



Call for Papers  
*D6 Family Ministry Journal*

**Overview**

The D6 Conference, a ministry of Randall House Publications, is an annual event that highlights the importance of generational discipleship while also offering practical resources and advice for churches and homes for living out the commands found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (D6).

Given the desire to continue hosting the conversation on family ministry and believing God has given Randall House a unique opportunity to shine a light on this need in our culture, D6 launched the *D6 Family Ministry Journal*. The goal of this journal is to create a platform and a resource for students, colleges, universities, and practitioners interested in the academic implications and tools related to family ministry.

This journal addresses the current issues related to family ministry and generational discipleship. Each submission will be peer-reviewed. The accepted papers will be included in the print issue, with an option to present at the 2017 D6 Conference.

**Announcement**

We are pleased to announce this Call for Papers for the second edition of the *D6 Family Ministry Journal*.

The purpose of *D6 Family Ministry Journal* is to support rigorous research, scholarly thinking, and practical implications of parenting in Christian homes, in local church family ministry, and in parachurch settings that reflect God's intent for generational discipleship as presented in Deuteronomy 5 and other biblical texts. This purpose is achieved by the publication of articles and essays that do the following:

- Reflect on the scriptural foundations of God's use of paternal and maternal influences in the lives of children and grandchildren while acknowledging the current reality of family situations.
- Explore the integration and application of the relationship between the church and home.
- Support the teaching of generational approaches to Christian education at colleges and seminaries for the equipping of ministry leaders and parents.
- Champion methodologies and cultures that prepare and retain children and young adults in the development of a Christian lifestyle and Christian leadership skills.

This journal is primarily intended for two audiences: an academic community of professors and students in institutions of higher learning who are committed to the development of a new generation of Christian ministers and community leaders. Second, those professionals who are already serving in local church and parachurch settings.

#### **Potential topics and ideas for contributors:**

- What is the underlying philosophy of family ministry and Deuteronomy 6?
- What are the premier issues facing families that may hinder the growth of faith at home?
- How will the current cultural view of the family impact family ministry?
- What looks to be the next movement or modification in family ministry as it relates to church organization and implementation?
- Describe family ministry among the blended and broken families.
- Describe the involvement of grandparents in the spiritual development of children's lives.
- How can a church move toward a more family ministry oriented philosophy?
- What are the best tools or practices for either the church or the home that reinforce parents as the primary disciple-makers of their children?
- How does the idea of family ministry and discipleship in the home impact empty-nesters or adults without children?
- How can the church better communicate to parents the importance and responsibility of discipleship in their children's lives?

#### **Submission Instructions**

Submissions of completed papers are due by May 6, 2016. Manuscripts should be submitted by email to [academic@d6family.com](mailto:academic@d6family.com).

#### **Peer-Review Papers**

D6 welcomes full papers with a word count between 3,000 and 5,000 words (inclusive of references, endnotes, etc.). Additional manuscript format information may be found online at [d6academic.com](http://d6academic.com). All papers selected will be peer reviewed by at least two reviewers. Accepted papers will be returned with comments and suggested revisions. Final versions will then be considered for inclusion in the D6 Family Ministry Journal and authors may be requested to present their papers (20-25 minutes) as part of a breakout session at the D6 Conference.

#### **Practitioner Reflection Papers**

Each edition of the journal will include practitioner reflections from those in the field that will assist in thinking through how family ministry theory is being implemented. These submissions will not exceed 1,000 words.

#### **Important Dates**

Intent to Submit: March 4, 2016

Completed Paper: May 6, 2016

Decision Date: July 8, 2016

Final Version: August 12, 2016

Publish Date of Journal: Spring 2017