

Church Ministry & Worship Resources

Including summer reading and Advent and Christmas resources

Exploring the Intergen website

We invite you to have a browse around on our webpages and to refer links and resources on to your leaders and team members.

On the Intergen Team's website is a section called [Church Resources](#) that includes:

- [Leaders Gatherings](#) information shared and resources recommended
- [All Age and Intergenerational Worship](#) Service outlines and resources on all sorts of themes and Church seasons, including overviews about what all age and intergenerational worship is and how to best use it
- [Children's Week](#) information and ideas for churches to connect with this
- Seasonal church resources for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost
- [Honouring Grandparents](#) seminar, All age worship service, PowerPoint and posters
- [Godly Play](#) – what it is, events and training, resources and who to contact
- [Messy Church](#) – what it is, Australian newsletters, where SA's Messy Churches are
- [Playgroups](#) – what it is, a UCSA manual for starting and running a Playgroup and Playgroup Program Ideas for a 3 year cycle (132 different themes!)
- [Pre-2011 Resources](#) – Do you remember KUCA News? A resource filled with crafts, activities, book reviews, curriculum resources, articles including Safety & Care and Behaviour Management & Discipline and lots more. Most of this is now stored on our website here for you to browse and use.

The [Intergen Ministry website](#) also has links to:

- our annual state camps KCO and SAYCO
- find a family friendly church, playgroup, youth group or young adult group
- [Youth Events](#): Live Life Loud; Operation Santa; Yes We Can

We would love to hear what other resources you use in ministry with children, youth, young adults and families so that we can add them to our website and recommend them to others.



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Planning All Age/Intergen Worship

New for 2017:
Engage Together: Intergenerational Worship Ideas - overview
Want to know how to shape intergenerational worship? Then this is the resource for you!
It comprises five main sections, four focusing on one element of a typical service – Call to Worship, Music, Prayer and Bible Reading – plus one on 'Take Home Ideas'. Each section contains tips, suggestions, a list of ideas and a number of worked examples (with each of the examples drawn from previous editions of Engage Together). Our hope is that people will take up the challenge of embracing the concepts and applying them appropriately to the songs, texts and prayers that they are choosing for the worship services they are responsible for. In Advent, lest people be too daunted by this expectation, we will be returning to the previous format.
This resource has been written and produced in partnership across three Uniting Church Synods, including South Australia's Intergenerational Team. Your feedback about this resource will be gratefully received. Please email your comments to Melissa at intergen@sa.uca.org.au >intergen@sa.uca.org.au



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Youth helping youth doing it tough
10 November 2017
Through the Target and Thrilling are Christmas Appeal each Christmas season, shoppers make a donation or leave a gift under the tree. These funds and presents are collected by Target and given to UnitingCare community service organisations for use with Christmas programs in that particular region. It is amazing to see UnitingCare services have the resources to help people in need at Christmas. However, there is a shortfall of gifts for young people and while the donated funds are helpful, UnitingCare staff aren't always sure what kinds of gifts to get for teens in need. This is where Operation Santa Youth Events step in!
We need YOU and your youth group to help us launch the Target and UnitingCare Christmas Appeal and to help get some age appropriate gifts ready for young people accessing services this Christmas.
Please join us!
All you need to do is:
1. Register your group here
2. Prepare the hearts and minds of your young people
3. Collect gifts & fundraise for donations to buy presents for teens
4. Save! unruh

1. Summer Reading

Free copies available for churches from the Intergen team

["Belonging & Becoming: Creating a Thriving Family Culture"](#) by Mark and Lisa Scandrette. Mark and Lisa are the keynote speakers at our Invigor8 conference on 24th February 2018.

[The Glue: Relationship as the Connection for Effective Youth Ministry](#) by Mike Stevens
Mike is a South Australian Baptist pastor who was also keynote speaker at Invigor8 Conferences in 2016 & 2017. Mike Wardrop recommends that *The Glue* "...should go straight into the hands of anyone wanting to passionately sow into the lives of the next generation."

