

Young Adults & Envisioning the Future

Workshop Track 3

WOWEE 2009

Session 1 - 9:15 – 10:30 AM

- 20 minutes: ice-breaker session (two rotating circles exercise)
- 20 minutes: Discussion of the need for intergenerational dialogue that engages young adults in deep discussion about the creation of spiritual community for future generations.
- 20 minutes: Review of sample congregational and large group event schedules: two examples for structuring a dialogue across generations (one at the congregational level, one at the mission center level).
- 15 minutes: Review list of questions for the 11:00 AM paired interviews (“stories of best experiences”), and instructions for preparing for Session 2

Session 2 - 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

- 30 minutes: Paired interviews, using a “best experiences” question selected from the list.
- 45 minutes: Sharing of paired interview stories with whole group (will need to adjust process depending on whether we have multiple small groups or just one; if the former, we’ll have each small group share, then pick one for sharing out to the larger group).
- Review question for interviews in Session 3

Session 3 – 1:30 – 2:45 PM

- 30 minutes: Paired interviews, “hopes for the future” question
- 45 minutes: Sharing of paired interview stories with whole group

Session 4 – 3:15 – 4:30 PM

- 10 minutes: Individual reflection on how each participant can create opportunities for intergenerational dialogue in their home congregations and communities
- 20 minutes: each participant states where they are from and a brief (1-2 sentence) description of their idea for creating intergenerational dialogue
- 5 minutes: invite participants to pair up or form small groups with others from their area or with whom they can partner to implement dialogue and engagement with young adults
- 30 minutes: pairs and small groups work on plans for carrying out their ideas in their home communities
- 10 minutes: Evaluation of the workshop