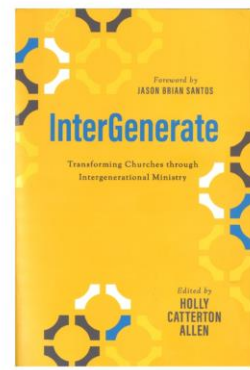


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Transforming Churches through Intergenerational Ministry



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. 2 Intergenerational Communities and a Theology of Accommodation Gareth Crispin

“The word *accommodation* simply means to make room for someone or something; but hidden with-in the concept is the assumption that someone is doing the accommodating. This common sense understanding of the word lies at the heart of the meaning of accommodation as a theological category, where God does the accommodating by making room for humanity.” p.52

“As this old doctrine of accommodation is dusted off and examined afresh, very striking contemporary resonances appear with the aims and objectives of intergenerational ministry and mission. Alongside the biblical, developmental and sociological arguments for the “why” of intergenerational ministry, there is here a theological foundation for the “how” of implementing intergenerational practices. God accommodates, God comes down in Christ, and we are implored to be like Christ. So when considering how to implement intergenerational practices, accommodating – making room for the other – will be vitally important.” p.57

“According to 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1, it is incumbent on the Christian with more knowledge to accommodate the Christian with less. Thus a theology of accommodation can provide theological reasoning and motivation for Christians with relatively more knowledge to set aside their own tastes and desires and seek ways to develop church structures and practices that aid those with less knowledge to participate with-in the community of faith.” p.58

“Affection for particular ways of doing things can run deep, and the cost of giving up established forms of worship and ways of church life may well be costly for some. However, fostering a culture of *mutual accommodation* while also adopting a posture of accommodation *that increases with knowledge and authority* will greatly enhance the likelihood of a smoother transition to a more intergenerational church life.” p.60

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