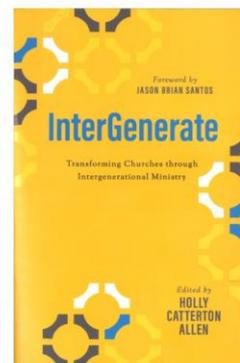


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Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry



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. 7 Unlocking the Power of Intergenerational Leadership

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“In the church—one of few places where up to six living generations converge on a regular basis—could intergenerational leadership, teams, and community be an untapped differentiator to solve complex challenges, forge deeper connections, and thrive in the midst of change?” p.112

“To lead wisely and successfully through complexity, we must develop a competency called “multi-vocal leadership”...This means becoming the kind of leader who can identify with every member of the ministry team and congregation and bring their perspectives together for the benefit of all.” p.113

“Once you understand some of the attitudes, values, and perspectives of each generation, adapt to meet them where they are. This can be hard, especially when their style clashes with yours, but it’s important to honour and celebrate each generation’s uniqueness.” p.113

“All too often, messages get “lost in generational translation,” meaning members of different generations, even though well-intentioned, fail to communicate effectively because they are unaware of the other generation’s paradigm. Understanding these perspectives—and how to message to them effectively—is critical to reaching people effectively.” p.116

“Are you doing all you can to equip and empower the next generation? Are you teaching them what you’ve learned and sharing your faith forward? Think about whose life you could be investing in.” pp.117

“One of the great commonalities true to all generations is that in a tumultuous period of intense social change, we all need each other. We need the stability and wisdom of those who have gone before us to teach us what they have learned and to affirm that a hope-filled future awaits. We also need the energy and passion of the next generation—and the insights they have gained—to sustain that faith.” p.118

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