

Welcome to the **JULY** Children & Families Update!

As always, feel free to pass this on to others you think might be interested, post it wherever you like and generally raise awareness of the links/articles most relevant to your context.

Yours Faithfully,

Chris.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY – JULY

1. Covid-19 – Moving Forward

[Recovering from Covid-19 Report \(McCrinkle\)](#)
[Being Covid safe: a Playgroup perspective \(CPN\)](#)
[Resuming care-filled worship \(Ministry Matters\)](#)
[A guide to transforming faith formation \(Roberto\)](#)
[Easing of Covid-19 Restrictions FAQs \(UCA - updated weekly\)](#)

2. Some Practical Resources

[Hands off games for all \(KMC\)](#)
[Jesus was a Refugee \(Lost Sheep\)](#)
[2020 Engage Together: June – July \(UCA\)](#)
[Creative ministry resources \(Methodist UK\)](#)
[Seeking Shalom: an intergenerational resource \(Intergen\)](#)

3. Prayer, the Holy Spirit & Pentecost

[Pray for Me: linking generations through prayer](#)
[Reflecting on names for the Holy Spirit \(Roots\)](#)
[Thy Kingdom Come prayer resources \(Roots\)](#)
[Pentecost pavement labyrinth \(UCA\)](#)
[Pentecost animations \(Strandz\)](#)

4. Families and Households

[50 dinner conversation questions for families \(Focus on the Family\)](#)
[Discipling kids: a long game of small interactions \(Gospel Coalition\)](#)
[Faith at Home: video resources \(Church of England\)](#)
[Church at Home 3: June – July \(Grow Ministries\)](#)
[Resources for homes \(SU\)](#)

5. InterGenerate AUS Conference – Some Highlighted Books

[From Here to Maturity \(Thomas Bergler\)](#)
[Faith for Exiles \(Kinnaman & Matlock\)](#)
[The Slow Fade \(Joiner, Bomar, Smith\)](#)
[When the Church was Family \(Hellerman\)](#)
[Families and Faith: how religion is passed down \(Bengtson\)](#)

6. Covid-19 – Some Further Thinking

[Seeking a more just post-pandemic path \(UCA\)](#)

[Corona virus, creation and the Creator \(ABC Religion\)](#)

[How we can use what we've learned in lockdown \(UCA\)](#)

[Re-opening churches: fundamentals, rather than practicalities \(Irish Times\)](#)

[It's not just the Corona virus: bad theology is killing us \(Faith & Leadership\)](#)

7. Racial Justice

[White Fragility by Robin Di Angelo \(book\)](#)

[Black stories matter: books and resources \(Seven Stories\)](#)

[The Lion and the Lamb: dismantling white privilege \(PRC\)](#)

[Essays and resources addressing racism \(Ministry Matters\)](#)

[Deconstructing white privilege: video & discussion questions \(UMC\)](#)

8. Faith Forward and Work Experience Podcasts

[Intergenerational can be inspirational \(Work Experience\)](#)

[Nurturing faith at home - Traci Smith \(Faith Forward\)](#)

[Racism and the patriarchy \(Work Experience\)](#)

[Lives worth protesting - Melvin Bray \(Faith Forward\)](#)

[Anti-racism holiday programs - Jennifer McLaughlin \(Faith Forward\)](#)

9. 2020 Children & Families Ministry Intensive Unit July 15-17, 20-22 Parkville, Melbourne

The upcoming ***Children & Families Ministry intensive*** and the ***Graduate Certificate in Children & Families Ministry*** are excellent professional development opportunities for *ministers, pastors, chaplains, Christian educators and those in paid children & families ministry roles*. **Enquire NOW about the possibility of participating in the July offering ON-LINE.** Even if this not for you at this time, let me encourage you to forward the information on to at least one person who you think might (or even *should*) be interested.

Click [Children & Families Ministry Intensive](#) or e-mail chris.barnett@victas.uca.edu.au to express interest or find out more.

Yours Faithfully,

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