



Connecting in God's Generosity Generation to Generation God's Stories – Our Stories

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“The gifts and perspectives of every generation are needed to create and sustain our communities of faith. By bringing all ages together to hear, know, and give witness to God’s story, we discover God’s story in one another’s story.

Creating an intentional community of all ages – a Circle of Blessings – creates opportunity to celebrate God’s presence and ongoing activity in every generation.”



Linda E. Staats



What is a gift you can share?





Let us today identify, introduce, and honor the eldest and youngest present in this place.

Gather in Holy Number of “5”!

Share about someone who came before you and influenced your generosity.



Gathering

“We gather in the name of God, our Creator Jesus, our Savior, and the Spirit, our Sustainer. Amen.”

As we light the candle

“You are the light of Christ. May we grow in God’s grace and generosity at home and away.”





Fountain Breath Three Ways

1. Learn the movement
2. Add meaning
3. Add a Blessing

“God is generous to me”

All Say:

*“Blessings this day, at home
and away”*



Give & Get





“I realized that underneath all intergenerational practices is a fundamental value that sees each person and all that each person is as a unique gift from God – regardless of age or culture.”

Valerie M. Grissom

- God is continually revealed by story.
- God's story is intergenerational and intercultural.
- Story is a universal language.
- Story makes connections.
- Story crosses cultures.
- Story builds individual and communal identity.
- Stories provide shared experiences.
- Stories are easy to remember and draw people in.
- Stories usually involve heart and faith.
- Stories heal and build empathy.
- Stories encourage authenticity and vulnerability.
- Stories help us remember God's story.
- The story of God is the story of us!
- We are called to participate in the story of God!

ACTS OF THE SPIRIT

The Spirit Is Poured Out – Acts 2





Center It – Remember It

How has God provided for you, in your life, in unexpected ways?

What is something you have that you can share?

What is a favorite meal you like to share with friends and family?





Reach Out – A Glocal Story

“0-100” Soul Pancake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mhyRBilp4Q>





Living It Out



- Identify and celebrate the people of all ages who are examples of generosity that surround our household





This is The Generosity Project

- God's story in Jesus shapes our lives and decisions.
- All ages have the ability to be generous.
- Generosity is best practiced in households.
- Generosity is a daily expression of our faith.
- We are all stewards of God's abundant grace.

*Growing in God's Grace from
Generation to Generation*





What The Generosity Project Covers

SESSION I	Being Generous Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.	The WHY	Genesis 1:27-31a
SESSION II	Connecting Generations Live among God's faithful people.	The WHO	John 6:1-14
SESSION III	Equipping Households Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.	The WHERE	Acts 2:41-47
SESSION IV	Creating Centers of Generosity Serve all people following the example of Jesus.	The HOW	2 Corinthians 8:1-9
SESSION V	Living God's Story Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.	The HERE & NOW	Matthew 19:23-30
SESSION VI	Gathering at the Table Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.	We WORSHIP	All the texts above



What Does The Generosity Project Include?

The image displays six document covers for 'The Generosity Project' curriculum, arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each cover features the title 'THE GENEROSITY PROJECT' and a central graphic of a cross with colorful dots. The covers are: 1. Welcome, 2. Foundation and Fundamentals, 3. Introductory Workshop, 4. Annotated Bibliography, 5. Sample, and 6. Purchase information. Each cover has a 'VIEW DOCUMENT' or 'ORDER' button at the bottom.

Review and enjoy these free documents. The curriculum for The Generosity Project is available as a digital download for \$39. Printed copies may be ordered at \$69 for the first copy and \$30 for additional copies by emailing TheGenerosityProject@ELCA.org. Order today and get started.

Together, may we discover, celebrate and share God's life-giving generosity.





Use The Generosity Project Your Way

- Choose one session as All Congregation Sunday School
- During Lent or Fall Stewardship use The *Live It Out Supplement*
- Use the *Introductory Workshop*
- Take parts and pieces as you like – check out Storyboard
- Consider using it as VBS
- Use as a Worship series
- Do a unique session with Youth
- Access Files and Resources from Facebook





What intergenerational generosity endeavors are happening in your work?

What challenges do you find?



Closing Prayer

Thank you, God, for all that grows.

Thank you for your promise, seen in rainbows.

Thank you, God, for stars that shine. Thank you for these friends of mine. Thank you, God, for the moon and sun.

Thank you for all that's given – for everyone! Help us, Lord, to learn to share, To be more generous everywhere. Amen.



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