

Sungai Way-Subang Methodist Church

# Sermon

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## CELEBRATING THE GENERATIONS (1)

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# THE CHURCH

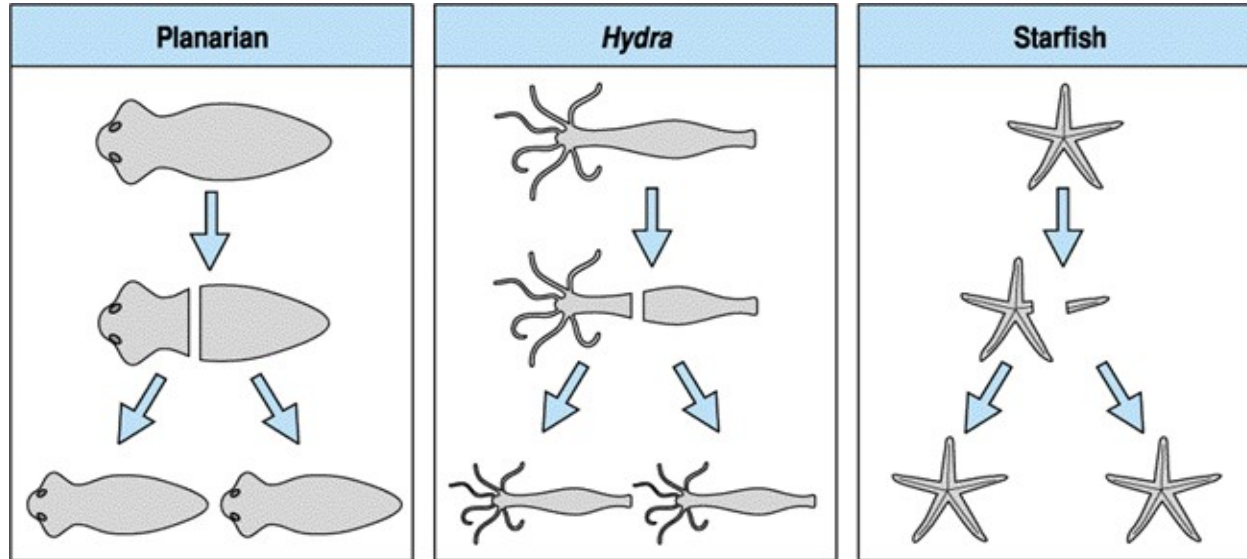
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- Not BUILDING but COMMUNITY
- Not ORGANISATION but 'ORGANISM'  
with powerful regenerative capability

# THE CHURCH

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**Species with regenerative capability.**

# CELEBRATING THE GENERATIONS

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Jesus is looking for disciples.  
Every generation is invited to  
participate in the mission &  
vision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY

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## ■ Unity of the Body

(Eph 4:4-6) [NIV]

<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

## ■ Prophecy

(Zec 8:4-5; Joel 2:27-29)

<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all



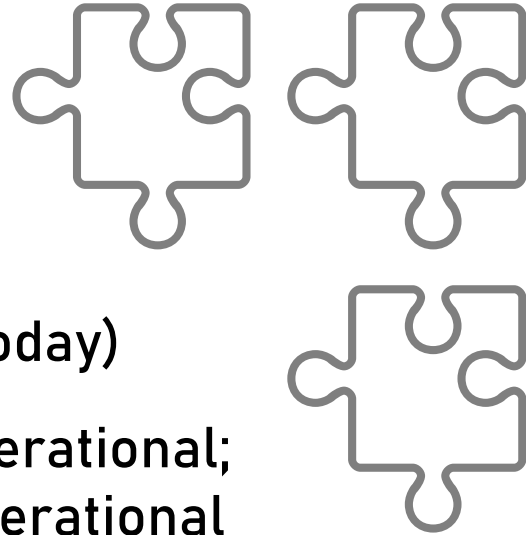
Shift from inter-generational to age-segregated society even within the church.

# CHALLENGES AS A CHURCH

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- Ageing Church
- Missing Generation
- Types of Churches (today)

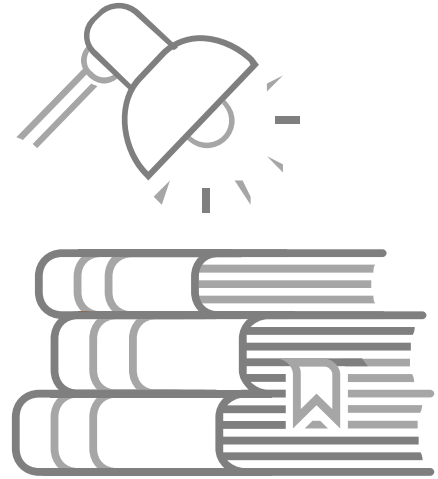
Mono-Generational; Multi-Generational;  
Cross-Generational; Inter-Generational  
Church(es)



