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Intergenerational Worship in Global Contexts

Understanding of Psalm 148:

Psalm 148 describes a compelling vision of “young and old together” in worship.

Psalm 148,12 explicitly invites people from different ages (“young men and maidens, old men and children”) to praise God together. “Children of Israel gathered together to worship God”. They gathered at the holy place. In its worship Israel listen together to the Lord who spoke to the people assembled.

All creation is called to praise/worship and adore God as a whole. All believers come to the Lord as one, a whole.

- The Malagasy (citizen of Madagascar) people live together in community and in communion (no individualism). The word family includes not only the household (father and mother and their children) but all relatives.
- Worship is a togetherness, a coming together the Lord as a whole. One family in Christ. One family in faith. We live in one spirit and our spirit needs to be alive. Through our worship service we together get spiritual strength and power. We receive one Scriptures message. We receive life and blessing as a family in worship.
- To worship is to build a community, a communion, a living together as one. There is no separation or distinction. There are no age differences or any kind of social class when worshipping God. God is inclusive.
- Younger s need to observe and live what the elders (old) doing. Parents are their models/teachers . Worship is sharing experience.
- We are susceptible re. the reformed tradition in general and particularly on worship. They are the keepers/guardians. Although globalization may affect our way of worshipping God culture differs from each society.

We live and serve God in very different contexts. In every cultural context, there are unique challenges and opportunities in realizing this vision.

Worshipping is a big event that needs to be celebrated together.

Together in Madagascar community means in one place, one moment in time... . This is what we mean by everybody/everything. We are a big family in the community of worshipers.

Worship is a unity, it is all, it is the totality.