

# RESOURCES for MULTIGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY

## General Resources

*Full Circle: Fifteen Ways to Grow Lifelong UUs* by [Kate Tweedie Ersley](#) (UUA, 2004). Explores common threads lifelong UUs identified as critical in their commitment to their faith.

*Learning While Leading* by Anita Farber-Robertson (Alban Institute, 2000). Three case studies provide techniques for clergy and lay leaders to learn new ways to lead.

*Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60: Being Church for All Generations* (TCP Leadership Series) by Edward H. Hammett, James R. Pierce (Chalice Press, 2007). A book for the postmodern age, where congregations must focus not just on growth but also in effectively ministering to the world.

*Story, Song and Spirit: Fun and Creative Worship Services for All Ages* by Erika Hewitt (Skinner House, 2010). New ways for engaging multigenerational worship groups, children through elders, including holiday celebrations. **Available at GA 2011**

*The Power of Stories: A Guide for Leading Multiracial and Multicultural Congregations* by Jacqueline Lewis. Telling stories from our own lives and from the margins of our sacred texts can help a congregation form and live into its multicultural and multigenerational vision. **Available at GA 2011**

*Intergenerational Faith Formation: Learning the Way We Live* by Mariette Martineau, Joan Weber, and Leif Kehrwald (Twenty-Third Publications, 2008). Describes common practices of multigenerational learning in Christian congregations.

*The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together* by Marcia McFee (Abingdon Press, 2002). Fabulous resource for designing excellent multigenerational worship. **Available at GA 2011**



*Multigenerational Congregations: Meeting the Leadership Challenge* by Gilbert Rendle (Alban Institute). Names some of the different value systems between generations and suggests ways to better understand one another.

*Faith Formation 2020: Designing the Future of Faith Formation* by John Roberto (Lifelong Faith Associates, 2010). Scenarios based on thirteen trends affecting Christian religious life. Also, *Lifelong Faith Journal*, John Roberto, ed. A Christian journal with useful resources for UUs. [www.lifelongfaith.com](http://www.lifelongfaith.com)

*The Church of All Ages: Generations Worshipping Together*, Howard Vanderwell, ed., (Alban Institute, 2008). A series of philosophical and practical essays by Christian ministers that translate easily to a UU context.

*Intergenerational Religious Education: Models, Theory, and Prescription for Interage Life and Learning in the Faith Community* by James W. White (Religious Education Press, 1988). Examines theories, models, curricula, and evaluation techniques in multigenerational religious education.

## Online Multigenerational Worship Resources

Top Picks for Building Multigenerational Congregations

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/multigenerational/index.shtml>

WorshipWeb section on multigenerational worship

<http://www.uua.org/worship/multigenerational/index.shtml>

UUA Northern New England District's website

[http://www.nned.uua.org/multigen\\_books.shtml](http://www.nned.uua.org/multigen_books.shtml)

“Ten Good Ideas about Multigenerational Worship” on Phil Lund’s blogsite

<http://philontheprairie.wordpress.com/2008/10/02/ten-good-ideas-about-multigenerational-worship/>

Creating Effective Intergenerational Worship Services, Greg Ward’s website that includes full multigenerational worship services

<http://www.uuintergenerational.org/>

“Multigenerational Community,” an article by Rev. Linda Olson Peebles

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/multigenerational/108231.shtml>

## Age-Specific Resources

*Greenhouses of Hope: Congregations Growing Young Leaders Who Will Change the World* by Dori Grinenko Baker. This book examines congregations that nurture and mentor youth and young adult leadership. **Available at GA 2011**

*Engaging in Ministry with Older Adults* by Dosia Carlson (Alban Institute, 1997). This book about the special ministry needs of older adults also offers information and practical strategies for engaging across generations.

*Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* by Carol Howard Merritt (Alban Institute, 2007). While focused on young adults, this book emphasizes cross-generational relationship building. **Available at GA 2011**

*Come Into the Circle: Worshiping with Children* by Michelle Richards (Skinner House, 2008). A comprehensive guide for creating meaningful religious experiences for children. **Available at GA 2011**

[When Youth Lead: A Guide to Intergenerational Social Justice Ministry \(Plus 101 Youth Projects\)](#), a Tapestry of Faith Toolkit Book by [Jill M. Schwendeman](#) (UUA, 2007). Schwendeman demonstrates how social justice work is an effective tool for bringing the generations together. **Available at GA 2011**