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# HOW

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Our response as a church

# I. UNDERSTAND THE GENERATIONS

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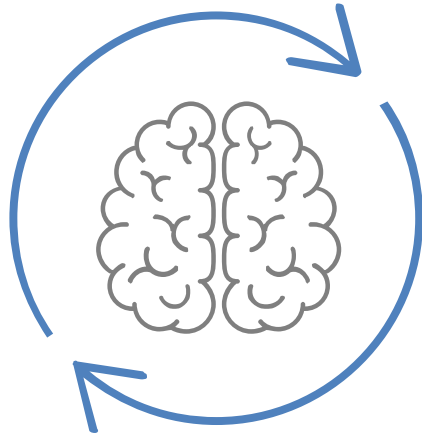
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| 1.Silent Generation | (1928-1945) |
| 2.Boomers           | (1946-1964) |
| 3.Gen X             | (1965-1980) |
| 4.Gen Y             | (1981-1996) |
| 5.Gen Z             | (1997-2012) |



# I. UNDERSTAND THE GENERATIONS

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**FLASHPOINTS** (Examples) :



- Church Service Attendance
- Traditions
- Loyalty to Church & Calling
- Hierarchy & Structure
- Evangelism

## II. APPRECIATE THE GENERATIONS

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“The young is saturated with learned information.”



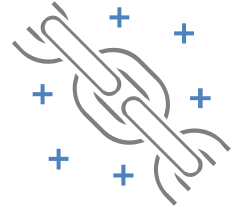
The old has lived experiences.”

– as illustrated in the stories of

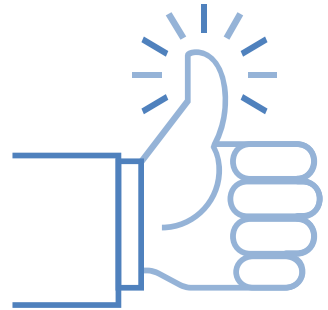
1 Sam 3, 1 Kings 12, Joseph, David, Daniel

# III. BRIDGE THE GENERATIONS

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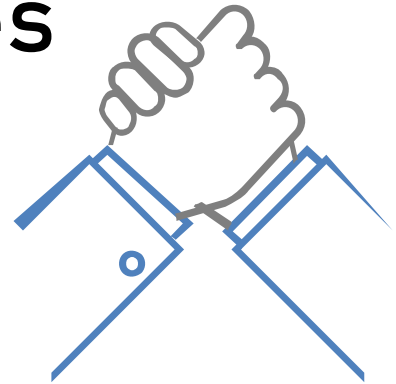
- Learn to understand each other
  - humility, listening, learning
- Build honoring relationships
- Inter-generational activities
- Model & love the younger generation



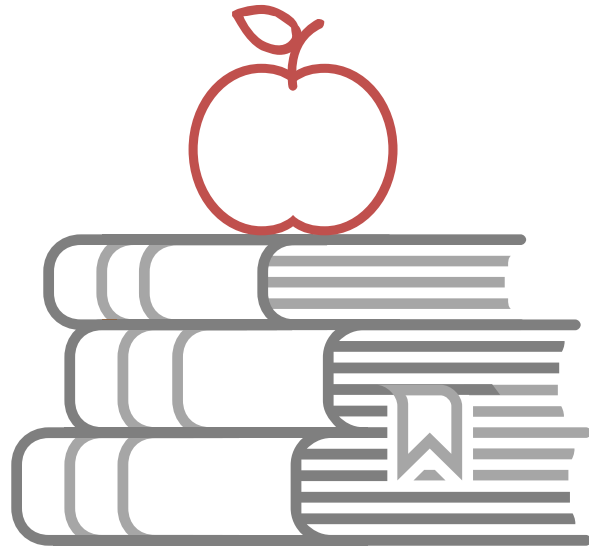
# IV. CELEBRATE THE GENERATIONS

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- Recognize our differences
- Recognize that together we are stronger
- Invest in & empower one another



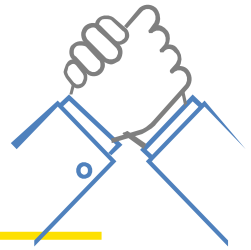
# CONCLUSION



- Unity
- Accept Diversity
- Show Empathy

# QUESTIONS

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1. What is one main take-away from today's sharing?
2. Who can I intentionally reach out to, someone of a different generation with the intention of journeying together?