

Judson Press Book Offers a Roadmap For Constructive Relationships with Millennials

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Valley Forge, PA—September 2, 2014— How can I keep Millennial leaders excited, passionate, and inspired in ministry? Certainly, this is a question pastors, mentors, and other ministry leaders ask themselves as the largest generation in history steps into diverse ministry roles. In *Millennials in Ministry*, author Jolene Cassellius Erlacher provides critical and timely insights into the unique perspectives, characteristics, values, and needs of Millennials in ministry.

Drawing on a qualitative study of young adults (ages 18—35), Erlacher probes the factors influencing young adults today, and offers leaders understanding to:

- Relate to individuals whose worldview, preferences, and expectations differ from theirs
- Discover the factors that contribute to the satisfaction and retention of Millennials working in churches and other ministry settings
- Learn practical tips to effectively engage, mentor, and empower this generation, and the next, in ministry

Molly T. Marshall, president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, notes, "This book provides some sage wisdom for those who would create space for leadership development for Millennials."

Offering practical strategies and applications for churches and organizations that are hiring, retaining, and equipping a new generation of leaders, *Millennials in Ministry* unveils the heart and vision of young leaders for the Christian church today.

Each chapter also features a message to young adults, uncovering potential issues encountered in ministry and challenging Millennials to overcome obstacles that threaten ministry effectiveness.

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