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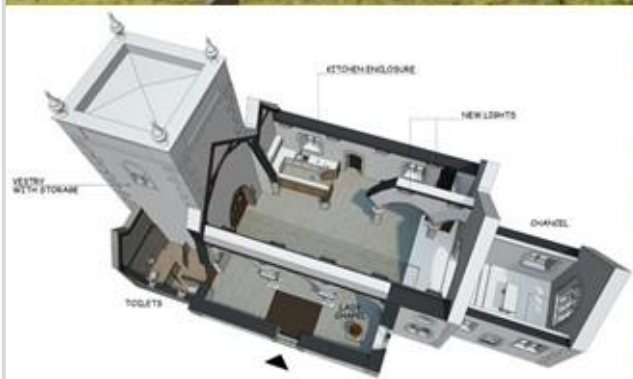
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Regenerating Places of Faith in the United Kingdom

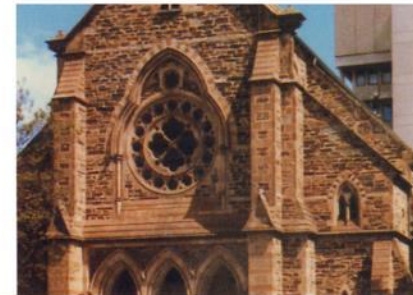
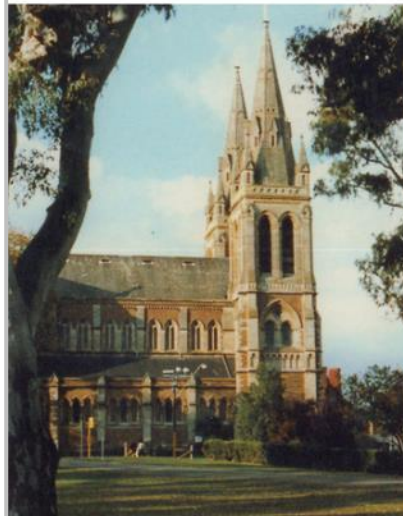
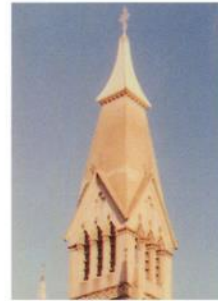
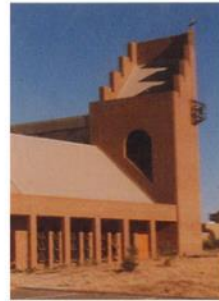
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Church Buildings & Communities

- Wider Communities' attitudes to church buildings



Regenerating Places of Faith
- More Conversation. **2018**

Connecting Places of Faith & Communities

...and what does this actually mean?

All individuals are different.

All church congregations are different.

All neighbouring communities are different.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution to connecting them.

Regenerating Places of Faith 2019

Definition of COMMUNITY, from the online Cambridge Dictionary

‘People who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group, or nationality

or

the people living in one particular area.’

Church congregations can change over time.

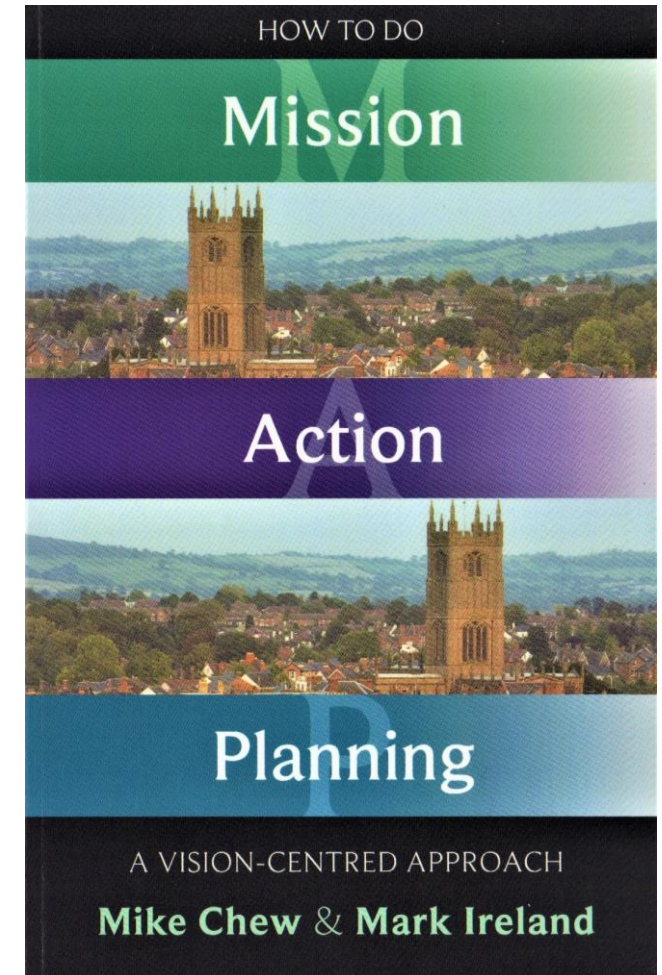
Neighbouring communities can change over time.

