

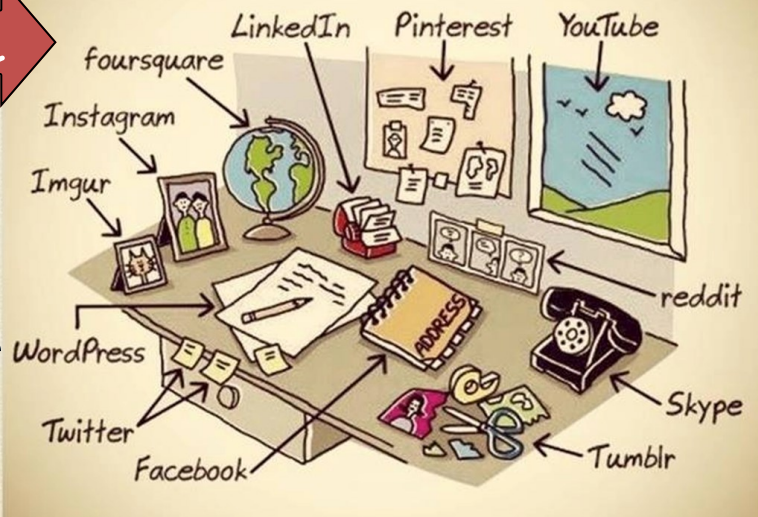
21st Century Faith Formation

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Due to the onset of technology, there have been significant changes to the way we communicate and learn!

BEFORE

the world before social media...



NOW

Faith Formation Goals

Churches want faith formation that helps people. . .

- ◆ grow in their relationship with God throughout their lives
- ◆ live as disciples of Jesus Christ at home, in the workplace, in the community and the world
- ◆ develop an understanding of the Bible and their faith tradition
- ◆ deepen their spiritual life and practices
- ◆ engage in service and mission
- ◆ relate the Christian faith to life today
- ◆ participate in the life and ministries of the faith community

Mobile Revolution

- ◆ Mobile devices have fundamentally changed the relationship between information, time, & space.
- ◆ Information is now PORTABLE, PARTICIPATORY, PERSONAL
- ◆ Information will find you through social networking. "If news is important it will find its way to me."
- ◆ People turn to their social networks to help them evaluate new information they encounter.
- ◆ People have become content creators – when they discover content they will share it with their broad network.
- ◆ Reciprocal sharing is the way people build their social capital and reputations.

Adaptive Challenges: Education

A shift from education to learning. Education is what institutions do, learning is what people do. Digital media enable learning anywhere, anytime; formal learning must be mobile and just in time.

A shift from consumption of information to participatory learning. A new system of learning must be peer-based and organised around learners' interests, enabling them to create as well as consume information.

A shift from institutions to networks. In the digital age, the fundamental operating and delivery systems are networks, not institutions such as schools, which are a node on a young person's network of learning opportunities. People learn across institutions, so an entire learning network must be supported.



The old operating system needs
to make way for the new!



Church Life - Daily & Home Life - Online Life

John shared how we can connect these three things through a **Faith Formation Network**. As you can see by the example for the season of LENT below, we can **connect** with our communities by providing **online resources** that will help them to continue their **faith formation** 'off-site'.

We learnt how to do this by **creating** a website for a particular ministry that we **were** **passionate** about. Using this website we would then use **FREE** resources from the internet to create opportunities for learning. We were taught how to become **curators** of information.

It was really an excellent 3 days and we all learned so much...way to much to share here...you will have to come and see next time! ☺

New operating system: Faith Formation Network

Network Programming

- ♦ A wide variety of diverse faith formation experiences, programs, activities, and resources to match with people's diverse needs and tailored to their busy lives.
- ♦ Multiple ways to learn and grow
- ♦ Online/virtual & gathered/physical
- ♦ Mobile - available anytime & anywhere.

An Example: Connected Faith Formation: Lent

Church Life →	Daily & Home Life	← Online Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Lenten Sunday liturgies • Stations of the Cross • Lenten prayer • Lenten retreat • Lenten service • Lenten soup suppers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fasting • Praying • Service • Lectionary reflection • Family activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten learning resources • Lenten calendar • Daily Lenten prayer • Weekly table prayer • Video resources • Online retreat experience

Curating Content & Experiences

- 1.Church Programs & Activities
- 2.Denominational Resources
- 3.Community Programs & Activities
- 4.People Resources
- 5.Print, Audio, Video Resources
- 6.Art, Drama, Music
- 7.Websites, Courses, Blogs
- 8.Apps & Digital Resources



You never change things by fighting the
existing reality.

To change something, build a new model
that makes the existing model obsolete.

Buckminster Fuller

Planning Lifelong Faith Formation

<u>Process</u>	At Church	At Home	In Community	Online
Caring Relationships				
Church Year Feasts & Seasons				
Learning the Tradition				
Prayer & Spiritual Formation				
Reading the Bible				
Rituals & Milestones				
Service & Working for Justice				
Worship				

Tools & Resources for Multimedia in Ministry

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- Lifelong Faith website - www.lifelongfaith.com
- Lifelong Faith Journal - www.lifelongfaith.com/journal.html
- Reimagine Faith Formation - www.lifelongfaith.com/journal.html
- Faith Formation Learning Exchange - www.faithformationlearningexchange.net
- Curating Faith Formation - www.curatingfaithformation.com
- Books - www.lifelongfaith.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html

Facebook Group – 21st Century Faith Formation Australia
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Facebook group – Multimedia in Ministry - www.facebook.com/groups/multimediaministry/
Personal blog - craigmitchell.typepad.com
Multimedia & design links - craigmitchell.typepad.com/mountain_masala/multimedia-design-resources.html
Ministry blog - growing-disciples.org
FED News – fednews.org
Pinterest - www.pinterest.com/craigmitch/ (see Mobile Apps page)
- www.pinterest.com/craigmitch/mobile-apps-for-ministry/
Twitter - @UCAChristianEd
www.facebook.com/UCAChildrensMinistry/
www.facebook.com/UCAFED/
Vimeo - vimeo.com/craigm

WWW Tools

Scoop.it – scoop.it
Weebly – weebly.com
www.reimaginefaithformation.com/weebly-website-builder.html
www.mymessyhome.com/index.html
kidsandfamiliesatlobethalutheran.weebly.com
foodandfaith.weebly.com
Pinterest – pinterest.com
www.pinterest.com/revbrodz/
Youtube

Apps

Vinteract – vinteract.com.au
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