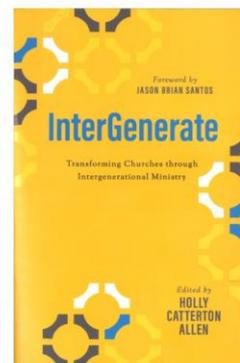


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Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry



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. 16 Exploring Intentionally Intergenerational Environments

Tammy Tolman

“It was a simple Passover meal in a home where all ages gathered to eat, drink, laugh, and be together—but mostly to remember. Over the past ten years, in our intergenerational faith community, an intentional environment has been created where there is genuine love and acceptance.” p.207

“All ages were laughing and telling stories together; it wasn’t men in one corner, women in another, and teens on their devices in another corner. It was real conversation, across all ages. An environment was created where all ages could *collide*.” p.208

“Through drama, story, and an interactive experience with Play-doh, we discovered that as we press into each other, we can choose to appreciate, teach, and love each other, and that this is God’s desire for a faith community.” p.208

“The following key words/phrases have given us language and a foundation to rethink and change the way we do church, in order to draw closer to God and to each other. Those who are willing to walk this journey together are being transformed by the experience. We are a lifelong, intentional, relational, holistic environment where all generations do life together.” p.209

“When we change our language from “programs” to “environments,” we start to reconsider how to use time and resources to create spaces where faith formation can occur. What environments can we create that will help people of all ages connect, worship, serve, and grow together?” p.210

“Our story becomes more authentic and valid when we are intersecting with all generations, when we understand that we are part of a much bigger story. This understanding comes about in two ways:

- Knowing we are part of God’s story that has always been and always is.
- Walking with those who are further down the track than we are and helping those on the track behind us.” p.210

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