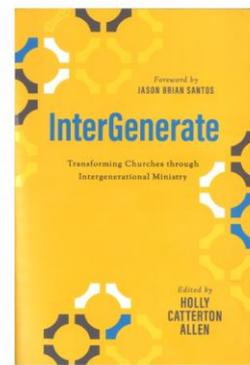


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Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry



Building on the foundation laid by [Intergenerational Christian Formation](#), *InterGenerate: Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry* is an invaluable resource that will assist your church in the development of a more intergenerational culture. This handout is part of a series that seeks to encourage you to dig deeper into [InterGenerate](#).

Ch. 10 Well-being, Discipleship and Intergenerational Connectedness Joe Azzopardi

“Intergenerationality is of vital importance as it enables an exchange of both tangible and intangible resources between generations...Generational segregation leads to an absence of opportunities of many worthwhile interactions between generations, such as those concerning learning and understanding and, particularly, mentoring.” p.143

“There is one kind of community that has still managed to withstand, at least to a certain degree, the barrage of generational fragmentation within the industrialized world, and this is the religious community.” p.144

“Previously we discussed the situative-sociocultural learning theory as the mechanism for intergenerational connectedness, noting that individuals learn better in complex and authentic environments via mentors and models in communities of practice. Both biblical directive and recent literature indicate that such a mechanism of connectedness is enabled through the process of discipleship.” p.144

“Discipleship is a lifelong process that results in an individual becoming more aligned with what Jesus would desire them to become and allowing God to be God, thus allowing God to transform them. Reviewing both the academic literature and Scripture, three factors appear to be integral regarding discipleship: growth, faithfulness, and love.” p.144

“Increasing connectedness should enhance a person’s well-being. Furthermore, with the understanding that one of the largest areas of disconnection in society is due to a lack of intergenerational connectedness, it can be surmised that discipleship that takes place in intergenerational congregations may lead to higher levels of well-being.” pp.146, 147

“It is the hypothesis of this study (and indeed of this book) that intergenerational Christian experiences do in fact benefit people of all ages in a number of ways. Biblical, theological, theoretical, sociological, and anecdotal support exists for this premise as well as empirical support in various forms, both large and small.” p.147

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