

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

In addition to resources related to ministry in the time of Covid-19, I especially want to draw your attention to [Connecting Families, Nurturing Faith \(UCA\)](#), [Understanding Generation Alpha \(McCrindle\)](#) (an excellent overview) and the not-to-be-missed [2020 Intergenerate AUS On-line Conference](#). 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 – JUNE**

### **1. New, Free and Very Worth Opening**

[Connecting Families, Nurturing Faith \(UCA\)](#)  
[Understanding Generation Alpha \(McCrindle\)](#)  
[The impact of Covid-19 on emerging generations \(McCrindle\)](#)  
[Returning to church: a trauma-informed approach \(UCA\)](#)  
[Covid-19 and current church FAQs \(UCA VicTas\)](#)

### **2. Some Practical Ideas**

[20 Zoom game ideas for households](#)  
[35 ways to love your neighbours right now](#)  
[155 animated Bible stories \(Saddleback Kids\)](#)  
[5 tips for on-line ministry with younger generations](#)  
[1 Story to consider: The Great Realisation \(Tomfoolery\)](#)

### **3. Tools You Might Find useful**

[Kahoot – free game-based learning](#)  
[Sribbl.io – free drawing game](#)  
[Slido – free polling platform](#)  
[Menti – free quizzes and polls](#)  
[Wordle – free tool for generating word clouds](#)

### **4. Covid-19 Corner**

[Pulse mail for families \(Pulse\)](#)  
[Quizworx home delivery \(Quizworx\)](#)  
[Faith at home through play \(GodVenture\)](#)  
[Pentecost ideas for worshipping at home \(CRCNA\)](#)  
[How your children & families ministry can emerge from Covid-19 stronger \(CRCNA\)](#)

### **5. Brilliant Ideas from Messy Church**

[Messy Round-the-World Adventure \(youtube\)](#)  
[Messy Church at Home: ideas \(Pinterest\)](#)  
[Messy Church at Home: science \(Messy Church\)](#)  
[Messy Church at Home: resources \(Messy Church\)](#)  
[Messy Church at Home: Get Messy! \(Messy Church\)](#)

## 6. Children, Church & Worship

[Inclusion of children in on-line worship \(Tori Smit\)](#)

[Where did all the children go \(Rachel Schilling\)](#)

[What keeps me up at night? \(Tammy Tolman\)](#)

[Going to church differently \(Multivocality\)](#)

[Little liturgies \(Marilyn Sharpe\)](#)

## 7. Thinking about Communion

[Waiting for communion \(Grow Ministries\)](#)

[Holy Communion and Covid-19 \(Jason Goroncy\)](#)

[Resources for thinking about Communion at this time \(UCA\)](#)

[Come and have breakfast: a table liturgy for home \(Sally Douglas\)](#)

[Liturgy of Empty Hands" a Communion alternative \(Hy.phenated Faith\)](#)

## 8. Reconciliation Week Resources plus

[Reconciliation Week resources \(Common Grace\)](#)

[Reconciliation Sunday resources \(UCA SA\)](#)

[NATSICC Liturgy Resources \(Catholic\)](#)

[Day of Mourning resources \(Pilgrim, SA\)](#)

[NAIDOC Week resources \(Common Grace\)](#)

## 9. 2020 InterGenerate AUS Conference June 16,17 – ON-LINE!

In a brilliant initiative, no matter where you are located, you will now be able to join in with this **intergenerational ministry** conference. Featuring an amazing line-up of international presenters that includes Dr Holly Allen, Christina Embree, John Roberto, Caesar Kalinowski, Don McLafferty and Liz Perraud, this is arguably the most significant intergenerational learning opportunity for 2020 . Suitable for individual **ministers, pastors, practitioners** and for **ministry leadership teams**.

Connect in anytime during the two days for speakers live online with a combination of Input/Questions and for break-out rooms to discuss the topics. Whatever you *miss* during this time you can watch later *at your convenience*. Conference fees includes access to all sessions afterward as a resource to share with your team. **All this for only 50AUD (probably amazingly cheap for you, given current exchange rates)!!!**

More information and registration: [2020 Intergenerate AUS](#)

*nb. Don't worry about the time difference...maybe you could organise a sleep-over, slumber party or all night celebration with your team (taking into account all safeguarding/safe church protocols, of course)!*

## 10. 2020 Children & Families Ministry Intensive Unit      July 15-17, 20-22      Parkville, Melbourne

As part of the [Graduate Certificate in Children & Families Ministry](#), the upcoming **Children & Families Ministry intensive** is an excellent professional development opportunity for **ministers, pastors, chaplains, Christian educators and those in paid children & families ministry roles**. 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. E-mail [chris.barnett@victas.uca.edu.au](mailto:chris.barnett@victas.uca.edu.au) to express interest or find out more.

*Nb. Well worth the travel (if it is allowed by then), on-site accommodation available at [Maclean House](#).*

Yours Faithfully,

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