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# First Community A.M.E. Church

## Grand Rapids, MI

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

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# Project Summary

**The “Why We Do What We Do: Understanding Prayer, Praise, Worship and Servant Leadership,” an intergenerational project that incorporated song, scripture, sermon, and servant leadership, which fostered spiritual development and growth in the life of the believer, church, and community.**

# Areas of Focus

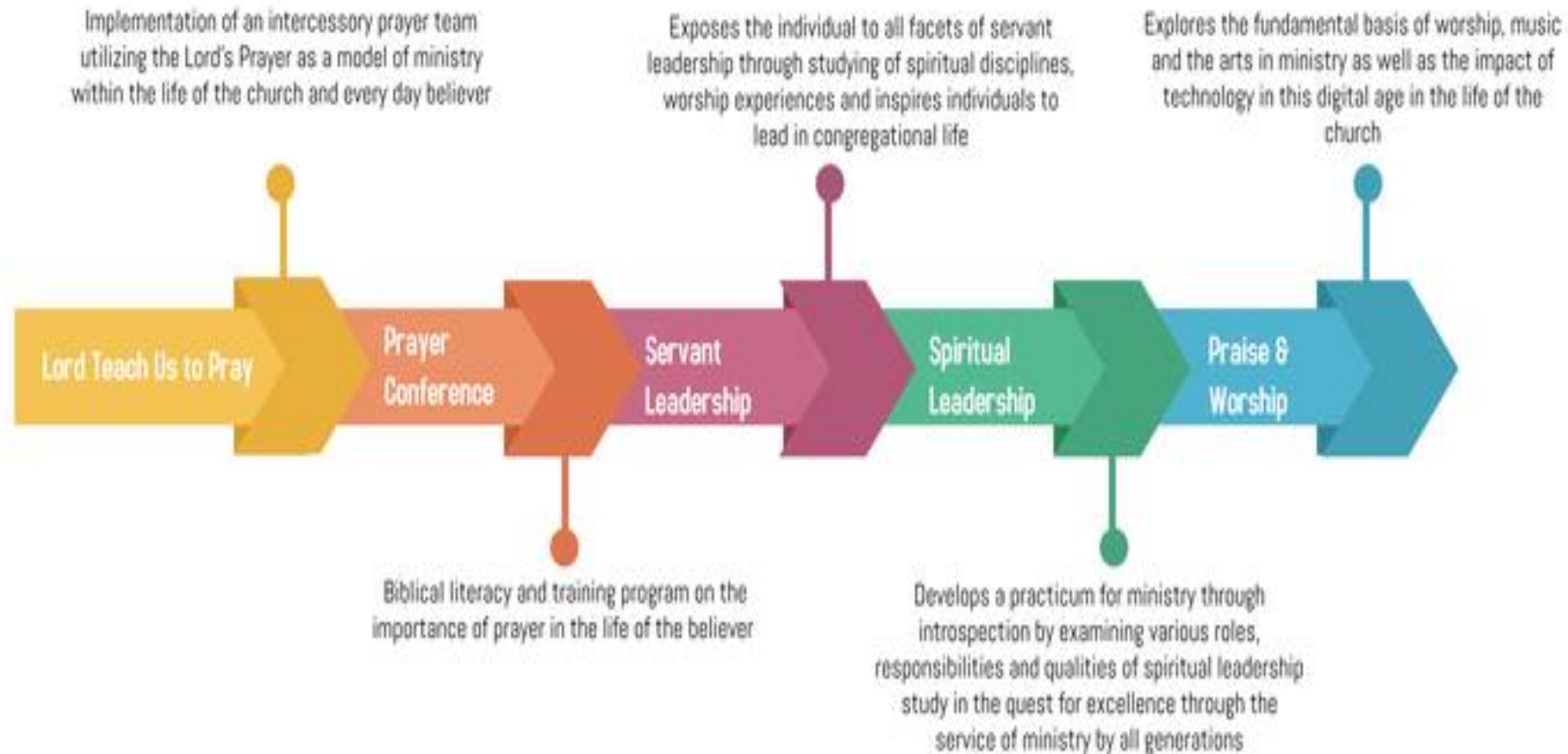
- Prayer
- Servant Leadership
- Praise & Worship



