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Expressions of Intergenerational Liturgy Reflection Guide

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa, CA
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CONTEXT PROFILE COMPARISON

- **Average Sunday attendance:** 155–160
- **Age ranges & ratios:** around 12 families with 15–20 children; fewer than 6 middle & high school youth
- **Location:** downtown Santa Rosa (metro region)
- **Cultural context:** west coast
- **Liturgical style:** “Higher than center (incense on feast days, chanting most Sundays), but with a degree of warmth”

In what ways is your context similar?

In what ways is your context different?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where does “the water run downhill” in your context?

Leaders at Church of the Incarnation repurposed “Discovery Sunday” instead of introducing a new worship service that no one had ever heard of. What practices, memories, events, or values are already present in your context that you could build upon to move toward more intentional intergenerational liturgy?



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2. How does your leadership team navigate feedback around liturgical change?

The first Discovery Sunday generated passionate responses from some who were deeply moved and some who were deeply troubled by the same experience. How do you currently handle feedback in your context?

What processes or relationships might you need to develop before experimenting further with intergenerational liturgy in order to better navigate the various, potentially competing needs of your worshipping community?

What would help you stay curious and in relationship rather than responding defensively?

NEXT STEPS

1. What is one existing practice, memory, or idea that we could build upon?

2. Is there one small experiment inspired by this article that we could try?

3. Who needs to be involved in planning and in engaging feedback?

4. What timeline can we create for taking and reflecting on our next step(s)?