**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**For presentation at the 2019 InterGenerate Conference**

**May 20-22, 2019 Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN**

**Submissions due by Friday, March 1, 2019**

InterGenerate is a conference for academics *and* practitioners. Both *papers* and *workshops* will be presented.

*Papers* primarily address the *why* questions such as:

* Why have churches in the past century promoted more age-segregated approaches to ministry?
* What are the spiritual benefits of intergenerational ministry for *all* ages?
* What biblical support is there for intergenerational approaches to ministry?
* What theological support is there for intergenerational approaches to ministry?
* What research supports intergenerational approaches to ministry?
* What learning theories support intergenerational approaches to ministry?
* Why is it challenging for churches to become more intentionally intergenerational?

*Workshops* primarily address the *how* questions such as *how* to implement intergenerational story-telling, Bible study, small groups, worship, youth ministry, children’s ministry, etc.

This document is the invitation to submit a *paper* for the conference, typically known as the **Call for Papers**; workshops are being processed elsewhere.

For this conference, a paper is an oral presentation that offers empirical or conceptual research related to intergenerational Christian formation or ministry. Each presenter will be allotted 25 minutes— approximately 20 minutes for the paper followed by approximately 5 minutes for Q & A and discussion; the presenter may use visuals such as PowerPoint and/or handouts. Three papers will be presented in each 75-minute session. There are four breakout session; we plan to accept 12-18 paper proposals.

The Program Committee welcomes paper presentation submissions based on your work regarding intergenerational perspectives on Christian formation and ministry in the following submission categories:

1. **Biblical/Historical/Theological support**
* Theological support regarding an intergenerational perspective
* Biblical support regarding an intergenerational perspective
* Historical perspectives regarding intergenerational practices and approaches or, conversely, historical perspectives on age-segregated practices

**2. Intergenerational research**

* Recent or ongoing research with data (qualitative or quantitative) on any aspect of intergenerational Christian formation and/or ministry, for example, IG learning, worship, service/missions, leadership, small groups, story-sharing, in multicultural settings, in megachurches, etc.
* Methodological advances and innovation in measuring/studying intergenerational Christian formation and ministry.
* Conceptual research regarding ideas, history, various iterations, and current practices of intergenerational Christian formation and ministry such as IG learning, worship, service/missions, leadership, small groups, story-sharing, in multicultural settings, in megachurches, etc.
* Meta-analysis of current and recent empirical research related to intergenerational Christian formation and ministry.
* Compilation of current empirical intergenerational research in secular fields such as gerontology or sociology that interconnects with intergenerational Christian formation and ministry

3. **Theory and/or definitional work**

* Conceptual work regarding the definitional aspects of intergenerational Christian formation and ministry describing and expanding on such pertinent and related terms as multigenerational, intergenerativity, intergenerationality, cross-age, interage, etc.
* Theoretical support for intergenerational practices from, for example, developmental psychology, social learning theory, systems theory, sociocultural theory, etc.
* Insights from generational theory that offer support for *multi*generational churches attempting to become more *inter*generational.

**4. Creating a more intentionally intergenerational church culture (leadership)**

* Anticipating barriers & challenges to becoming more intergenerational in practice
* Identifying processes that will help faith communities become more intentionally intergenerational
* Description, rationale, process involved in creating a successful intergenerational youth ministry, children’s ministry, senior ministry, etc.

**TO SUBMIT**: **All submission materials must be e­mailed** as a Word document or pdf. Submission materials should include

1. the following Submission Cover Sheet with your information
2. the following Submission Information with your title and category
3. your 500­word Submission Summary. Include also a 50-75-word brief, winning description for the program, should your proposal be accepted.

Place all three sets of materials in ONE document to submit; put your last name in the title of the document file; submit your proposal to holly.allen@lipscomb.edu

**I. SUBMISSION COVER SHEET**

**Personal information**

Name:

Highest degree earned and discipline:

Current title/position:

Length of time in that position:

Mailing address:

E­mail:

Telephone:

Your primary work setting/affiliation:  (please give name of your affiliation)

Are you primarily in an academic institution such as a college or university? If so, give that
 organization’s name and address:

Or are you primarily in a ministry setting (church, faith­based parachurch/community organization, chaplaincy, etc)? If so, please give that organization’s name and address:

Or are you in another type of employment? If so, give that information:

Experience with presenting a paper or workshop at professional conferences (check one): \_

\_\_\_\_ I have never presented at a conference before.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have presented at a conference. List recent conference(s) here:

Are you currently a student? No Yes (if yes, list your institution in your mailing address)

If yes, does your submission have an advisor or senior colleague as a co­author?

**II. SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Title of your submission:

 Note: Titles should be 8­15 words, for example:

* **Weak title**: *Erikson’s Developmental Theory and Intergenerational Ministry*
* **Better title**: *Mutuality and Reciprocity as Key Practices of Successful Intergenerational Ministry*
* **Weak title**: *Multicultural Churches and Intergenerational Approaches*
* **Better title**: *How an Age-Segregated Korean Church Transitioned to a Vibrant Intergenerational Faith Community*

Of the four submission categories, in which one (or possibly two) would you categorize your submission?

\_\_\_\_ Biblical/Historical/Theological

\_\_\_\_ Intergenerational research

\_\_\_\_ Theory and/or definitional work

\_\_\_\_ Creating a more intentionally intergenerational church culture

The program committee will assign papers on related topics into sessions.

**III. SUBMISSION SUMMARY:** Each submission must include a summary of 500 words max (about two pages, typed and double spaced, standard 12-point font, one­inch margins). This summary should be placed directly after the submission information (Part II)

Your summary must address the following:

1. What is the focus of your presentation: research findings, applied work, or theoretical/conceptual issues?
2. How does your work define and approach intergenerational Christian formation or ministry? Explain how your submission addresses the central focus of this conference.
3. What are the new findings, insights, or ideas that are important to share with this conference? If your work is a literature review, explain how it synthesizes prior work in a novel and important manner.

4. Who is your target audience–-primarily scholars and researchers, or practitioners? If practitioners, what specific group would be most interested? Who would be best served by your work? If your work has multiple audiences, please describe.

5. How does your work have value for practitioners and what would be your work’s practical, applied implications? Even if your work is entirely theoretical or historical, describe its potential applied value.

PROMOTION: If your paper is accepted, we will post on the InterGenerate website your paper’s title and a brief description of your paper along with your picture.

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For questions about submission procedures or the suitability of your work for this conference, contact:

Dr. Holly Allen holly.allen@lipscomb.edu  or

Dr. Darwin Glassford dglassford@gmail.com or

Dr. Cory Seibel coryseibel@yahoo.com

**Submission due date:** March 1, 2019

**Notification**: Final decisions on acceptance/rejection status will be sent by April 1, 2019. If we receive your proposal far before the deadline, and we find it to be well-written and clearly in line with our conference focus, and it offers fresh insights into intergenerational foundations and practice, we will likely let you know much earlier than April 1 that we accept the proposal.

**Submit paper proposals to Holly Allen at** **holly.allen@lipscomb.edu**

**Nice perk:**  The registration fee for presenters at the conference will be $150 rather than $275 (early bird) or $300 (regular fee). When you register for the conference, there will be a place on the registration form for you to mark if your paper has been accepted for presentation at the conference. This will allow you to register for $150. We look forward to receiving your proposal and to your joining us at InterGenerate 2019 in May.