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## Vision for a Functioning Inter-generational Approach

*By Ralph Rowland, Mission Pastor*

In the last Summer Olympics, the United States was one of the favorites in the 4 x 100 track relay. We had some incredibly fast athletes running and we got off to a great start and then, in an instant, the race was lost when the baton exchange was mishandled and the U.S. team was disqualified. In the scriptures, we clearly see the pattern of one generation handing off the legacy of their interactions with a powerful God to the next. This passing on might be described like the handing off of the baton in a relay race. Both older and younger generations must participate in this hand off in order for God's story of redemption to be realized in the next generation. There is a renewing work of God that must be done in every generation that can only take place when generations interact under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As we look ahead to the next ten years of ministry at Westminster, we see that there will be changes taking place as one generation of faithful church members and leaders begins to hand off the baton of leadership to the next. We don't want to fumble the baton. Our leadership team sees a church that is multi-generational or, more accurately described, inter-generational; one where all ages are affirmed and valued and, at the same time, intentional about how we hand off leadership from one generation to another.

We recognize that there is an intentional style of leadership required to lead multiple generations into loving and life changing relationships. This leadership style creates an environment where generations interact in a meaningful and authentic manner.

The Apostle Peter speaks to the style of leadership that creates the right environment for passing the faith between generations. *“Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”* He also encourages younger leaders, *“young men in the same way be submissive to those who are older.”* The same way is a willingness to set aside preferences and in humility submit to each other.

*“One generation  
will commend  
your mighty  
works to another;  
they will  
commend your  
mighty acts.”  
Psalm 145:4*

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For one teammate to pass the baton to the next, the person holding the baton must adjust his pace to run at the same speed as the person who is receiving the baton. Going at the same pace as an emerging leader is an intentional process. Pacing is more relational and less organizational. Pacing requires an established leader to listen to the heart of an emerging leader, seeing beyond appearances or behaviors. Choosing to engage and listen to our emerging leaders communicates that who they are matters to us. We care about how they think, feel and make the choices they do.

Getting into step takes deliberate planning and requires spending time together. Some practical considerations include the following:

**Create places and times for generations** to spend time getting to know each other. In a large church we tend to segregate generations from each other in order to specialize our efforts and ministry on their needs. What must we do to create more multi-generational gatherings?

**Worship together.** What can we do to integrate the generations in a meaningful way? How do we honor the style and forms of the past and at the same time allow new and fresh expressions of worship to emerge?

**Serve together.** Some of the best multi-generational relationships grow out of serving together. How can we create more serving experiences like these?

**Plan together.** Younger generations value participation. They are more willing to own and be a part of something they helped to create. Do we expect younger generations to buy in only at the execution stage of a program or event or can we get them involved at the very beginning?

**Pray together.** It is vital that our generations connect at a deeper level. Participating in things like the 24/7 Prayer Week help to get leaders on the same page.

In 2010, we will be sharing more about our vision to become a truly inter-generational church. My hope is that we all will embrace the incredible opportunity before us as we move into the future.



**Christian  
GROWTH**  
SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

**January 10 to March 21  
10:00 & 11:30 AM**

*Exceptional classes from a knowledgeable faculty. More info at [www.westminster.org](http://www.westminster.org) (click on Adult Education).*

**Winter Alpha**

**January 10-March 28  
5:30-7:45 PM  
Community Life Center**

*Explore the big questions of life, find a place where you can ask them, and connect with others who are also asking and exploring. Dinner & childcare provided.*

celebrating the culture of asia  
**LUNAR NEW YEAR  
CELEBRATION**

## Release the Tiger

*By Sylvia Ramquist, Director of International Ministry*

The New Year's Ball has dropped in Times Square, and it's time now to focus your attention on the single event that is celebrated by more people around the world than any other holiday. Purchase your individual or family tickets as soon as possible in the Foyer on Sundays or through the on-line registration at [www.westminster.org](http://www.westminster.org). Get ready to unleash your anticipation for a feast of appetizing Asian food, kid-friendly games and crafts, diverse art exhibits, traditional music and dance, martial arts demonstrations, inter-active displays, a high-energy program and more!

