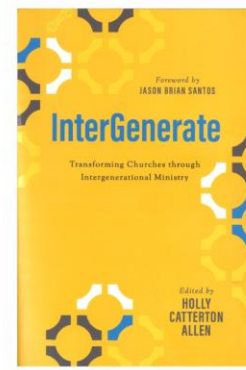


InterGenerate

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. 11 All Ages Learning Together

Wilson McCoy

“I wanted to create an intentionally intergenerational experience with a portion of my congregation. My main purpose was to explore the formative impact of cross-generational experiences. In other words, what difference does meaningful interaction with other generations have on the process of spiritual formation?” p.152

“My research confirmed the potential for robust faith development. Younger participants noted how their views of faithfulness and their own sense of faith were enhanced by the diverse ages. Older participants noted a deeper sense of God’s activity in their lives as they observed faith within younger generations.” p.154

“My research confirmed the potential for more robust views of church due to intergenerational experiences. Participants noted how their reading community became like an extended family. As they experienced care from various ages, they reported a greater appreciation for the body of Christ.” p.154

“My research confirmed the ways in which intergenerational experiences strengthen relationships between generations. Mentors were found, life stages were navigated, and care was experienced. Perceptions of and attitudes toward different age groups improved within the groups.” p.154

“Dwelling in the Word proves to be an effective intergenerational practice. This spiritual discipline inherently cultivates mutuality between the generations, which is a key distinguishing trait of intergenerational experiences.” p.154

“My research reveals that the formative potential of intergenerational experiences is enhanced when there is a common purpose and bond for the group. Numerous participants noted that part of what made their experience more meaningful was a sense of purpose to the meetings (ie. to read Scripture).” p.155

“My research uncovered an interesting insight that can inform future intergenerational experiences... the formative impact on participants when they heard a person of a different generation express questions or concerns that they also experienced. They reported feeling normalized or more confident in their faith because they knew others also shared similar struggles; they felt a sense of solidarity and empowerment.” p.155

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