doubts, testimonies, hopes and fears, promises and prayers?

# CREATIVE

- Intergenerational services often give us permission to move away from what we always do and to be creative in a way we might not be in a traditional service.
- It is an opportunity to be multi-sensory, to include different ways of praying or exploring scripture that takes into account the different ways people encounter God.

## IN YOUR CONTEXT.....

- Where are the opportunities for creativity within the service?
- What are the opportunities for engaging all the senses?
- Is there time to reflect and respond after the reading/talk in a creative way?

# HOW WE CAN HELP

- Helping to enable discussions and providing support to create new Intergenerational Services or ministry opportunities.
- Providing workshops to help develop ideas around Intergenerational Ministry, Interactive prayer ideas and Intergenerational Preaching
- Ongoing support and resources for Intergenerational Ministry
- Training for volunteers and leaders.
- Learning community for anyone involved in a Messy Church or for those wanting to explore how we can welcome children, young people and families with Additional Needs

For more information or to enquire about any of the workshops please email [childrenyouth@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:childrenyouth@leeds.anglican.org)

# RESOURCES

## Books

**A Gospel for All Ages** - David M. Csinos

**All Ages Becoming** - Valerie M Grissom

**Being an Intergenerational Church** - Darren Phillips and Suzi Farrent

**Intergenerational Christian Formation** - Holly Catterton Allen

## Websites

**Engage Worship (liturgy resources)** - [www.engageworship.org](http://www.engageworship.org)

**Worship for Everyone (intergenerational music)-**

[www.worshipforeveryone.com](http://www.worshipforeveryone.com)

**Spiritual Styles Information** - [www.rootsontheweb.com/discover-roots/spiritual-styles](http://www.rootsontheweb.com/discover-roots/spiritual-styles)