

THE ANATOMY OF A THRIVING CHURCH:

Moving from Survival Mode to FLOURISHING
INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY

- HOSPITALITY
- ENGAGEMENT
- INTERGENERATIONAL
MINISTRY



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY



WHAT IS INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY?



**INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY
OCCURS WHEN A CONGREGATION
INTENTIONALLY BRINGS
GENERATIONS TOGETHER IN**

**MUTUAL SERVING, SHARING, OR
LEARNING WITHIN THE CORE
ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH IN
ORDER TO LIVE OUT BEING THE
BODY OF CHRIST TO EACH OTHER
AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY.**

WHERE ARE THEY?

**48% OF MILLENNIALS (22-36) AND
40% OF GEN XERS (37-55) VIEW
LOCAL CHURCH AS JUDGMENTAL.**

**A PEW RESEARCH SURVEY
TAKEN A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO
FOUND THAT OF MORE THAN
8,600 BLACK ADULTS (AGES 18
AND OLDER) ACROSS THE UNITED
STATES FINDS YOUNG BLACK
ADULTS ARE LESS RELIGIOUS
AND LESS ENGAGED IN BLACK
CHURCHES THAN OLDER
GENERATIONS.**

BLACK MILLENNIALS AND MEMBERS OF GENERATION Z ARE LESS LIKELY TO RELY ON PRAYER, LESS LIKELY TO HAVE GROWN UP IN BLACK CHURCHES AND LESS LIKELY TO SAY RELIGION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR LIVES.

GREATEST GENERATION 99 YRS

SILENT GENERATION (78 – 98 YRS)

BABY BOOMERS (77 – 59 YRS)

**7 HEIGHTS PILLARS
INTERGENERATIONAL
MINISTRY**

is the third of the

7 HEIGHTS PILLARS

of **LHMBC'S CORE VALUES** as part of
Pastor Cook's Vision for our church

VISION

Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church is a **historic intergenerational community of faith** committed to sharing and showing God's love through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, worship, the arts, Christian education, and prophetic social engagement.

WHAT DOES *INTENTIONAL* INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY LOOK LIKE?



JOEL 2:28

**28 THEN AFTERWARD I WILL POUR
OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR
SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL
PROPHECY, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL
DREAM DREAMS, AND YOUR YOUNG
MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS. (NRSV)**

JOEL 2:28

**28 "AND THAT'S JUST THE
BEGINNING: AFTER THAT - "I WILL
POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON EVERY KIND
OF PEOPLE: YOUR SONS WILL
PROPHECY, ALSO YOUR DAUGHTERS.
YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM, YOUR
YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS.
(MSG)**

ACTS 2:17

- **17** "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. (NRSV)

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INTENTIONAL - JOEL 2:28; ACTS 2:17***

INTERPRETATION

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**PROPHESIZED TO BE POURED OUT
ON **ALL FLESH** – **YOUNG** AND **OLD**
(JOEL 2:28)**

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**THE PROMISED COMING OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT OCCURRED AT
PENTECOST IN ACTS 2:17**

**THAT'S INTENTIONAL
INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY**

**TRANSITION FROM AGE-SPECIFIC
MINISTRY TO AN
INTERGENERATIONAL
COMMUNITY REQUIRES
INTENTIONALITY TO BEGIN AND
MAINTAIN THIS SHIFT. THE END
GOAL IS NOT TO JUST HAVE THE
YOUNG AND OLD ARM AND ARM
BUT THAT THEY MATURE IN
CHRIST TOGETHER, AS ONE.**

THE WORK OF INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY



APPLICATION

**INTENTIONAL
INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY
MOVES FROM WE/THEY TO US.**

**JOEL 2:28; ACTS 2:17 ALL FLESH;
YOUNG AND OLD**

APPLICATION

**FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER OUTSIDE OF
MORNING WORSHIP**

**INTENTIONALLY COMINGLE AGES TO
TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE
STUDY**

APPLICATION

SERVE TOGETHER

LEAD WORSHIP TOGETHER



- **SO WHAT'S BEEN/BEING DONE?**

**MILLENIALS AND GEN ZERS TEACHING
VBS**

TADG – MULTI-AGE

**SMALL GROUPS
BIBLE STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
CINCINNATI**

**LHMBC YOUTH LISTENING PARTY
SENIOR MINISTRY**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