2. December/Advent & Christmas Worship Resources

Advent, 3 – 24 December 2017 a time of waiting and preparing for Christ's birth.

- ◆ [NEW 2017 Advent Engage Together](#) resource is for intergenerational Advent services based on the lectionary readings that adapts elements of a standard worship service to encourage intergenerational connections and all age participation. It covers the 5 Sundays in December.
- ◆ Uniting Church SA's [all age worship resources](#) for Christmas with service outlines, resources and lots of ideas!
- ◆ **Uniting World's resources** ("I have used the Uniting World resources and they were great," says Laura Carson)
 - [Worship resources](#) provides a Call to Worship, Advent wreath candle lighting liturgy, PowerPoint slides, short videos, stories and prayers.
 - [Children's play](#) called "Follow the Light."
 - [Youth Group resources](#) "Engagement Ideas" about becoming advocates for global change and "PNG Village Simulation Game" to experience life in a rural village and grapple with issues of poverty, development and our unique role as Christian global citizens.

3. December/Advent & Christmas Ministry Resources

The following links were shared in the *SA & NT Children & Families Ministry Update – November*. This monthly email is sent by Chris Barnett, Children & Families, Centre for Theology and Ministry, Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. To join the mailing list, email [Chris](#).

- [Busted Halo Resources](#)
- [Advent Liturgy](#) (UMC)
- [Advent Ideas](#) (Barnabas)
- [Advent Ideas](#) (Faith in Homes)
- [Pinterest Advent & Christmas Ideas](#) (Mary Hawes)

4. December/Advent & Christmas Ministry Resources recommended by Local UCSA Leaders

- ◆ [Advent & Christmas Resources](#) This new book put together and published by Centre for Music Liturgy and the Arts includes resources for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and New Year's.
- ◆ [Messy Christmas](#) by Lucy Moore and Jane Leadbetter
Three complete sessions and a treasure trove of good resources for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany which can be used for 'non-Messy Church' including crafts, activities, prayers and games that helps 21st century families own the eternal messages of Christmas for themselves.
- ◆ [Bethlehem Town](#) by Andrew McDonough (Lost Sheep series)
"We used this book at Messy Church one year for the celebration time – we were also privileged to have Andrew with us to tell the story. We had lots of big cardboard boxes and encouraged everyone to get into small groups and build a 'house/stable' which could house people, animals, baby, etc. It was great fun, interactive, and we were also able to bring in that different countries, and different people often have different houses because although the 'brief' for the building was the same, all the houses were totally different. As with all of Andrew's books there are lots of free resources as well as further resources when having a Church membership – highly recommended."
- ◆ **Advent Reflections and Sermon series** (suggestion from Westbourne Park UC)
"In relation to Advent, last year our church gathered reflections from different members of all four worshipping services (this includes Messy Church) and all different ages including families. The reflections were relevant to the words of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and how it related to the overall theme of *Experience Life in all its Fullness*. The reflections for the Sundays were written by the preacher for the day to add to their 'sermon'. These reflections were printed in a booklet, one for each word (four booklets) with a reflection for every day of Advent. The reflection was also then e-mailed to everyone each day."
- ◆ [The Star: The story of the first Christmas](#) is an animated Christmas movie in cinemas from November 30. The Corner Uniting Church have suggested churches might like to take their kids club or Messy Church families to see the movie together, perhaps instead of buying end-of-year gifts for children.
- ◆ [Operation Santa](#)
Any time before Christmas 2017
OR next year's state launch event on 9 November 2018
Keep in mind for your youth group to come along and join in the fun of Operation Santa. Representatives from youth groups fundraise donations to buy presents for teens at the launch of the Target and UnitingCare Christmas Appeal. This helps get some age-appropriate gifts ready for young people accessing services this Christmas.

Of course, your group can hold their own Operation Santa any time before Christmas 2017. Youth groups can still collect donations, visit their local Target store and purchase gifts for the Appeal!