1. Significant driving forces influencing faith formation
2. Four scenarios for envisioning the future of faith formation in a congregation.
3. Application of the four scenarios to faith formation in a congregation
4. New role for faith formation leaders
A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...
The Changing Landscape

No Religious Affiliation

The Rise of Digital Media & the Internet

Spiritual, not Religious

Aging Baby Boomers

Declining Church Participation

Declining Religious Socialization

Increasing Diversity & Pluralism

Changing Marriage & Family Life

The Changing Landscape
No Religious Affiliation

- 15% of all Americans claim no religious affiliation
- 25% of all 18-29 years
- 10% drop in the number of Christians

- The challenge to Christianity in the U.S. does not come from other religions but from a rejection of all forms of organized religion.
Spiritual but not Religious

- Today, 18% of 18-39 year olds say that are “spiritual, but not religious” compared to only 11% a decade ago.

Participation in Churches

- Declining worship attendance
- Declining participation in celebration of sacraments & rites of passage
Diversity & Pluralism

- Diversity of ethnic cultures & nationalities
- No single authority exercises supremacy; no single belief or ideology dominations
- Tapestry of religious and spiritual alternatives and choices

Family Life

- Delaying marriage
- Having fewer children and later in life
- Decreasing number of children in two-parent households
- Increasing number of unmarried couples living together
Family Religious Socialization

- **Parent Influence:** The single most important social influence on the religious and spiritual lives of adolescents is their parents.
- **Embedded Family Religious Practices:** Effective religious socialization comes about through specific religious activities that are firmly intertwined with the daily habits of family life.

Family Socialization

*The single most important influence on the religious and spiritual lives of children, teens, and emerging adults is their parents.*

- Parental Faith
- Parental Modeling & Teaching
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Faith
Family Socialization

Children and teenagers “teenagers with seriously religious parents are more likely that those without such parents to have been trained in their lives to think, feel, believe, and act as serious religious believers, and that that training “sticks” with them even when the leave home and enter emerging adulthood”

(Souls in Transition: The Religious & Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults by Christian Smith with Patricia Snell)

Baby Boomers

- Every day for the next 19 years, about 10,000 Boomers will turn 65.
- A new stage of life between adult midlife – typically focused on career and child-rearing – and old age, traditionally marked by increasing frailty and decline. This new stage (60s-70s) is characterized by generally good health, relative financial stability, and an active, engaged lifestyle.
### Digital Era

- 93% of teens & young adults are online
- “Computer in your pocket” - increasing mobile access – iPhone
- 8-18 year olds spend on average 7½ hours a day with media

### Generational Change

![Images of different generations]
### Generational Change

- If only the youngest cohort in society changes (and then persists in that new direction throughout their own life cycle), society as whole changes inexorably but almost imperceptibly, like a massive supertanker changing course.
- If the differences between one generation and the next are small, then generationally based social change will be real (and significant) but very slow.
- If for some reason a younger generation deviates substantially from its predecessors, then the aggregate social change may be quick—significant over a few decades.

### Trends & Shifts

1. Increasing number of “Nones”
2. Increasing number of “Spiritual but not Religious”
3. Accepting and embracing diversity: culturally, sexually, and in family structures
4. Declining participation in Sunday worship and sacraments/rites of passage (marriage, baptism)
5. Living together, marrying later, and having children later
6. Declining levels of family faith practice & socialization
**Generational Change**

- Significant *Generational Change* began in the early 1990s among the younger generations and is influencing society and the older generations.
- These trends are having a significant impact on a *Life Cycle* approach to faith formation and church life, in general.

  fewer marriages – marrying later –
  fewer baptisms – fewer young families
  lower Sunday worship attendance……..
### 4 Scenarios

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- Low People’s Hunger for God and the Spiritual Life
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Four Scenarios for the Future

Faith Formation 2020 Scenarios
RELATIONSHIP WITH ORGANIZED RELIGION AND CHRISTIANITY
RECEPTIVE TO ORGANIZED RELIGION

Scenario #4: Participating but Uncommitted
Scenario #3: Unaffiliated and Uninterested
Scenario #2: Spiritual but Not Religious
Scenario #1: Vibrant Faith and Active Engagement