The Lunar New Year celebration accomplishes 4 primary goals:

1. It is a redemptive celebration of the diversity of our Pacific Rim city and Westminster family.
2. The event is a practical display of our Chapel's core value to unite ethnically and generationally diverse people. Young and not-so-young, Asians and Caucasians team up to create this multi-faceted party. The Body of Christ on the Eastside is strengthened as Asian ethnic churches feel safe joining in the fun. As a result, each year as this celebration has grown, we've experienced God's blessing and out-pouring of joy.
3. The Lunar New Year celebration allows Westminster Chapel to serve our community through giving visibility to non-profit organizations working among Asians, locally and globally.
4. This event is Westminster's invitation for new, intercultural relationships to develop which will benefit all of the ministries at Westminster Chapel. It truly is an all-church event.

We've been told by many members of our community that Westminster's Lunar New Year party is gaining a reputation as the best Lunar New Year event on the Eastside. This year we are receiving even more attention because of the co-sponsorship we have with World Vision and other organizations serving in Asian countries. So we are expanding this year's celebration to include even more exciting venues and more space in which to explore all the fun, educational and inter-active displays.

The Lunar New Year celebration is definitely a "pack" event, so we depend on you to invite your neighbors, friends, and co-workers to pick up their tickets before they vanish, and get ready to welcome the Year of the Tiger!

**YEAR OF THE  
TIGER  
2 0 1 0**

**Saturday, February 6  
5:00-8:30 PM  
Westminster Chapel**

Tickets are \$10/person, \$30/family\*  
Purchase tickets in the Foyer on  
Sundays or at [www.westminster.org](http://www.westminster.org)

\*Family tickets include up to 6 immediate  
family members. Age 4 and under attend free.



# January 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 • New Year's Day • Church & Offices Closed • Celebrate Recovery	2
3 • Single Seniors	4 • Church & Offices Closed	5 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	6 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Men's Fraternity • Women's Study • Choir	7 • The Gap • TalkTime	8 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • Celebrate Recovery • Family Movie Night	9 • Breakfast with the Guys • Pinewood Derby Workshop
————— Jr. High Winter Advance —————						
10 • Winter Advance • Christian Growth Classes Begin • Single Seniors • Winter Alpha Begins	11 • Church & Offices Closed	12 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	13 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Men's Fraternity • Women's Study • Choir	14 • The Gap • Women's Workplace Study • TalkTime • Cambodia Mission trip (returns 1/24)	15 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • Celebrate Recovery • High School X-Bowling	16 • Pinewood Derby Workshop
17 • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Alpha	18 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • Church & Offices Closed	19 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	20 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Men's Fraternity • Women's Study • Choir	21 • The Gap • Adoption Seminar • TalkTime	22 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha Begins • Celebrate Recovery	23 • High School "Lights Out"
24 • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Alpha	25 • Church & Offices Closed	26 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group • Elders' Meeting	27 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Men's Fraternity • Women's Study • Choir	28 • The Gap • Women's Workplace Study • TalkTime	29 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery • Children's Pinewood Derby	30 • Men of Valor Purity Seminar
31 • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Marriage Course • Alpha						

**SINGLE-PARENT FAMILY CONNECTION**

parenting  
with **LOVE & LOGIC**

January 6 - March 3  
Atrium • 6:00-8:30 PM

Cost is \$25 per family.  
Pre-registration required.


Questions? Contact Emily at 747-1461.



**Winter Advance 2010**

January 8 - 10 • mt. baker jr. high winter retreat

[www.westminster.org/youth](http://www.westminster.org/youth)



wkids  
**family movie night**

Friday, January 8  
6:30-9:00 PM • Children's Theater

A free double feature and popcorn!

Tomato Sawyer and Huckleberry Larry's Big River Rescue & Toy Story

Questions? Contact Martha at 747-1461 ext. 167.



**BREAKFAST with the Guys**

Saturday, January 9  
8:30 AM • Atrium  
Suggested donation is \$5.



Friday, January 29  
5:30-9:30 PM • Gym

Workshops - January 9 & 16  
9:00 AM - Noon

**PINEWOOD DERBY**



**MEN OF VALOR**

PURSuing A LIFE OF SEXUAL INTEGRITY

Saturday, January 30  
8:30 AM - 3:55 PM • Westminster

More info at [www.westminster.org](http://www.westminster.org).



