



Faith Formation Learning Exchange

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Imagine being able to go to one online source to find the best and latest research and trends on faith formation with children, youth, young adults, adults, families, and the whole church community.

Imagine being able to find the most effective practices and models for faith formation at one online source.

Imagine being able to access faith formation practices, models, and resources from churches across the country and world, and sharing your churches most effective practices, models, and resources.

Imagine being able to learn from some of the best thinkers and innovative leaders in faith formation today.

Now you can! The **Faith Formation Learning Exchange** gives you instant online access to current research, effective practices, and models in faith formation with age groups, families, and all of the generations in your church. Brought to you by Vibrant Faith Ministries, the **Faith Formation Learning Exchange** is designed to be an online center that:

- makes accessible the best research, practices, and models in faith formation across the life span through an extensive online resource center
- engages church leaders in sharing their effective practices and models, research studies, and current trends and issues through a user-generated resource center and other features
- keeps church leaders up-to-date on trends and developments in faith formation through blogs and video presentations from national expert

We all know the past two decades have seen dramatic political, economic, social, technological and cultural changes in the world affecting virtually every church in America. Faith communities face significant challenges in their efforts to provide vibrant faith formation for all ages and generations. How can congregations develop the spiritual life of their members in an increasingly diverse, pluralistic, and secular society? What are the tools—the research, practices, technologies, and approaches—that can equip congregations to address the religious and spiritual needs of all their generations in this changing context. The **Faith Formation Learning Exchange** provides the tools to assist congregations and their leaders—as well as those who prepare leaders in seminaries and universities and who serve them through publishing, training, and consulting—respond creatively and adaptively with relevant approaches to 21st-century faith formation.

The **Faith Formation Learning Exchange** is organized around eight **Practice Centers**—each representing an important aspect of faith formation in congregations:

- 1) children
- 2) youth
- 3) young adults
- 4) adults
- 5) older adults
- 6) families
- 7) whole faith community and cross+generational
- 8) ethnic and cultural groups

Each **Practice Center** incorporates:

- a) research studies
- b) articles by experts
- c) updates on current trends & issues
- d) models, approaches, and case studies
- e) practical tools and resources
- f) user-generated approaches, resources, and tools
- g) audio and video podcasts.

The **Faith Formation Learning Exchange** brings you video presentations and online webinars with researchers, professors, authors and leading practitioners in faith formation. A monthly e-newsletter and blog keeps you up-to-date with reviews of events and new online resources.