HUNGER FOR GOD AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
LOW
HIGH
RESISTANT TO ORGANIZED RELIGION

4 Scenarios for the Future

Scenario 4: Uncommitted & Participating
Scenario 1: Vibrant Faith & Active Engagement
Scenario 3: Unaffiliated & Uninterested
Scenario 2: Spiritual but Not Religious
NSYR Research

Youth & Young Adult Religiosity

Youth
Abiders 20%  Adapters 20%  Assenters 31%  Avoiders 24%  Atheists 5%

Young Adult
Committed Traditionalists 15%  Selected Adherents 30%  Spiritually Open 15%  Religiously Indifferent 25%  Religiously Disconnected 5%  Irreligiously Disconnected 10%
Typology of Adolescent Religiosity

- **Abiders**: highest levels of religiosity and practice: believe in God, pray regularly, engage in personal religious practice, attend services, serve others, think about the meaning of life; most likely to say their religion is the only true faith
- **Adapters**: high levels of personal religiosity + accepting of other people’s faiths + attend religious services more sporadically
- **Assenters**: believe in God and feel somewhat close to God, but they are minimally engaged with their faith and practice only occasionally. Religion is tangential to other aspects of their lives.
- **Avoiders**: believe in God but have low levels of religious practice; God is distant, impersonal; and often don’t name a religious affiliation.
- **Atheists**: don’t believe in God and don’t attend services.

Typology of Emerging Adult Religiosity

- **Committed Traditionalists**: strong religious faith; articulate beliefs; actively practice. Personal commitment to faith is a significant part of their identities and moral reasoning, and they are at least somewhat regularly involved in some religious group
- **Selected Adherents**: believe and perform certain aspects of their religious traditions but neglect and ignore others; more discriminating about what they are willing to adopt of their religious tradition’s beliefs and practices
- **Spiritually Open**: not very committed to a religious faith but are nonetheless receptive to and at least mildly interested in some spiritual or religious matters.
Religiously Indifferent: neither care to practice religion nor oppose it; simply not invested in religion either way; too distracted with and invested in other things in life and unconcerned with matters of faith to pay any real attention to religion.

ReligiouslyDisconnected: have little to no exposure or connection to religious people, ideas, or organizations; neither interested in nor opposed to religion. Faith simply has not been a part of their lives in any significant way.

Irreligious: hold skeptical attitudes about and make critical arguments against religion generally, rejecting the idea of personal faith.
The Challenge of Adaptive Change

“The significant problems we face today cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.”

Albert Einstein

Technical Problems

- *Technical problems* (even though they may be complex) can be solved with knowledge and procedures already in hand.
- Leadership would be an easy and safe undertaking if organizations and communities only faced problems for which they already knew the solutions. Everyday, people have problems for which they do, in fact, have the necessary know-how and procedures—*technical problems*. 
Adaptive Challenges

- *Adaptive challenges* require experiments, new discoveries, and adjustments from numerous places in the organization.
- Without learning new ways—changing attitudes, values, and deep-seated behaviors—people cannot make the adaptive leap necessary to thrive in the new environment. *Adaptive challenges* call for changes of heart and mind—the transformation of long-standing habits and deeply held assumptions and values.

Leadership is “the activity of mobilizing people to tackle the toughest problems and do the adaptive work necessary to achieve progress.”

(Ronald Heifetz and Martin Linsky)
21st Century Faith Formation

What could a 21st century approach to faith formation look like?

- How would we address the diversity of people’s religious and spiritual needs today?
- How would we engage people? How would we reach people?
- What technologies would we use?
- What resources would we access?

The 20th Century: Age of the School
The 20th Century: Age of “Linear” Curriculum

21st Century: Age of the Network
The New “Book” of the 21st Century
Envisioning

A Lifelong Faith Formation Network is a way to provide faith formation for everyone, anytime, anywhere, 24x7x365.

Significant Shift

Shifting from. . .
“One Size Fits All” Curriculum & Programming to
A Network of Personalized & Customized Faith Formation Activities & Resources focusing on addressing people’s spiritual and religious growth by offering a wide variety of religious content and experiences
“Differentiated Faith Formation”
Features

- Address the diverse spiritual and religious needs with a variety of content, programs, activities, and resources.
- Guide individuals and families in discerning their spiritual and religious needs and creating personal plans for faith growth and learning.

