**PERSPECTIVES ON BEING AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH**

**Date: 7 August 2014**

**Place: URCSA Cloetesville Corner of Lang Street and William Street, Cloetesville**

**Conference fee: R100 – including lunch and coffee/tea**

**The conference will be presented in English**

**VBO POINTS: 5**

**SCHEDULE**

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 9:30 Session one**

Inclusion or exclusion of children in the church and how we think about children - Dirk Coetsee, Petra Institute

**9:30 – 11:00**

*Biblical Perspectives on Children and Childhood:  Resources for Youth and Family Ministries and the Intergenerational Church* – Marcia Bunge, Professor of Religion, Bernhardson Distinguished Chair of Lutheran Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota, USA. Over the past 13 years Prof Bunge has spoken and published widely on religious perspectives on children and obligations to them, editing four books on the subject, including *The Child in Christian Thought* and *The Child in the Bible*.

*Response 1*: Robert Vosloo, US

*Response 2*: Anita Cloete, US

*Discussion*

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea**

**11:30 – 13:00**

*The quest for a new theological paradigm for children’s ministry in the intergenerational church* - Jan Grobbelaar, Petra Institute

*The role and importance of children in an intergenerational church* - Shantelle Weber, US

*Celebrating a shared identity in being an intergenerational church: A narrative of Paarlberg congregation* - Bernard Malherbe, DRC Paarlberg and Hannelie Yates, NWU

Discussion

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:30**

*Workshop and Story sharing: Practices for an intergenerational church* – Dirk Coetsee and people from different congregations.

**16:30 Departure**

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