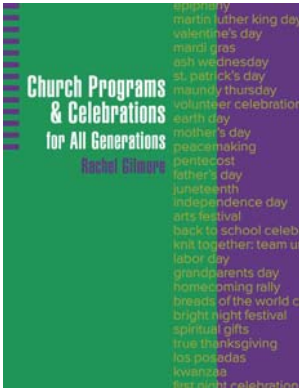


New Book Engages All Generations in Lessons of Faith



Valley Forge, PA – Many of today's churches find themselves struggling to build congregational community and address faith education needs when dealing with the realities of shrinking age-grouped class sizes and volunteer pools. On a deeper foundational level, they wonder, "How do we continue God's story and pass it on to future generations so that our children's children will be assured of being active participants in God's collective story? Author Rachel Gilmore responds to these concerns with *Church Programs & Celebrations for All Generations*, a new program resource that actively involves learners of all ages in connecting with the Word of God.

Church Programs & Celebrations for All Generations offers a creative and comprehensive collection of 30 church activities to engage people of all ages across generations and cultures. From seasonal worship services to holiday-centered celebrations, each program provides time for worship, fellowship, and faith development. Among the 30 celebrations are:

- Liturgical days such as Epiphany and Maundy Thursday
- Traditional church events including Volunteer Sunday and Homecoming
- Hallmark holidays like Valentine's and Grandparents Day
- Outreach-oriented programs for Earth Day and Bread for the World Sunday
- Cross-cultural celebrations such as Las Posadas and Kwanzaa

The book features sidebars with even more holidays or themes to celebrate, and also includes material for a weeklong Dr. Seuss-themed VBS based on the Judson Press book, *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*. Readers also have access to a related website offering additional free programs and resources.

About the Author: Rachel Gilmore, MEd, is a freelance writer, workshop leader, and retreat planner. She is the author of *The Complete Leader's Guide to Christian Retreats* (Judson Press, 2008), and has had more than 200 articles published in local newspapers and national magazines. Recently, Rachel has written several articles for Christianity Today's SmallGroups.com website.

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