

# ***Life Together* Models**

## **An Organic Model: A Balanced Life**

*Life Together* lifts up an organic model of growth that is appropriate to the church as the body of Christ. As human beings are nourished through a balanced diet of food, so the people of God grow through a balanced diet of Word and Sacrament in the context of the church's seasons. People of all ages grow together as they encounter the same Bible stories and themes week by week.

## **A Formation Model: A Growing Faith**

*Life Together* lifts up a formation model of growth. Growth happens not only in structured educational settings but in the experiences and activities that a community shares. Much is "caught not taught." Through common experiences in worship, a common focus in learning, common service opportunities, and common outreach avenues, God's people are formed.

## **An Integrated Model: A Life Together**

By integrating experiences of education and worship, *Life Together* increases children's understanding of life together among God's people. A *Life Together* session follows the flow of worship.

- In worship, believers gather with friends. In *Life Together*, children feel welcome and share with one another, affirming that they all belong to God.
- In worship, believers hear God's word in readings from the Bible and in a sermon. In *Life Together*, children encounter the Word in story and claim it as their own.
- In worship, believers celebrate the gift of faith in the sacraments, the liturgy, the songs, and the prayers they have in common. In *Life Together*, children as a community of learners, explore images and rites, practices and expressions of the faithful.

- In worship, believers send one another back into the world with jobs to do together, refreshed and clear about their mission to share the good news of God's love. In *Life Together*, children, nurtured in the gospel, are equipped to live joyfully and lovingly in God's world. And since all family members have related experiences on a given day, the faith forming process can continue.

<b>A Planner's Guide to <i>Life Together</i> Resources</b>				
<b>Preaching</b>	<b>Worship Planning</b>	<b>Church Music</b>	<b>Christian Education &amp; Faith Formation</b>	<b>Faith in the Home</b>
Sundays & Seasons	Sundays & Seasons	Sundays & Seasons	Life Together Youth Resources	
New Proclamation	Living & Learning	Living & Learning	Living & Learning	Living & Learning
	LifeSongs	LifeSongs	LifeSongs	LifeSongs (CDs)
			Word of Life	Word of Life
			Life Together Sunday school resources	Life Together Sunday school resources
	Kids Celebrate		Kids Celebrate	