

Ideas for Generational Ministry for Women #4

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This past year, we held a “tea.” I know most churches are doing away with this, but we hadn’t had one in a long time. HOWEVER, it was not a traditional tea. Each “female” (targeted all ages) was given a shallow sturdy paper bowl (the ones we found had larger circumferences) that they were to decorate as a hat. The only rule was that this had to be the base or used in creating. We had prizes for most creative, most feminine, most “tomboyish,” best group (encouraged to make similar hats as a team), most unusual, and most outrageous. Each adult (defined as teenager and up) participant was given “tickets” with each of these categories on it. During the mingle time, they were encouraged to give their vote to the person with the hat they believed embodied this category. (Children younger than teenagers were all given prizes.) The person collecting the most votes won.

Decorations and the meal were simple. Each table was decorated differently with a mix of borrowed teapot, small teddy bear, fake pearls, lace, etc. We had a small table set for a child’s tea party with bears in each seat and a child’s tea set. We served a variety of teas (hot and iced) in china cups that were borrowed. We cut sandwiches into fourths (with the crust cut off) alongside fresh fruit and salad.

We had a photographer take pictures of family groups or other groups and had these pictures provided to the participants the following Sunday.

One of our team members had a devotion that addressed our inner adornment (1 Peter 3:3-4)
Result: Our church attendance is about 180 (men, women, and children) average and we had 60 females from infancy/toddler to over 80 years in attendance. Some brought other family members who didn’t attend along with them – there were a lot of 3 and 4 generation groups. These mixed ages mingled while looking at the hats. There was a lot of laughter and changing tables to talk to other groups. SUCCESS!!!