

# intergenerational discipleship



## Strengthening Our Congregations Through Intergenerationality

Intergenerational Discipleship would like to partner with you to strengthen the intergenerational relationships in your congregation in order to improve discipleship and wellbeing. The goal is equipping the congregation with the insights, tools and processes to build a healthier and more intergenerational community.

### ***Seminars, Workshops & Sermons***

The following is a list of the current seminars and workshops available:

#### *Intro to Intergenerational*

The basics of intergenerational theory and ministry.

#### *The Five Factors of Intergenerationality*

The five characteristics you can nurture in your church to help it to be diverse and intergenerational.

#### *Who's Who in the Church?\**

An introduction to the six generations in the church.  
*Can be done as a five part series or as one intense seminar.*

#### *Can't We All Just Get Along?*

Understanding the differences between the generations and how we can all get along.

\*Based on the average generational data of the Australian and North American population

#### *InterGen Workshop*

A brainstorming session to find solutions for your congregation.

#### *Membership vs. Discipleship*

Learn what discipleship is, what it is not, and what can be done to fulfil the Great Commission.

#### *The Power of Discipleship*

A testimony and step-by-step explanation for discipleship in a local church.

#### *Mentoring 101*

A basic workshop on mentoring and the various types, as well as a directed discussion on possible implementation in your local church.



### ***About the Presenter:***

Pastor Joe Azzopardi has a Bachelor of Education (Burman University), a MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry (Andrews University), and a PhD specialising in Intergenerational Relationships, Discipleship & Wellbeing at Avondale University College in Australia. He has been a SDA pastor of elderly congregations and young adult congregations alike, has served as a school chaplain, and is currently an associate pastor of the Springwood SDA Church in Brisbane, Australia. In his teaching career, Pastor Joe has taught kindergarten through to Grade 12, and has lectured at the tertiary level. He is happily married and has three children.

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*“It has been my privilege over the past few years to meet and get to know Pr. Joe Azzopardi. As Natural Church Development Administrator for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North NSW, I see tremendous value in adding the WIDA research data to that of the NCD data, to get a more accurate picture of why our younger generation is leaving the church. In addition to this, the data would also help analyse why our general growth as a movement seems to stagnate. Joe has a background in teaching, having completed a B Ed and also has a MA in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. He has taken the time to research and understand the challenges that churches face in this area. This makes him an ideal candidate to not only understand the research but is skilled to provide the education and tools needed to help communities to improve their intergenerational relationships. This tool has shown high reliability and validity and would be valuable to any community or congregation wishing to assess its intergenerational culture.”*

**Gillian Knight, NCD Administrator, NNSW Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church**

*“Pastor Joe’s seminars on intergenerational discipleship resulted in all of my members seriously considering taking up ministry and/or leadership roles in my church – at least one chose to go into professional ministry because of his sermons and presentations. It opened up the communication between all of the generations. I would recommend his ministry to any pastor 100%.”*

**Blake Penland, Pastor at Raymond Terrace Mission Church, NSW, Australia**

*“Intergenerational discipleship is an idea whose time has come. Joe is on the cutting edge and is an excellent presenter. I encourage all church leaders to take advantage of his training seminars for both pastors and lay leaders.”*

**Cameron Johnston, Retired SDA Pastor,  
Stress Management and Burnout Coach, BC Canada**

*“Dr. Azzopardi’s presentation provides an overview of the critical concept of intergenerationality. His workshops help church members become aware of the needs of different age groups within the church and help them understand how to best meet the needs of these groups. More importantly, the workshops teach how to develop a shared community so that all age groups can work together to meet the needs of the local community and to fulfil the mission of bringing the gospel to the world..”*

**Professor David Bolton, West Chester University, PA USA**

*“Joe preached powerfully about the need for our church communities to recapture the sense of adventure that God designed us for. Thanks so much for allowing God to light up our hearts through your message.”*

**Matt Tompson, Pastor, QLD, Australia**

*“Pastor Joe thoroughly mesmerised our congregation...We sat spellbound, drinking in his message on his theme of ‘Discipleship’, which called us to actively represent Christianity to those in our sphere of influence. He emphasised that the endpoint of discipleship is not Church membership but sharing Christ with those we meet...This was the only church service I have attended that concluded with a strong round of applause as Joe concluded his message.”*

**Allan Dalton, NSW, Australia**