A Process for a Developing a Personalized Faith Growth Plan
Utilize a variety of faith formation models to address the diverse life tasks, religious and spiritual needs, and interests of people:

- on your own
- at home
- in small groups
- in large groups
- in the congregation
- in the community and world
Four-Scenario Thinking

Scenario 1: Vibrant Faith & Active Engagement
- Millennial Generation
- Marriage & FF
- Baptism & FF
- Baby Boomers FF
- Empowering people to share their faith

Scenario 2: Spiritual but Not Religious
- Third Place settings
- Targeting 20-30 year olds
- Service: local - global
- Spiritual formation
- Pathways to deepen faith & engagement

Scenario 3: Unaffiliated & Uninterested
- Third Place settings
- Family life center
- Events (movie nights, concerts, festivals)
- Community-based ministry (service, recovery ministry)

Scenario 4: Uncommitted & Participating
- Marriage & FF
- Baptism & FF
- Family faith formation in the 1st decade of life
- Milestones faith formation
- Pathways to deepen faith & engagement
### Targeting Audiences & Needs

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Approach 2. Diversify Formats

Face-to-Face & Virtual

- On Your Own
- Mentored
- Church Community
- Large Group
- Small Group
- @Home
- Community & World

Faith Formation Models

- Face-to-Face
- Virtual
- On Your Own
- Mentored
- At Home
- In Small Group
- In Large Group
- In Church
- In Community & World

Spiritual & Religious Needs
Topics or Themes
Activity
Example: A Theme + Variety of Formats

Whole Church Theme

- Small Group Course (online & physical settings)
- On Your Own (Print, Audio, Video, Online Resources & Courses)
- Family @Home (Online Resources)
- Adult 4-Week Lecture Series @ Church (Videotaped & online)
- Age Group Programs: Children & Youth

Example: Extend a Program

Gathered Program

- Family & Parents Center: How-to helps (video, audio, print) Family Faith Practices
- Pray Devotions, Bible Reading, Table Prayer
- Talk About It: Conversation Questions
- Learn More: Watch a Video, Listen to a Talk, Read an Article
- Live: Action Project for the Month
- Share What Your Learning: Write a Blog Entry, Create & Share a Video or Project
**Approach 3. Differentiate Faith Formation**

- **Core Content & Experiences**
  - Option 1. Program (current model)
  - Option 2. Small Group Program
  - Option 2. Online Small Group Program using Skype
  - Option 3. Mentored
  - Option 4. Online Program (print & video) with Regular Check-in
  - Social Networking Space for a Blog, Project Sharing
  - Online Projects (everyone)

**Example: Confirmation**

**All Youth**
- Sunday Worship
- Service projects
- Confirmation blog & online confirmation projects
- Celebration of confirmation
Example: Confirmation

Scenario 1 (In-Depth Experience)
- In-depth faith formation in theology, Bible, spirituality, and Christian practices offered in different formats, customized to the needs of the young people: small group program, online courses and resources, and mentors
- Spiritual formation experience (retreat) on spiritual practices and disciplines
- Whole group confirmation-specific content

Scenario 4 (Foundations Experience)
- Foundational program in Christian life essentials offered as a whole group experience, integrating confirmation-specific content
- Experience of Christian practices and spiritual disciplines
- Active participation in the activities of church life and ministries; apprenticeships with ministries and leaders to experience church life as “insiders”
- Mentors to guide growth and participation in church life
- Whole group confirmation-specific content
**Example: Confirmation**

**Scenarios 2 and 3 (Exploration Experience)**

- Exploration experience to investigate the claims of the Christian faith in an informal, no pressure, non-judgmental, and friendly environment, offered in small group settings with a meal and including topics such as: Who is God? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? Who is the Holy Spirit? How can we have faith? Why and how do I pray? Why and how should I read the Bible? How does God guide us? How can I resist evil? What about the Church? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
- Introductory experiences of Christian life through participating in Christian practices, service, worship, and so on.