Therefore the needs and aspirations of both can change....

so the ways that churches & communities connect need to be flexible.

Congregations need:

- a clear Mission Action Plan**
- to understand their own neighbourhoods**
- to understand their own appetite for change.**



When connecting with communities congregations need to:

- understand their own willingness to let others 'cross their threshold'**
- be willing to relinquish some control.**

Some congregations will find these things easier than others.



Croydon Connections Centre

Would you (or someone close to you) be interested in the following activities?

Please tick one answer for each activity and number your top three.

Mind, Body, Soul	Yes	No	Maybe
Depression / anxiety workshops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yoga classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essential oils workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circuit training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcoholics Anonymous	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Alpha" course – Explore the meaning of life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community, Workspace			
Barneys' Bazaar (community fete)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barney's international café	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office / co-working space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community garden working bee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relationships, Life skills			
Parenting workshops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthy Relationships course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conflict resolution workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English tutoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Money management course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Questionnaire – St. Barnabas, Croydon, Adelaide

Social, fun			
Quiz nights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie nights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music concerts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Amazing Race" Adventure Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kids			
"Mainly Music" playgroup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Tutoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Holidays kids club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elderly			
How to fall safely class	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basic computer training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morning tea and fellowship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other ideas.....

How many lollies are in the jar?

Contact number / email.....

☐ Tick here if you would like to receive info about any of the activities you expressed in.

We will not use your contact details in any other way.

Questionnaire - St. Barnabas, Croydon, Adelaide (Cont'd)

54 people completed the questionnaire

The most favoured activities were

Movie nights - 81%

Music concerts - 81%

Barneys' Bazaar (community fete) - 78%

Barneys' International Café - 72%

Quiz nights - 72%

Community garden working bee - 70%

School holidays kids club - 70%

Kids' Art Workshop - 69%

Depression/anxiety workshops - 67%

Example 1.

A community helping to regenerate a place of faith

The Great Mosque at Djenné, Mali



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Example 2.

