

### 《2024 Family Retreat》

"Through the camp, I came to understand the challenges of intergenerational faith transmission... It strengthened parent-child relationships and was very rewarding."

"I really enjoyed it... Every gathering was creative, and the songs truly engaged our whole family."

## 《Course Participant Feedback》 Covenant Parenting – Family in the Bible

"Learned a lot. Some views were challenged. Gained a clearer understanding of covenant."

### Worship in the Bible

"Excellent course. The teacher was outstanding... Very practical for pastoral ministry."

## Real Children, Real Change – Spiritual and Character Formation in Children

"I wish I had taken this course earlier... It should be required for every parent!"







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# Welcome Children Program (WCP)

# Authentic Encounter, Authentic Faith

Helping children genuinely experience ...
Church as God's big family
Family as God's little church

This ministry is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

## Where will our children be in 2 times 7 years?

## CHALLENGE

Can they inherit their parents' faith, or—as studies show—leave the church and even their faith after middle school?

### **MINDSET**

How does the church treat the young ones in light of the E-generation challenges? Is it merely childcare, assuming there is plenty of time ahead or do we recognize that childhood and youth are the golden years of spiritual formation?

Has age-segregated ministry widened the gap between children and the faith life of the church? We must return to Scripture to rediscover the essence of faith transmission. and God's heart for children.





Vision: Welcome Children -Build holistic intergenerational ministry to raise a faith-filled next generation

Mission: Help North American Chinese churches fully integrate children into church life

## MINISTRY DESIGN

### **Eligibility to Participate:**

- Each cycle recruits 4-5 "ECAC/Experiential Chinese American church"
- Requires pastors and coworkers to take responsibility and attend training
- Commitment of 2.5 years, \$1000 registration fee

### What WCP Provides:

- Experiential Activities: Family retreats for pastors and leaders, intergenerational worship/fellowship demonstrations
- Consultation: Tailored ministry development support
- <u>Training</u>: Intergenerational Faith Transmission Ministry diploma (partially subsidized), leadership courses, practice fellowships, and seminars\*
- Resources: Worship, prayer, teaching, fellowship, family devotion, and evangelism materials

\*Open also to non-ECAC church members.





## **CORE VALUES**

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## Covenantal Relationship

God's covenant grace and faithfulness is passed down through households. (Gen 6:18; 22:17-18)



### Household of God

Personal identity is established in a household. (Gen 19:12; Josh 24:15)



## Intergenerational Community for Spiritual Formation

Personal spiritual formation happens as part of the intergenerational spiritual formation of the faith community. (Eph 4:15-16)



## Loving/Welcoming Attitude

Jesus wants us to show hospitality and care towards the least. (Mk 9:37; Lk 9:50)



## Dependent, Child-like Spirituality

Jesus wants us to learn to be like children and rely on Him. (Matt 18:2-5; Lk 10:21)



