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Revised Edition of an Essential Ministry Resource

Most churches and faith communities segment their ministries by age and generation. But it was not always so. Throughout biblical tradition and the majority of history, communities of faith included people of all ages together in corporate worship, education, and ministry. The church was not just multigenerational; it was intergenerational, with the whole church together and people of all ages learning from one another in common life.

In this comprehensive text, Holly Allen, Christine Lawton, and Cory Seibel offer a complete framework for intentional intergenerational Christian formation. They provide the theoretical foundations for intergenerationality, showing how learning and spiritual formation are better accomplished through intergenerational contexts. Then the authors give concrete guidance for intergenerational praxis on how worship, learning, community, and service can all be achieved intergenerationally. Case studies of intergenerational congregations provide models for how a culture of intergenerationality can be created in local churches.

This second edition has been revised and updated throughout with new empirical research, intergenerational spiritual practices, and Gen Z realities, with fresh stories of intergenerational formation both in the US and around the world.

“[Intergenerational Christian Formation] has become what I call the ‘bible’ of intergenerational ministry. It is the primary text for all college and seminary classes on intergenerational ministry and formation, is part of the bibliography of every book written on the topic since, and continues to guide the global conversation today.”

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