Vital  
Worship

# Timeline

## Vital Worship Experience



# What We Learned.....

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- Intergenerational ministry facilitation requires creativity, communication, collaboration, and cooperation.
- Scriptural text and cultural considerations are important when training on prayer, leadership, and praise and worship.
- Creating a common culture and language are critical to fostering spiritual development, growth, and a sacred space for worship.
- Relational spirituality is enhanced when people are given a voice and are able to share and reflect in small group settings.

# What We Learned.....

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Bro. Aaron Gholston delivered the Message via Facebook Live on Youth Sunday 4/25/2021



Sis. Kamyle Jackson welcomes everyone to Facebook Live Church Service on Millennial Sunday 5/16/2021

- All generations can learn to use technology to access worship when given the right resources and training.
- Our youth and millennial members have untapped talents and spiritual gifts that they are waiting to use.
- Understanding and utilizing technology for worship in the digital space is an imperative for the future.
- Spiritual leaders exist in all generations.

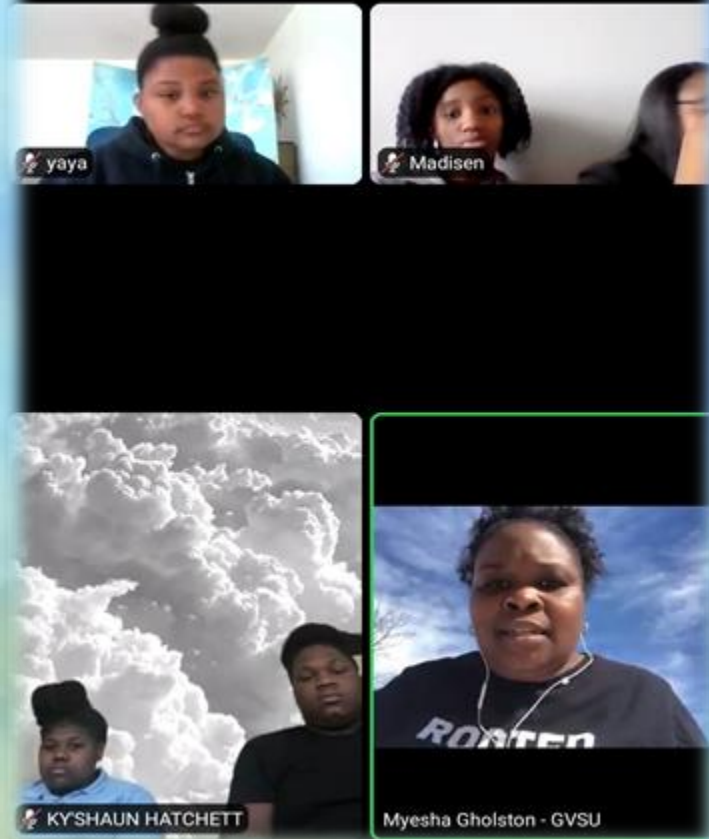
# Highlights.....

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- “Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days” Book Study
- Lord, Teach Me to Pray Prayer Conference
- “Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer” Book Study
- 4-Week Advent Prayer based on The Lord’s Prayer
- Reading, Meditation, and Reflection on the Book of Psalms in 25 Weeks using the S.O.A.P Method
- Intercessory Prayer Ministry Training
- Praise and Worship Training and Symposium

# Children & Youth Ministry During the Vital Worship Experience

## Church School Lessons & Programs Gen A



“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”  
Gen Z Book Study



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Spiritual Leadership Institute  
Gen Z Book Study



# Creating and Intergenerational Vital Worship Experiences in a Pandemic



Parking Lot Vital Worship Experience

Zoom Prayer Conference

Zoom Watch Night Service

# Q & A

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