A community tackling loneliness & social isolation

The AGE to age project, Northeast Minnesota

AGE to age:
bringing the generations together



“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn.” –Benjamin Franklin



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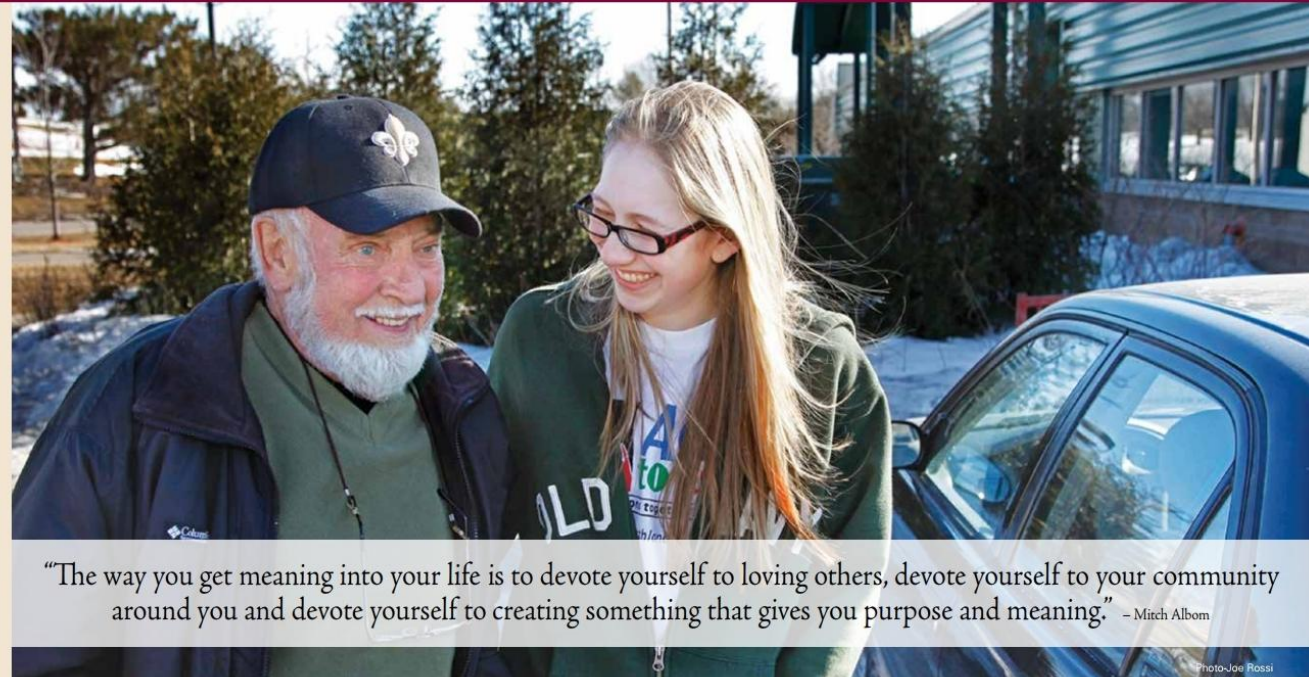
The Northland Foundation is a resource for people, businesses, and communities in Northeast Minnesota working toward prosperity through economic and social justice.

Our purpose is to strengthen families, grow a sustainable regional economy, cultivate leadership and philanthropy, and foster respect for all.

Through our grants to nonprofits, loans to local businesses, KIDS PLUS Program, and other special initiatives, the Northland Foundation is building a strong foundation for the future of our region.

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“The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.” – Mitch Albom

PHOTO-Joe Rossi

AGE to age **LESSONS LEARNED**

A strategic approach to engaging
older adults and youth within a community

Bringing the generations together for better communities.

AGE to age is the newest member of the Northland Foundation's KIDS PLUS family of programs. Launched in fall 2008, this exciting initiative empowers youth, adults, and elders to explore how their generations are both alike and different. The heart of the program, and the key to its success, are the relationships that span generations and link older adults with young people in the rural communities and Indian Reservations of northeastern Minnesota.

AGE to age is grassroots; through a guided planning process designed by the Northland Foundation, adults age

55 and older, along with youth, identify unmet local needs and devise their own solutions. Along the way, bonds of friendship form and civic engagement grows by leaps and bounds. The benefits to young people, older adults, and the broader community are far-reaching.

The following pages contain a snapshot of where *AGE to age* began and how it has evolved. It is only a beginning. As the Age Wave crests, growing numbers of older adults are available – and desiring – to give back, while children and youth continue to be in need of guidance from caring adults. Intergenerational collaboration is an incredible resource just waiting to be tapped.



Example 3.

‘Take a Student Home’ to tackle loneliness

How was the project born?



The project Take a student home was born in 2004 from our analysis of the Milanese context (survey "Studying and living in Milan") and the intention to combine two different but compatible requirements.



Milan is in fact characterized as a highly attractive city for students, around 180,000 are enrolled in the main Milanese universities and the majority, 72%, are not resident in the city.



At the same time, there are around 320,000 people over 65 living in Milan and a good number of them are in good health and live in a house that is too large for their needs.



