



AMAZING-EXPANSIVE-ESSENTIAL  
VOCATIONAL WORLDS  
OF  
ELDERS

*“Faith and Callings Among Seniors”*

# VOCATIONAL WORLD OF SENIORS

- **STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- *Three to six "Elders" who "Practice" the Ministry they Lead*
- *Collaboration, Knowledge, Skills and Experience*

- *Convener*
- *Recruiter*
- *Curious Learner*
- *Prayer*
- *Organizer*
- *Storyteller*

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- **Elders in Scripture and Christian Tradition** - Examples
  - Abraham and Sarah
  - Moses and Aaron
  - Mordecai
  - Job
  - Simeon and Anna
  - Mother Teresa
  - Desmond Tutu

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- **Aging and the Christian Faith** – Elders are important and engaged:
  - Endowed with dignity through birth and baptism
  - Responsible with others for managing the planet
  - Bearers of the story of God's presence and action
  - Conveyors of life wisdom and mentors of the young;
  - Called by God to serve their "neighbor" "the world"

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- **Aging and the Christian Faith** – Elders are:
  - Spiritually gifted to equip/build up Christ's Body
  - Gathered, enlightened in faith communities
  - Vulnerable/resilient on a short journey to death
  - On their way to life in a new heaven and earth.

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**Vocation** – Faith-informed, contributing so that the world might thrive

- **Salvation/forgiveness is a Gift:** Fear, shame, hurt, mess-ups “**Graced**” by God
- What then? Live so the **world God loves might thrive**
- Living shaped by **faith, “callings,” contexts, capacities and relationships**
- “**Callings:**” Self, family, church, friendship, neighborhood, community & world
- **Capacities & Context:** unique place, presence, actions and strengths