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As learners, we will

- consider how to incorporate multiple approaches to learning engage children of God of all ages more effectively in the process of fostering lifelong discipleship and formation.
 reflect upon how principles of human development and faith formation relate to our own ongoing adult faith formation.
- explore how this awareness may inform our approach to age/stage and intergenerational Christian education and spiritual formation in faith communities and

Reflect:

- In groups of two or three, describe one of your most memorable learning experiences in a faith setting:

- memorable learning experiences in a faith setting:

 Where did it take place?

 Who was there?

 How old were you?

 What were supposed to be learning/exploring?

 What did you learn/take away?

 Be prepared to share some observations in the larger group

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Congregation as Intergenerational "Curriculum"

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- Diakonia: The Curriculum of Service

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Human Development

Chronological Stages

- Chronological Stages

 Infancy (1-1 ½)

 Early Childhood (2-6)

 Childhood (7-12)

 Adolescence (3-2-1)

 Voung Adulthood (21-35)

 Adulthood (35-60)

 Maturity (60+)
- Piaget's Stages

- Sensoirmotor (birth/24 mos. Preoperational/Intuitive (7) Concrete Operational(7-12) Formal Operational (beyond)

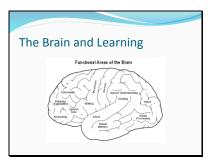
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rowler Stages of Faith Infancy/Undifferentiated Stage 1 Intuitive-Projective faith Stage 2 Mythic-Literal faith Stage 3 Synthetic-Conventional faith Stage 4 Individuative-Reflective faith Stage 5 Conjunctive faith Stage 6 Universalizing faith

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- Adult Learning: 5 Assumptions
 Adults determine the "what and why" of learning
- need to learn experientially
- approach learning as problem-solving, and
- learn best when the topic is of immediate value.
- motivation in internal

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Adult Learning: 4 Principles

- Adults need to be involved in the planning and evaluation of their instruction.
- Experience (including mistakes) provides the basis for learning activities.
- Adults are most interested in learning subjects that have immediate relevance to their job or personal life.
- Adult learning is problem-centered rather than content-oriented.

The Adult Learner/Third Age

- third age we have freedom within limits income, health, geographic location – to plan our lives – doing largely what we want, when we want.
- The adult learner analyzes, conceptualizes, and synthesizes experience/prior knowledge creatively generating original work and innovative methods that results in the formation of new knowledge or revision of our frame of reference.

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We Thank You, God, for Teachers

We thank you, God, for teachers who help us learn your Way,

Who show by their example How we can serve and pray,

Who find great joy in worship, Who listen with concern;

For in their loving witness, They help us want to learn.

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We thank you, God, for children And older people, too.

Who value times of learning And want to grow in you.

Who seek your precious kingdom $\mbox{\sc And}$ wisdom from above;

For wise ones of all ages Still seek to learn your love.

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We thank you, God, for families Of every kind and size,

Who keep the vows they spoke when Their children were baptized,

Who pray and read the Bible, Who love and serve the poor;

They teach, by what they value, The way of Christ our Lord.

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We thank you, God, for churches That welcome one and all

That nurture every person In answer to Christ's call.

So fill us with your Spirit, And give us life anew,

That we may help each other Live faithfully in you.

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For the Bible tells us so.....

- What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9)
 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19)
 "So that all may learn and be encouraged...."
 (I Cor.14:31)

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Those who take upon themselves responsibility for teaching and exhorting should not sit above and prescribe to others, but should join them and walk along with them as companions. From Cahin's lecture on halab, Chapter 2, Yores