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Students enrolled at the Milanese universities



320,000

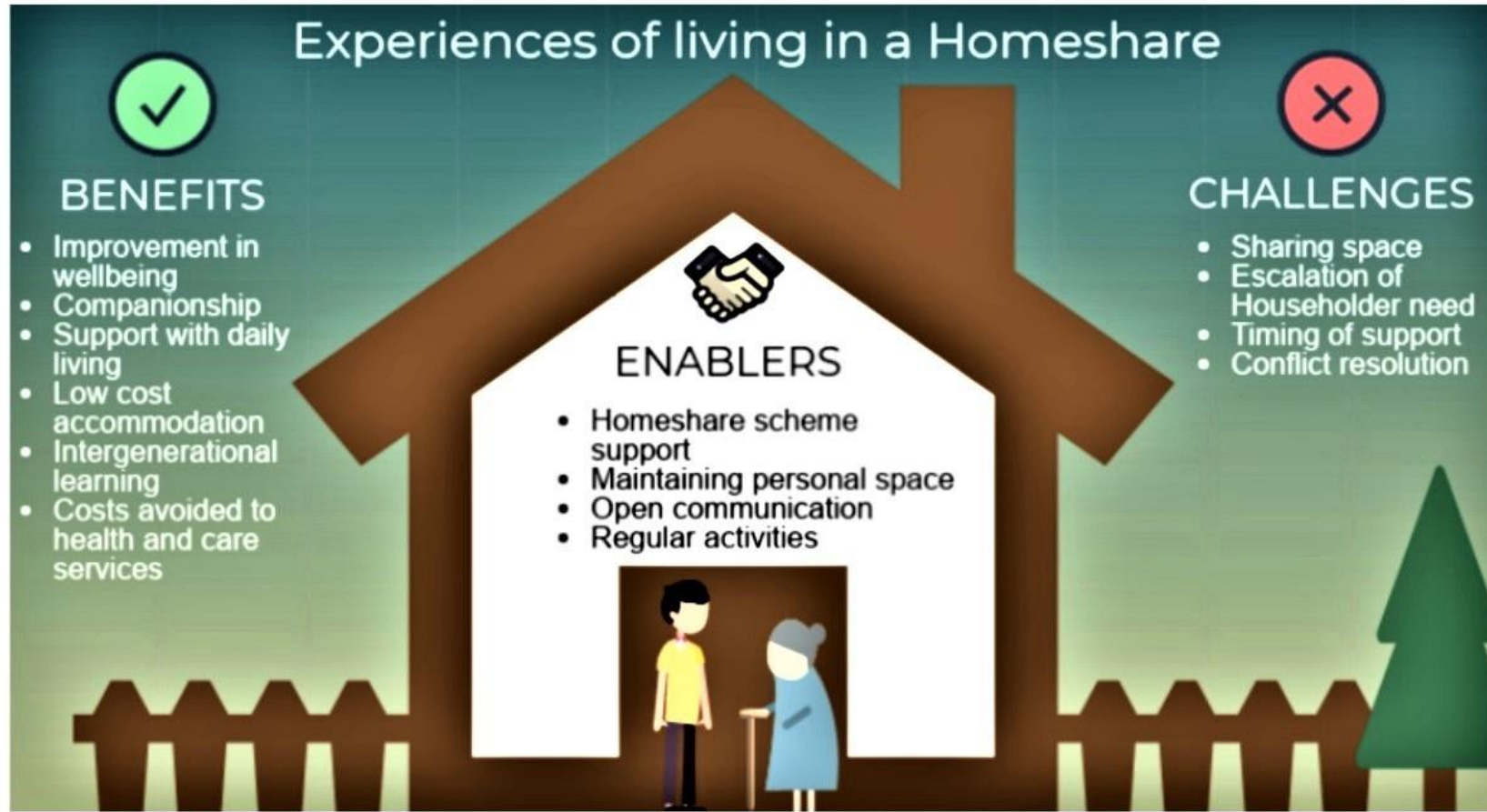
Residents of Milan over 65

**Since 2004 we have offered over 650 combinations;
few cohabitations interrupted due to incompatibility.**

The Association reserves the right to extend the initiative also to those who need to settle in Milan for reasons other than study - such as a more or less extended period of work, internships etc. However, each request will be evaluated case by case and in relation to the contingent needs.

Those who participate in the project contribute to the service with a membership fee of € 150, to be paid to the Association after having tested cohabitation.

**'Take a
Student Home'
initiative in
Milan**



Homeshare initiatives are underway in many countries, including in the US, Europe and Australia. Most of the programmes pair an older person with a spare room, with a person in need of low-cost accommodation, in return for as many as 10 hours of household tasks or company each week.

Example 4.

A community working to regenerate itself

The Wickford Wombles, UK



...and finally, appropriate uses for places of faith...?

Norwich Cathedral



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Rochester Cathedral





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