

Attend the 2010 Ministry Conference and  
Make a Difference at Your Church

## Generation Junction:

Where Youth & Family Ministry  
Meets Senior Ministry

*A one-day conference to  
equip congregations for  
enhancing their ministries  
with old and young alike through  
an intergenerational approach*

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Arden Hills (St. Paul), MN



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## Let's meet at the junction!

It's reality: people are living longer, and congregations have the greatest number of generations together in their membership than at any other time in history. This presents new challenges, and of course, new opportunities. It certainly causes us to need to step back and look at the needs (and the gifts) of our congregations in new and different ways. Anyone interested in building and supporting intergenerational ministry should attend.

While some may wonder why seniors are excluded from the family in "family ministry," others may wonder how seniors' lives could be enhanced by more interaction with the younger generations and vice versa.

Come for a day of theory and practice, all focused on fostering an intergenerational culture for your congregation. Together, let's explore how we can benefit from each generation's wisdom, experiences, perspectives, and gifts and how those can be wrapped into intergenerational programs—helping all grow together in faith and in serving God.

We are all children of God, and we can be in ministry together...at the junction where youth and family ministry meets senior ministry.

Who will do this work?  
YOU can be the conductor to get the intergenerational ministry train on track and heading in the right direction!

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I, send me!" Isaiah 6:5-8*

## KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS:

Life Together Through the Life Span—  
Imagining a Community of Co-Creators

by Rev. Dr. Janet Ramsey  
Prof. Emeritus — Luther Seminary  
Congregational Care Leadership



and

Dr. Terri Elton  
Associate Professor and Director of  
the Center for Children, Youth and  
Family Ministry — Luther Seminary



Morning Keynote:  
*Opening Our Imaginations*

Join us for theoretical and theological reflections  
that embrace intergenerational gifts and support  
proactive ministry.

Afternoon Keynote:  
*Creating Life Together*

Building on the theory from the morning session,  
Drs. Ramsey and Elton will lead participants  
through practical applications as well as engage in  
dialogue with the audience and answer questions.

## SCHEDULE

<b>8:45 - 9:30 AM</b>	Check-in, Continental Breakfast & Resources
<b>9:30 - 11:30 AM</b>	Welcome & Overview Keynote Presentation I
<b>11:30 - 12:45 PM</b>	Breakout Sessions (attend one)
<b>12:45 - 1:45 PM</b>	Lunch & Resources
<b>1:45 - 3:30 PM</b>	Keynote Presentation II Closing Session

## WHY?

*...to equip God's people to do His work  
and build up the church, the body of  
Christ, until we come to such unity in  
our faith and knowledge of God's son  
that we will be mature and full grown  
in the Lord, measuring up to the full  
stature of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:12-13

## LOCATION

North Heights Lutheran Church  
*a Lyngblomsten corporate congregation*

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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Mark your choice on the registration form.

### **When Generations Collide: Working Through Conflicts Among the Generations at Church**

“It’s always been that way; everyone knows that,”  
“Young people just don’t know how to do anything,”  
“Old people can’t accept change,” ....

What could be a beautiful experience for God’s servants to work together on church activities often turns out to be a frustrating, hurtful, and conflict-ridden situation. Territory and turf wars can occur. At the center is misunderstanding. Explore how to bring generations together when you “can’t do it the old way” and you “can’t do it the new way.” This session will focus on techniques for encouraging dialogue between the generations when they are trying to work together and will offer approaches for working through conflict once it has arisen. Help everyone be heard, and let the only thing that’s brewing at church be a great cup of coffee!

*Presenter: Mark Herringshaw, PhD; Pastor, Author, Coach; North Heights Lutheran Church and Herringshaw Communications*

### **A Model for Intergenerational Programming**

Sometimes the easiest way to start something new is to look at what someone else is doing. In this session, you will hear an overview of the intergenerational Learning Buddies program from DARTS and then discuss how to modify the concept for a church setting. Essential to the success of any intergenerational program are the older adults and the young people who will be involved. Learn tips and strategies for recruiting seniors to work with youth, and tips and strategies for preparing youth to interact with seniors.

*Presenter: Jo Lynn Bucki, Learning Buddies Coordinator, DARTS; Co-presenter: TBD*

### **Leaving a Legacy of Faith**

All Christian adults "of a certain age" are called by God to nurture faith in all of God’s children. It is our turn to love these children with the love of Christ and pass on a legacy of faith, sharing time, stories, and prayer together. This session presents an inspiring, affirming, and equipping opportunity, as you learn how to respond to God’s call to "Go, make disciples" of these precious children. Whether these children live nearby or far away, you will leave with new ways to braid faith into both daily and special experiences.

*Presenter: Marilyn Sharpe, MA, Marilyn Sharpe Ministries*

### **Linking Generations Through Technology**

Tap into technology and talents that can link generations of congregants. Attend this “tools and ideas” session to explore how you can use free and low-cost technology to connect generations through technologies like Skype (video conferencing), YouTube (videos via the internet), and FaceBook (social networking) as well as other technology tools like email. Whether it’s helping congregants utilize technology for keeping in touch with friends and family, seeking resources, faith-sharing, or staying up-to-date with church happenings (especially for the homebound), brainstorm how youth and young adults can be involved in navigating and implementing technology-based initiatives that will keep your older congregants connected to the life of the church.

*Presenter: Melanie Davis, MDiv, Director of Volunteer Services & Corporate Engagement, Lyngblomsten;  
Co-presenter: TBD*

### **Open Discussion Forum**

This facilitated session will give participants the opportunity to shape the session and dialogue on topics of special interest to them related to intergenerational ministry. Come to network, share resources and ideas, or ask a “burning question.”

*Facilitator: Julie Pfab, Director of Home- and Community-Based Services, Lyngblomsten*

## RESOURCE SHARING

In lieu of exhibitors, we are having two types of **Resource Sharing Tables** at this year’s conference—one where attendees can look at your sample materials but not take, and the other where people can take copies of your ministry materials. Everyone is encouraged to bring ministry/program materials to share and inspire.

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**Generation Junction:**  
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Please route this to:

- Adult ministry staff
- Youth & family ministry staff
- Clergy
- People of faith supporting ministry efforts

*Generation Junction ~ September 30, 2010*

# REGISTRATION

**Registration Deadline: Sept. 22, 2010**

**Registration Fee: \$35 per person**  
(includes lunch & materials)

*Feel free to photocopy additional forms if needed,  
or download a brochure at our website:*

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For registration-related questions, contact  
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**Rank your Breakout Session choice 1-5:**

(1=1<sup>st</sup> choice. You'll be attending only one session.)

- When Generations Collide
- Intergenerational Programming Model
- Leaving a Legacy of Faith
- Linking Generations Through Technology
- Open Discussion Forum

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