Who: All – intergenerational activity

Materials: chairs and cushions/pillows

Time: 1 to 1 ½ hours - time will vary depending on the number of participants and how much each person shares.

Set up: Place the chairs and pillows in a circle

Directions:

Step 1: Have participants sit themselves in the circle (pick a starting point in the circle) oldest to youngest. *For Example the participant who is 94 (oldest) should end up sitting next to the 6 month old*. This will take a few minutes while everyone figures out where they should be.

Step 2: Open with a word of prayer. Then pose the question “What is the most memorable event that has impacted your life so far.” Responses might be “the Great Depression,” 9/11, landing on the moon, etc. ~Offer participants a minute to think what they might share.

Step 3: Starting with the oldest go around the circle and have each person share what their most memorable event was.

Step 4: After everyone has shared ask how this has impacted their faith life. As well as what was something they found interesting or something that they learned from the activity. At this time open the floor so those who are willing can share.

Step 5: Ask if any one has any questions that were raised that they would like to ask.

Step 6: Close this activity with pointing out commonalities amongst the generations. How this strengthens the bonds from generation to generation. Also this opens the door for one to talk about the importance of intergenerational community. Close with a word of prayer.

Step 7: Have an evaluation sheet, asking what was helpful; what was not helpful, what could be improved, what is something that they learned. Add any additional questions to gauge the activity. Keep evaluation to one page and 5-7 questions, people are more likely to offer feed back if it seems like a quick task.