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**A Network Approach**

- Church Programs
- User-Generated Content
- Social Media for Connection
- Blogs
- Apps
- Video Conference
- Online Resources: Print, Audio, Video
- Mentors
- Community Programs
- Online Courses & Activities
- Small Groups & Support Groups
- Faith Formation Network
Example: Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation
- Online Courses
- Audio & Video Programs
- Books & Book Clubs
- Life Transitions
- Prayer & Spiritual Practices
- Justice & Service
- Small Group Studies
- Extended Learning Programs
- Life Tasks & Issues
- Faith in Art Tours

Example: Young Adult Faith Formation

Young Adult Faith Formation
- Social Network & Blog
- Small Group Studies
- Weekly Gathering & Worship
- Life Issues Workshops & Online Resources
- Online Audio & Video Programs
- Online Courses
- Cross-generational Experiences (worship, service, mentoring)
- Alpha Course
- Third Place Café
- Justice & Service Projects (local and global)
- Prayer & Spiritual Practices (online, small groups, retreats)
Extend Worship into Everyday Life

**Share It**
Blog/Forum
After Mass
In Programs
Family Conversation Activity

**Study It**
Taking Faith Home Insert
Homily Video + Study Guide
Daily Readings
Scripture Commentaries
Online Bible Study

**Live It**
Living the Message Daily
Living Christian Practices
Service Ideas for the Week

**Pray It**
Weekly Table Prayer
Praying with the Saints
AM & PM Prayer

Sunday Worship
Transform a “One-Size-Fits-All Faith” into a Variety of Faith Formation Formats

Option 1. Church Program (current model)
Option 2. Small Group Program
Option 2. Online Small Group Program using Skype
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Social Networking Space for a Blog, Project Sharing, etc.
Online Projects (everyone)

Confirmation Content & Experiences

Process

Faith Formation Before Marriage
Preparation for and Celebration of Marriage
Faith Formation After Celebration of Marriage
Couples before Marriage

- Discernment
- Faith Formation
- Marriage Preparation
- Mentors
- Support Groups
- Parish Website

S1 Faith Growth Plan
S2 Faith Growth Plan
S3 Faith Growth Plan

Newly Married Couples

- Marriage
- Mentors
- Faith Practices
- Continuing Formation
- Married Life Tasks & Issues
- Support Groups
- Quarterly Couple Gatherings

- Prayer, Rituals, Bible Reading, Service, Faith Conversations
- Theology, Scripture, Spirituality
- Courses, Workshops, Online Resources
Process

Faith Formation Before Baptism ➔ Preparation for and Celebration of Baptism ➔ Faith Formation After Celebration of Baptism
Milestones (Faith Stepping Stones)

Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby
- physical, emotional and spiritual needs of infants and their parents; nightly blessing as a family faith practice.

Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler
- physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers and their parents; add prayer to the nightly blessing as a faith practice.
Milestones (Faith Stepping Stones)

Stone 3: Entry Into School
- physical, emotional and spiritual needs of kindergarteners and their parents;
- share highs & lows with children and add it to their nightly prayers and blessing

Stone 4: My Bible
- 120 key verses in young readers’ Bibles;
- reading a Bible verse nightly, continue with highs & lows, prayer and blessing nightly

Faith Stepping Stones

Stone 5: Livin’ Forgiven
- Passover to Lord’s Supper, with nightly confession and absolution added to the faith practices of Bible reading, highs & lows, prayer and blessing

Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence
- theological reflection (i.e. setting the Bible verse and the highs & lows of the day together to ask “What is God saying to us today?”), adding to confession/absolution, Bible reading, highs & lows, prayer and blessing continue
Faith Stepping Stones

Stone 7: Confirmation As Ordination
- youth and parents look at their confession, their confirmation, and their call.

Stone 8: Graduation Blessing
- seniors and their parents look back God’s blessings, look to the moment, and look to the future of their new callings
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Meal and Community Building (30 minutes)
Part 2. All Ages Learning Experience (20-30)
Part 3. In-Depth Learning Experience (75-90)
  ➢ Option 1. Whole Group (together)
  ➢ Option 2. Age Group (parallel)
  ➢ Option 3. Activity Center
Part 4. Sharing Learning Experiences and Home Application (15-20)
Part 5. Closing Prayer (5-10)
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Faith Formation with Young Adults

Young Adult Faith Formation

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- Prayer & Spiritual Practices (online, small groups, retreats)
- Justice & Service Projects (local and global)
Online Courses

