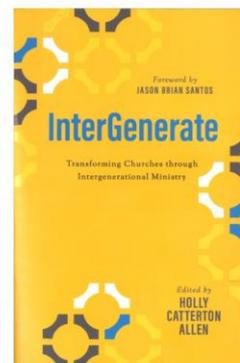


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Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry



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](#).

Conclusion: The Intergenerationally Sticky Church

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“The process of becoming a vibrant intergenerational church can be compared to baking a cake. In order to bake a cake successfully, one must take a number of factors into consideration. However, combining the correct ingredients is essential. If the necessary ingredients are not mixed well, there is a good chance the cake will not hold together properly.” p.253

“Helping people cross the lines that keep them from associating with the members of other generations is a key ingredient of intergenerational cohesion within churches. Intergenerationally sticky churches are those that strive to encourage and enable people of all ages to connect with one another relationally.” p.256

“While emphasis is often placed on the differences between generations, we have more in common than is often acknowledged. Because of our shared identity in Christ, this is especially true within the church. Intergenerationally sticky churches strive to help Christians of all ages recognize the core values and beliefs that they hold in common.” p.258

“Intergenerationally sticky churches are committed to paying attention to the affective dimension and to finding ways to encourage people of different generations to develop empathy toward one another, thereby helping limited perceptions be transformed.” p.259

“Intergenerationally sticky churches encourage people of different generations to value, honour, and receive one another’s gifts. They recognize the need to foster dynamics of power, mutuality, and equity that strengthen, rather than undermine, cohesion between the generations within the church.” p.261

“Within churches today, the ingredients explored in this chapter are greatly needed. In order for us to receive the benefit of these ingredients, however, they must be kneaded. In other words, we must be intentional about working with this blend of essential ingredients and mixing them together to help the generations in our churches learn to COHERE. As we do so, we are likely to grow together as intergenerationally sticky communities of faith.” pp.261, 262

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