

About the Generosity Project

The Generosity workshop is an outcome of the ELCA Macedonia Project and a joint effort of the Upstate New York Synod and our ELCA churchwide ministries. It is inspired by the generous giving by Macedonian churches for the relief of the saints in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

Stewardship, education, and generosity are essential faith practices best formed in the home. Abundant generosity then flows from the home to a life of discipleship expressed in work, play, congregations and the whole world.

The hope of the Generosity Project is to support congregations in:

- Nurturing and connecting all ages and all generations as stewards of God's abundant grace.
- Equipping households as places where generosity is practiced daily as a reflection of one's faith.
- Growing a spirit of generosity that overflows with abundant joy from households to congregations to ministries throughout one's neighborhood and into the world.

The key to the long term success of the Generosity Project in your congregation, and ultimately in our synod, is the selection of a diverse team of 5-9 people to attend the workshop. A strong focus of the project is on households. Please consider inviting at least one household that has one or more pre-teen or teens. Also, consider inviting wise elders, couples, singles, young adults, and current stewardship and Christian education leaders.

About Linda Staats

Linda's Master's degree in Human Development and the Family from the University of Nebraska, combined with her own infant baptism into Christian faith, formed the foundation for nurturing faith at church and in the home. With minor degrees in Child Development and Gerontology, she brings a life-span approach to congregational ministry. Her hope is to engage, equip, and empower all generations for serving like Jesus at home and in the world. Her depth of experience is impressive. Read her complete bio at <http://homegrownfaith.net>.



Workshop fees:

This event is made available as part of your mission support and a grant received from the "Always Being Made New: Campaign for the ELCA" for Synodical Renewal.

To Register :

E-mail Kathy Neugent at kneugent@upstatenysynod.org
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Two Cross+Generational Events

Providing a model and resources for congregations to equip individuals and households for engaging in meaningful cross+generational experiences and conversations about generosity

April 15, 2016

6:30—9:00 pm

Skaneateles Country Club

3344 West Lake Road
Skaneateles, NY

April 16, 2016

9:30 AM—1:00 PM

Atonement Lutheran Church

116 W. Glen Ave
Syracuse, NY



Upstate New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Friday, April 15th

6:30 pm—9 pm

**SETTING THE TABLE FOR
CROSS+GENERATIONAL MINISTRY**

This workshop is designed for people in congregations who relate to children, youth, and elders.

The focus is how we accompany one another where we are, with the understanding that our participation in God's mission happens at every age and stage of life. As all generations journey together locally, we will gain a new perspective and sense of identity and mission.

By participating you will:

- Develop an awareness of the six generational categories and impact on ministry
- Appreciate the uniqueness and gifts of each generation
- Understand the Biblical directive and research for bringing the generations together for blessing one another and passing on faith
- Understand the connections between baptism, discipleship and Cross+Generational ministry
- Receive hands-on knowledge of the breadth of current resources for creating and leading Cross+Generational ministry
- Gain confidence to create Cross+Generational community and lead Cross+Generational interaction in one's congregation and home

2 Events

1 Purpose

**TO GROW A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY THAT
OVERFLOWS WITH ABUNDANT JOY FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION.**

How are they different?

Friday's event is geared towards those who want an improved understanding of what it means to be a baptized child of God and how we accompany one another in our discipleship at every age and stage of life. It is particularly helpful to those who lead cross-generational ministries in congregations.

Saturday's event is designed for your congregation to send a team of 5-9 people to attend the interactive and hands on workshop. A team representing mixed ages and stages will insure a meaningful cross+generational event and create diverse leadership for developing this ministry in your congregation. Drawing on our Lutheran roots, this event equips leaders of all ages to share how generosity is an important part of who we are as baptized children of God and followers of Jesus. Not able to send a team? Individuals are welcome to attend.

Each event has value on its own, but participating in both will give you a richer understanding of cross+generational generosity.

Saturday, April 16th

9:30 am—1:00 pm

**THE GENEROSITY PROJECT:
THE TABLE IS READY**

Come explore what it means to be faithful stewards in your congregation, home and the greater world.

This is a lively, fun Saturday morning interactive experience for all ages that will explore attitudes and behaviors around money; earning, saving, spending and sharing.

Why is this important?

One's age and stage in life shapes one's attitudes, habits and financial choices. Grounded in God's generosity, participants are invited to explore what it means to be faithful stewards of God's abundant grace in the congregation and in the home.

How will this happen?

Participants will become acquainted with resources and approaches that effectively develop the faith practice of generosity, both in congregations and households. Following the workshop, your team will be invited to replicate, expand, and incorporate the experience in your local setting. The Upstate New York Synod's Stewardship Table will support you along the way!

Who should come?

Pre-teens, children, teens, adults, youth and family leaders, worship leaders, stewardship and finance leaders, lay and rostered leaders... really, anyone who is interested!