The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Accounts

Gospel of Luke: Bible Study Series

Spiritual Formation

- Lectio Divina
- Scripture Reflection
- Spiritual Reading
- Contemplation
- Praying with Art and Music
- Fixed-hour Prayer
- The Examen
- Sabbath
- Discernment
- Fasting
- Prayer Styles & Traditions
American Bible Society

Sunday, July 31, 2011
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT!
(Matthew 14:13-21, New Revised Standard Version)

In the evening of that day, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go to the other side of the sea.” So they got into a boat and set out, and in the morning they came to the town of Gennesaret. And when the people saw him they brought to him all who were sick, and they pressed around him to touch him. And the demon-possessed people, wherever he went, would come out of the people and enter into pigs; and the herdmen ran off, and they were slaughtered.” And he asked them to tell the people of their proclaiming and teaching. And they said, “The townspeople are our sisters, and the disciples are our brothers; and we need the townspeople to stay with us also.” But he said to them, “Follow me, and I will send you out to be fishers of men.” And he said to his disciples, “Whoever attains to the salvation of one soul shall be saved.”

About Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a weekly framework for a faithful and respectful reading of the Bible, coordinated with the Catholic lectionary calendar. Content provided by UBS.

Other readings:
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(For information and service, contact the American Bible Society. For more information, contact the American Bible Society.)
Sunday Connection
Loyola Press

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

More about the Gospel for August 7th, 2011

Today’s Gospel directly follows last week’s account of Jesus feeding the crowd. We see Jesus now in a boat, struggling against wind and waves. Despite their fear, the disciples do not want to be left alone with Jesus. In this story, the wind is a symbol of the disciples’ lack of faith. The disciples needed to recognize Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Your family life is a ministry.

How do you face the challenges of ministry in your family? How do you teach your children to see the world through the eyes of Christ? How do you pass on your faith to your children? These are important questions for all parents. The psalmist writes, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” (Psalm 111:10) Pray that you and your family may be guided by the Holy Spirit as you continue to grow in faith and understanding.

3-Minute Retreat
3 minutes a day can give you 24 hours of peace.

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Start your retreat.
YouVersion Bible App

Bible Study, Small Groups
GETTING THE MOST FROM GOD’S WORD

As you embark on this journey, we encourage you to engage with John 15:4-5 following these four steps so your life may be touched and changed in the most meaningful way.

1. Pray to God to connect with you. Ask Him to help you understand.
2. Read the selected section of Scripture. Mark the words and phrases that intrigue you, and then reflect on them for a second time.
3. Reflect on what God is communicating to you. Does this long enough to let His teaching and Hannah God for engaging you.
4. Respond to the passage. Speak directly to God about what is in your mind and heart. Look for ways to live out what you find and bring what you find to others.

To direct your journey to sign up or get more information:

- 1 Day First - forgiveness (Chris August)
- 1 2nd Day - Forgiveness (Chris August)
- 3rd Day - Forgiveness (Chris August)
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MORE INFO: START JOURNEY

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- For Communities
- For Websites

**COMMITMENT QUESTION** of the week!

Have you been through Financial Peace University? If so, let us know how it has helped you prepare for The Great Recovery!

Lost her theme, but that I wouldn’t be moving it.

Tuesday August 2, 2011
Service & Mission

- local and global
- “developmental” with increasing depth and scope:
  1. introduction: several hours to a full day
  2. short term: multi-day and local
  3. weeklong and national mission trips
  4. global expedition of one or more weeks

**CHOOSE FROM FOUR LEVELS OF MISSION TRIPS:**

1. **Project Neighborhood:** These are one-day service opportunities focused on our Fort McKinley Campus neighborhood—great opportunities to get your feet wet and serve on mission while never leaving the Dayton area.

2. **Ministry Blitz:** a short-term mission trip lasting anywhere from two to five days and requiring an overnight stay on location. If you can’t commit a whole week or longer for a mission trip, a Blitz may be just for you!

3. **Mission Trek:** a mission trip lasting about a week. These trips take you within the United States as well as to foreign countries and are designed for those who are ready to take the next big step in service. If you feel called to put in a week of hard work and be a part of a missions team that will impact a community, a Mission Trek is a journey you need to experience.

