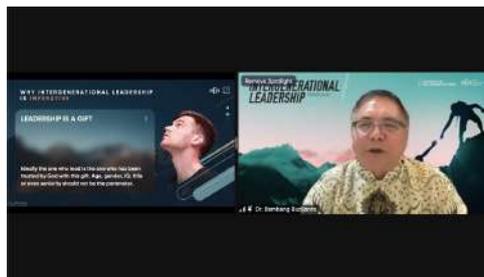


A REPORT from Youth Commission : Intergenerational Leadership



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On 18 September 2021, the Youth Commission (YC) of both the Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA) and the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI), organized a much-needed and relevant webinar on “Intergenerational Leadership.” There were 251 participants from 21 countries registered to attend this highly anticipated webinar.

The joint planning team was glad to have Dr. Bambang Budijanto, the General Secretary of AEA and Rev. Vijayesh Lal, the General Secretary of EFI, as the two main speakers. With inspiration, they shared not only their wisdom on why intergenerational leadership matters, biblically and conceptually, but also how well they have been navigating this tricky terrain practically in their ministry and leader-

ship. With similar richness and insights, two younger leaders, Yamini Ravindran, the Associate Secretary General of National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka and Pastor Garrett Lee, the CEO of Heart God Church Singapore, provided their responses and stories to echo the inevitable necessity and amazing blessings of the presence of intergenerational leadership, particularly in their contexts.



The final section of the webinar was filled with delightful and honest conversations among the above speakers answering participants' questions about their presentations. Some of the issues that were discussed were:

- **How to practically prepare the leadership platform** in order to pass the baton from senior leaders to emerging/younger leaders.
- **How could we bridge the gap** between the beautiful idea of intergenerational leadership and its practice in reality.
- **What are some of the "beneath the surface" issues**, that can be found in any church or Christian organization, that need to be addressed to have a meaningful, inclusive, and effective execution of intergenerational leadership.

Moving forward, not only the speakers, but also many webinar participants, think that while the discussion on intergenerational leadership in this webinar is certainly a good start, it should lead to many more ongoing conversations and dialogues among leaders from different generations. It is hoped that eventually, the presence of intergenerational leadership in churches and Christian organizations will no longer be merely an idea or exception, but a norm and prolific way to go.

