



## **BELONGING AND BECOMING CREATING A THRIVING INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY**

In *Belonging and Becoming: Creating a Thriving Family Culture*, Mark and Lisa Scandrette offer a compelling vision for all that family can be. They offer wisdom from the joys and struggles of their own life and practical guidance for establishing a healthy *family culture*.

The eight key principles they outline – Living from a vision, Carrying out purpose, Finding rhythm, Discovering a common story, Fostering connection, Nurturing growth, Celebrating abundance, Supporting productivity - can just as readily applied to creating a *thriving intergenerational community*.

### **A thriving intergenerational community...**

- *Lives from a vision*

A thriving intergenerational community is a place of belonging and becoming, where each person feels safe, cared for and loved, and is supported to develop who they are for the good of the world.

- *Carries out its purpose*

A thriving intergenerational community lives from a deep sense of purpose and a positive vision of the future that it can articulate and use as a guide for decision making.

- *Finds its rhythm*

A thriving intergenerational community enacts community rhythms and policies that are life-giving and support the community's shared purpose.

- *Discovers a common story*

A thriving intergenerational community cultivates awakening to God's care and the larger story we are all part of by embracing life-giving spiritual practices and making conscious ethical choices.

- *Fosters connection*

A thriving intergenerational community relates with love and respect and pursues healthy ways to connect, communicate and navigate conflicts and have fun.

- *Nurtures growth*

A thriving intergenerational community embraces each other's belovedness, holds their brokenness and supports their growth.

- *Celebrates abundance*

A thriving intergenerational community lives abundantly, using resources wisely and practicing gratitude, trust, contentment and generosity.

- *Supports productivity*

A thriving intergenerational community celebrates each person's uniqueness and supports the development of skills and capacities to serve others and pursue the greater good.