4. **Global Expedition:** Most Global Expedition trips are 7 to 14 days in length and involve travel overseas. These expeditions are higher level trips that provide the opportunity to immerse yourself for a longer period in the targeted community and culture. If you’re ready for an advanced challenge, a Global Expedition with Ginghamburg may be just right.
Third Place Faith Formation

- Establish a Third Place gathering space in the community, that offers hospitality, builds relationships, hosts spiritual conversations, provides programs and activities, and nourishes the spiritual life of people.
Example: Spiritual Seekers

Introduction Dinner: Is there more to life than this?
Week 1: Who is Jesus?
Week 2: Why did Jesus die?
Week 3: How can we have faith?
Week 4: Why and how do I pray?
Week 5: Why and how should I read the Bible?
Week 6: How does God guide us?
Week 7: How can I resist evil?
Week 8: Why & how should we tell others?
Week 9: Does God heal today?
Week 10: What about the Church?
Weekend: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
Example: Pathways

Our Lady of Soledad Catholic Parish
- **Mini-Retreat 101: “Catholics Alive!”**
  - “What does it mean to be a follower of Christ?”
- **Mini-Retreat 201: “Alive and Growing Spiritually!”**
  - maturing in the Catholic faith
- **Mini-Retreat 301: “Alive and Gifted!”**
  - discerning how to serve God in ministry
- **Mini-Retreat 401: “Alive in the World!”**
  - living as witnesses for Christ, as contagious Catholic Christians
- **Mini-Retreat 501: “Alive to Praise God!”**
  - Catholic worship and the sacraments

Example: Pathways to a Deeper Faith

1. Spirituality: What’s the Buzz?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Do We Need the Spirit?
4. Can I Accept God’s Mercy?
5. Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?
6. The Church and Me
Apprenticeships in Discipleship

Apprenticeship Processes

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- **Step One. Church Leader’s Study: Unbinding the Gospel**
- **Step Two: All-Church Saturation Study: Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer & Faith Sharing.**
  - six-week, church-wide, small group E-vent!
  - pray each day’s scripture and prayer exercise and work with a prayer partner
  - study a chapter of the book with their small group
  - worship with sermons, music, and prayers centered on the week’s chapter

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- **Step Three: An Experiment in Prayer and Community: Unbinding Your Soul.**
  - a no-obligation experience of substantial spiritual discussion, prayer and community for people who aren’t connected with a church
  - church members invite their friends into a four-week small group experience with short study chapters, an individual prayer journal, prayer partner activities, and group exercises.
Illustrations of a Network Approach

Faith Formation with Young Adults
Offer Faith Formation on One Theme in a Variety of Formats

Family @Home (Online Resources)

Small Group Course (online & physical settings)

On Your Own (Print, Audio, Video, Online Resources & Courses)

Whole Church Theme

Adult 4-Week Lecture Series @ Church (Videotaped & online)

Age Group Programs: Children & Youth

Monthly Gathering

- Talk About It: Conversation Questions
- Learn More: Watch a Video, Listen to a Talk, Read an Article
- Live It: Action Project for the Month
- Pray: Prayers for the Month, Table Prayers on the Theme
- Share What Your Learning: Write a Blog Entry, Create & Share a Video or Project
- Parents Center: How-to helps (video, audio, print)
- Children Center: Projects, Activities, and Stories

Extend Monthly Family or Intergenerational Faith Formation throughout the Month
The Emerging Role of the Faith Formation Curator

Shifting from providing religious content and programming to curating religious content and experiences for all ages.

A content curator is someone who continually finds, groups, organizes, and shares the best and most relevant content on a specific subject to match the needs of a specific audience.
**Faith Formation Curator**

*What would you curate?*
- Congregational Programs & Activities
- Community Programs & Activities
- People Resources
- Print Resources
- Audio & Video Resources
- Art, Drama, and Music Resources
- Online Content: Websites, Courses, Blogs
- Apps & Digital Resources

**The Process of Curation**

- **Research**
- **Communicate & Connect**
- **Aggregate & Evaluate**
- **Deliver**
Select a Target Group (or need)

Research (Empathize)

Defined Spiritual & Religious Needs, Concerns & Interests

Create Prototypes to Pilot

Generate Ideas

Test the Prototypes

Evaluate, Improve, & Expand the Innovation

Design Process for an New Initiative