

East Central Presbytery Fall Meeting

First Presbyterian Church

17 Courthouse Square

Harrisonburg, Virginia

22802



Keynote Speaker —

The Rev. Dr. Wilson McCoy



Dr. Wilson McCoy (MDiv, D Min) has worked in congregational ministry for more than 20 years in Tennessee, Texas, and Australia. In all of these contexts, Wilson experienced the benefits and blessings of intergenerational ministry. Those experiences culminated into his doctoral project that explored an intergenerational reading of Scripture and the formative impact of reading the Bible with people of different ages. His work in this area equipped him to work with congregations and conferences around the world to

cultivate more intergenerational rhythms in the life of local churches. To find out more about his work you can visit his website www.drwilsonmccoy.com.

He recently released a book with ACU Press, *Imagining All Generations: A Renewed Vision for an Intergenerational Church*, that grows out of his role on the Leadership Team of the InterGenerate conference. Wilson enjoys writing, experimenting in the kitchen, and spending time with his wife and two daughters. Wilson also serves as Director of the Rural & Small-Town Church Initiative with Lipscomb University in Nashville. He also serves as a Training Coordinator for GenOn Ministries.

Wilson's three favorite people in the world are his wife and two daughters. They love to travel to the beach, take walks in their local park, and have water days in the backyard. If Wilson has any free time after that, then you will likely find him writing, experimenting in the kitchen, listen to Wilco, or going on a run to balance out all the time in the kitchen.





HOUSING INFORMATION

Reservations for Friday, September 18, 2026
may be made at:

DoubleTree by Hilton Harrisonburg

1400 East Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

[540.433.2521](tel:540.433.2521)

**THIRTY (30) ROOMS ARE RESERVED FOR EAST
CENTRAL. RESERVATIONS CLOSE AUGUST 18TH!!**

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday:

4:30-5:30 PM- Registration

5:30-6:30 PM- Dinner

6:30-7:20 PM- Worship with Communion

7:20-7:25 PM-Welcome from Host Pastor or Staff Member

7:25-7:30 PM-Introduction of Guest Speaker

7:30-9:00 PM— Rev. Dr. Wilson McCoy---Session 1

Saturday:

7:30-8:30 AM- Continental Breakfast or Breakfast at hotels

8:30-8:45 AM- Worship

8:45-10:00 AM— Rev. Dr. Wilson McCoy---Session 2

10:00-10:30 AM- Presbytery reports and business meeting

10:30 AM-12:00 PM— Rev. Dr. Wilson McCoy---Session 3

12:00-1:00 PM- Boxed lunches and departure

Wilson McCoy's Presentations

BECOMING INTERGENERATIONAL

What does it look like to be a church for all ages? How can our communities of faith embrace every generation in our midst? In a time where many congregations are experiencing generational tension, can there be a better, more faithful way forward?

This regional gathering will explore these questions and consider the path of intergenerational ministry to honor and appreciate every age and stage of life on our journey of faith together.

Session #1 What is intergenerational ministry?

This introductory session will lay the foundation for a vision of intergenerational ministry. We will consider the different generations in our churches and how that can inform our vision of ministry. We will explore what it means to be an intergenerational community of faith that demonstrates why every age group matters to the church.

Session 2: Why does intergenerational ministry matter?

This is where we really get into the brass tacks: how and where does a local church that has never done anything like this get started? What criteria should a church look for when considering partnering? What does a healthy partnership look like? What other resources are out there to help local churches discern their way into the mission field?

Session 2: How can we implement intergenerational ministry?

This final session will build off the previous two sessions to answer the practical dimensions of intergenerational ministry. What does this way of being the church look like in a local context? We will explore an interactive, intergenera-

tional ministry. What does this way of being the church look like in a local context? We will explore an interactive, intergenerational practice as a group, hear from the experiences of practitioners, and offer some strategies and steps for implementing intergenerational ministry in local contexts.



RESOURCES

GenOn Ministries - <https://www.genonministries.org/> - The future is intergenerational. Sharing faith, shaping vibrant church communities through training, workshops, and resources.

Messy Church USA - <https://messychurchusa.org/> - A way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith-formative activities. Found throughout the globe. Based on the values of all-ages together, celebration, creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ. Offers curriculum, training, a national conference, and resources for churches that are part of the Messy Church network.

ReFocus Ministry - <https://refocusministry.org> - Connecting generations in meaningful relationships for lifelong discipleship. Offers coaching, cohorts, free & low-cost family discipleship resources, and a blog.

The Center for Faith and Children at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School - <https://faithandchildren.org/> - Reimagining church where a child's faith flourishes. Offers bi-annual Children's Spirituality Summit, resources for churches, parents and ministry leaders and ministry cohorts

Building Faith - <https://buildfaith.org/> - Our mission is to equip and inspire churches and individuals for the ministry of Christian education and faith formation. Offers articles and resources specific to intergenerational ministry.