**Who Attends Aldersgate and Who Doesn’t?**

Where are the children? What are the youth doing? How can we attract more young families? Is there a group for singles? As the congregation at Aldersgate ages, our church is experiencing a wakeup call for engaging new members to grow in Christ. Creating a Multi-Generational Team is the second of three focus groups created by the Leadership Council as the church implements our Vision Plan.

***In the next three years Aldersgate United Methodist Church will focus on relational paths of discipleship that build and enrich a multigenerational church.***

The leaders of the Multi-Generational Team are Jay Byham and Lydia Locke. They have been meeting weekly to access current church ministries and possible new opportunities. One part of the process is to gather the current data on age groups from birth – older adults who attend Aldersgate. Another part is to identify active ministries within the church and the demography of those who are engaged. Graphing this information helps to see where we have strength and weakness. In the areas of strength, we will continue with pre-Covid ministries and work to fortify. Some areas will require new energy and ministries.

The team’s short-term summer of 2021 goals that support the vision statement are:

1. Recruit multi-generational team members by hosting listening dinners for those in generations we are missing.
2. Create churchwide events that re-establish relationships (i.e., trivia nights, movie nights, food truck nights, church cook out, etc.)
3. Continuing education for team members (i.e., *Future Church* by Will Mancini, *Attract Families to your Church* by Linda Ranson Jacobs, and research on Gen Z and Millennials.

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