

Ministry update for Synod 2019
Intergenerational Ministry – Youth

I joined Chris Barnett on the Intergenerational Ministry team in May 2018. Rev Robin Yang joined us in February 2019. We have spent the past 12 months meeting with congregations, youth ministry practitioners and ministry leaders, hearing exciting stories and dreaming of possibilities.

You have told us that youth ministry is increasing dependant on volunteers who desire resources & training. We have responded by:

- Preparing dynamic, flexible, digital resources through the new [UCAYouth](#) website & UCAYouth [FaceBook](#) pages
- Hosting [Work Experience podcast](#), engaging with local & International experts on issues concerning young people and the church
- Mapping diverse ministries with young people across the Synod to enable networking, collaborations & peer-support

You have told us that inter-cultural & inter-generational ministry is complex and nuanced. We have responded by:

- Meeting with CALD ministers & youth leaders across the three city Presbyteries: PPE, PPW & YY, as well as visiting communities in Tasmania and regional prebsyteries
- Re-birthing the NextGen committee to explore networks and leadership opportunities
- Conducting research into the biblical hermeneutics of migrant adolescents in the UCA, which will be available via www.ucayouth.org.au when completed.

You have told us that regional gatherings and camps are important. We have responded by:

- Supporting the five youth camps currently run across Western Vic, Gippsland, Tasmania & Port Phillip East
- Developing ecumenical partnerships for training and gathering opportunities
- Taking young adults to NYALC in Jan 2019
- Partnering with Surrender Conference and working closely with State Youth Games

We are only beginning. Over the coming months, we intend to:

- Support presbyteries to develop strategies for intergenerational ministry with young people
- Resource a broader understanding of chaplaincy
- Map discipleship and leadership opportunities across the presbyteries and Synod
- Hear more voices from congregations and leaders

We hope you might join us.

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