

I was asked to discuss Revitalization and Renewal of Our Church through the Women's Missionary Council (WMC) Using an Intergenerational Approach. To address this topic, a survey of members in our Local churches ages 40 and under was conducted.

The majority of the responses were from individuals between the ages of 18 to 35, and only twenty percent of these individuals were members of their local Women's Missionary Society (WMS). The survey revealed several things that missionaries ages 41 and above could do to revitalize and renew the local churches, as well as things the younger generations could do.

Probably the easiest and most important thing that can be done by members of the local WMS is to tell younger individuals about WMS and invite them to join the Society. Several of the respondents did not know how to join the Society or had never been asked to join. When a local Society has younger members, Missionaries above the age of 41 need to show them that their ideas and suggestions are meaningful, and be willing to take action to implement them. Some of our local Societies are supporting and encouraging, as well as working along-side, their younger missionaries as they execute various projects.

Based upon the survey results, we need to have intergenerational discussions where the participants come with open minds, willing to actively listen to each other. Seniors need to be willing to try a new thing, and the younger generations need to be willing to listen and learn why some practices need to be retained. Last but not least, all generations need to be willing to compromise as they carry out the Great Commission.