

Ten Guiding Principles

OF EFFECTIVE CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



It is vital that leaders in home and congregation have a strong understanding of the nature and practices of effective child, youth and family ministry and their role within it.

- 1 Children, young people and their families are nurtured for life in Jesus Christ through vital engagement with God's Word and the rituals, traditions and practices of Christian faith.
- 2 Faith is integrated into family identity and practice.
- 3 Children and young people have multiple adult mentors of vital faith.
- 4 Integrated pathways of faith formation tend the faith journeys of children, young people and their families through the various ages and phases of life.
- 5 Children and young people are encouraged by spiritual relationships with Christian friends through quality age specific ministry. (Camping and peer relationships.)
- 6 During times of personal crisis, children, young people and their families are supported within an engaging Christian community.
- 7 Children and young people are engaged in meaningful intergenerational church experiences in which they are valued.
- 8 Children and young people are given opportunities to discover and express their gifts and talents including being involved in leadership.
- 9 Children and young people are encouraged to participate in acts of service in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 10 Ministry practices and approaches have a strong missional focus and dimension, reaching out in Christ's name to children, young people and families in the wider community.