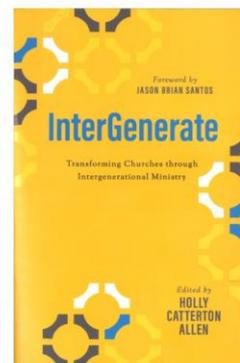


# InterGenerate

## 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. 17 Faith Storytelling with All Ages

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“Developing an intergenerational storytelling culture in which sharing faith stories becomes a rich, natural pathway to growing together in Christ doesn’t require multiple hours of strategic planning or extra committee meetings. What it does require is a commitment to making space for faith stories in your congregation’s life together, and then taking steps to share stories together.” p.214

“Sharing with each other stories of God’s faithfulness shapes our identities as children of God. Those stories remind us to whom we belong, and sharing them in intergenerational contexts reminds us that we all belong. Telling the stories of God at work in our lives reminds us of God’s faithfulness, brings to life the stories and promises found in Scripture, and nurtures our faith.” p.215

“Where opinions are more likely to be posted than discussed, and where the responses involve “liking,” “disliking,” “unfriending,” and “retweeting,” stories invite a more radical response—they provide us with the opportunity to reflect the presence of Jesus living in us through the Holy Spirit and they invite us to live into and out of grace.” p.217

#### “Four Things to Keep in Mind When Making Space for Faith Storytelling

- Stories are a gift. Handle with care.
- Not all stories are yours to tell. Stories belong to the owner.
- Stories can be ordinary...They don’t need to be about dramatic life-changing events in order to have value.
- Storytellers need varying supports. Not everyone feels comfortable telling their story.” p.217

“God’s story, intertwined with their own stories, is what binds groups together and shapes their identities as members of God’s big family.” p.218

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