

Intergenerational Core Values

- **Personal Worth** → Regardless of age or life stage, affirm each person's individual value as the Beloved of God, made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27; Col. 3:10-11; 1 John 3:1-2)
Question: Does this activity at Calvin affirm (verbally through inclusive language and nonverbally through actions) that all generations are equally loved and valued?
- **Unique Contributions** → Recognize the strengths, wisdom, and experiences that each generation holds, and provide opportunities to bring those to bear upon our corporate life and worship (Ps. 145:4; Joel 2:28-29; 1 Cor. 12:7-20)
Question: Does this activity allow input and participation from each generation?
- **Particular Challenges** → Acknowledge the specific trials and difficulties faced at different life-stages, and provide sensitive, compassionate support for households of all configurations (1 Cor. 12:22-26; James 1:27)
Question: Is this activity sensitive and compassionate to the individual needs of each generation?
- **Redemptive Hospitality** → Open not only our homes but our lives to those of different ages and life-stages, and together proactively seek those who might be too easily overlooked (Matt. 19:14; Luke 19:10; 1 Pet. 4:8-10)
Question: Is this activity inclusive of ALL people of Calvin—maybe even those who might usually be overlooked?
- **Gracious Humility** → Honor generations other than our own by genuinely respecting their passions and tastes, and humbly seek to learn from them (Lev. 19:32; Phil. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:3-8)
Question: Does this activity teach generations to honor and respect other generations?
- **Covenantal Community** - Committing corporately to partnering with individual families, and our complete church family to bear the responsibility of nurturing each other in faith, love, and service. (Gen. 17:7; Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8; 2:38-39; 16:15, 31-34; Eph. 4:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:11)
Question: Does this activity strengthen and build up individual families, as well as our Calvin family?
- **Celebrate Unity** → Rejoice in what we hold in common in Christ through our bond in the Spirit, and foster interpersonal interactions between generations through worship, service, and story-telling (Ps. 78:4; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 4:3-6)
Question: Does this activity provide a positive opportunity for unity and interaction between generations?



- **Intentional Mentoring** → Create appropriate leadership and teaching opportunities for each generation, and particularly enable the more mature in Christ to model and share their faith (Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 71:18; Tit. 2:1-8)

Question: Does this activity provide a way for cross-generational mentoring?

- **Facilitating Faith** → Passing down God's story (through personal and corporate worship) from generation to generation by enacting and proclaiming God's story (Scripture), and enabling all generations to share their personal stories of faith in the body of Christ. (Exod. 12:26, 13:14; Deut. 6:1-9; Ps. 78; 89:1.)

Question: Does this activity provide ways for generations to share their faith and worship with each other?

Some Practical, Intergenerational Questions

1. Do all generations participate in leading/facilitating worship?
2. Is corporate worship (all elements of the service--not just music) planned and worded in such a way that is inclusive of all generations and cultures?
3. Are older and younger generations given opportunities at Calvin to serve together, side by side, both in corporate worship, and in service opportunities outside of corporate worship?
4. Do we create events that intentionally encourage interaction between generations?
5. Do we encourage opportunities for older generations to pass down their faith to younger generations?
6. Do we enable cross-generational mentoring?
7. Do we encourage different generations to share their "story" both in corporate worship and other activities of the church?
8. Are we passing down God's story via Scripture or testimony from generation to generation?
9. Do we plan church activities with an eye toward unifying our family units and church unity (i.e., timing of services and activities)?
10. Do our church activities seek to unify disparate generations? (e.g., providing certain elements in services that all generations can participate in - i.e. Lord's Prayer, Prayer, Apostle's Creed, etc. or activities that are for all?)