# February 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	3 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Men's Fraternity • Women's Study • Choir	4 • The Gap • TalkTime	5 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery	6 • Lunar New Year
7 • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Marriage Course	8 • Church & Offices Closed • Alpha	9 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	10 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Men's Fraternity • Women's Study • Choir	11 • The Gap • Women's Work- place Study • TalkTime	12 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery • High School Night Skiing at Snoqualmie	13 • Breakfast with the Guys
14 • Single Seniors • Marriage Course • Alpha	15 • President's Day • Church & Offices Closed	16 • 4:10 (18-24) Group	17 • Awana • Youth • Women's Study • Choir	18 • The Gap • TalkTime	19 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery	20
21 • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Marriage Course • Alpha	22 • Church & Offices Closed	23 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • Elder Meeting • 4:10 (18-24) Group	24 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Women's Study • Choir	25 • The Gap • Women's Work- place Study • TalkTime	26 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery	27 • High School "Lights Out"
28 • Alpha Retreat • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Marriage Course • Alpha					————— Alpha Retreat —————	

## Wednesday Evenings at the Chapel

**Single-Parent Family Ministry** • 6:00-8:30 PM • Atrium

**Awana** • 6:30-8:30 PM • Children's Theater • For kids age 3 - grade 6

**Youth Ministry D-Groups** • 6:30-8:30 PM • Youth Area

**Men's Fraternity** • 7:00-8:30 PM • Community Life Center

**Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study** • 7:00-8:30 PM • Fireside Room

more info on each program at [www.westminster.org](http://www.westminster.org)

## Skiing at Crystal Mountain

High School Ministry  
Tuesday, December 29  
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Meet at Westminster

Cost is \$60 for lift ticket  
(plus ski rental  
if needed)

## HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTS OUT

Every 4th Saturday • 6:30-10:30 PM  
Meet in the High School Room



Make sack  
dinners & take  
them to the  
homeless  
of Seattle.

# 7 dates

to refresh your marriage

*the marriage course*



Sundays, January 31 - March 14  
5:30-8:00 PM • Atrium • \$100 per couple

Dinner provided. Childcare available for  
an additional fee. Questions? Contact Karen at  
[themarriagecourse@westminster.org](mailto:themarriagecourse@westminster.org).

register at [www.westminster.org](http://www.westminster.org)

# March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 • Church & Offices Closed	2 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	3 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Women's Study • Choir	4 • The Gap • TalkTime	5 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery (in Jr. High Room) • Family Movie Night	6
7 • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Marriage Course • Alpha	8 • Church & Offices Closed	9 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	10 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Women's Study • Choir	11 • The Gap • Women's Workplace Study • TalkTime	12 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery (in Jr. High Room)	13 • Overlake Senior Fair
14 • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Marriage Course • Alpha Healing Night  <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	15 • Church & Offices Closed	16 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	17 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Women's Study • Choir	18 • The Gap • TalkTime	19 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery  ————— Women's Retreat —————	20 • Breakfast with the Guys
21 • Women's Retreat • Christian Growth • Single Seniors • Alpha	22 • Church & Offices Closed	23 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • 4:10 (18-24) Group	24 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Women's Study • Choir	25 • The Gap • Women's Workplace Study • TalkTime	26 • Men's Prayer • Helping Hands • ESOL Alpha • Celebrate Recovery	27 • High School "Lights Out"
28 • Palm Sunday • Saviour: A Modern Oratorio • Single Seniors • Alpha Celebration Dinner	29 • Church & Offices Closed	30 • Women's Groups • MOMS Group • Elder Meeting • 4:10 (18-24) Group	31 • Awana • Youth • Single Parent Families • Women's Study • Choir			

**we kids**  
**family movie night**

**Friday, March 5**  
6:30-9:00 PM • Children's Theater

A free double feature and popcorn!

Movies to be announced!

Questions? Contact Martha at 747-1461 ext. 167.



**BREAKFAST with the Guys**

**Saturday, March 20**  
8:30 AM • Atrium

Suggested donation is \$5.



**REFLECTIONS**  
ON THE BOOK OF RUTH  
REAL WOMEN. REAL LIFE. REAL FAITH.



**WESTMINSTER WOMEN'S RETREAT**

March 19-21, 2010  
Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center

Cost is \$149 (rises to \$169 after 2/14)

register at [www.westminster.org](http://www.westminster.org)

**Alpha Healing Evening**

Message by Nicky Gumbel  
"Does God Heal Today?"  
followed by a time of prayer

**Sunday, March 14**  
5:30-7:45 PM  
Community Life Center

Dessert & coffee provided.  
No childcare available.  
Questions? Contact Leslie at [lesliek@westminster.org](mailto:lesliek@westminster.org)

