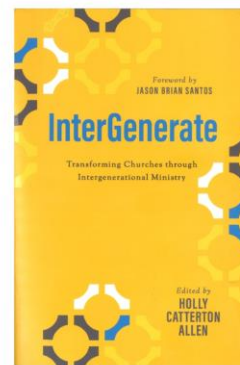


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Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry



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. 4 Generational Theory and Faith Communities

Lynn Barger Elliott

“Hosting multiple generations under the same roof is not the same as being intentionally intergenerational and finding unity and purpose as the Body of Christ.” p.76

“One of the reasons community is so hard to develop in a congregation is that different generations are familiar and comfortable with a particular way of being a community...The dominant mode of community at the time of childhood shapes one’s understanding and expectations, as well as the commitment to what one is willing to offer to create community.” p.74

“Know that each generation is coming with different expectations for community. It is imperative that generations understand their differences and appreciate what each has to offer. This is a strength, not a cause for divisiveness. Understanding brings vitality and opportunity to our common purpose to witness the love of Christ.” pp.82, 83

“Assume that we have the essence that all generations are seeking. Each generation has desires for identity, experience, and belonging. As God’s people, united in forgiveness and called to serve, the church is uniquely qualified to offer all three.” p.83

“Differences will continue to increase as technology accelerates the pace of change. As the church seeks to be authentic in the twenty-first century, rediscovering its call to be intergenerational will be its faithful pathway forward.” p.83

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