

Notes from Inter-generational Meeting at UMC on Sunday, January 12, 2025

Reflection on UMC Visioning Theme: “All Generations Serving God and the World, Together”

Generation

- A. Certain age bracket
- B. Different priorities
- C. Transitions
- D. Twenty years
- E. Gen X; Millennials; Baby Boomers; etc. (see Generations by birth year below)
- F. Different slang (language)
- G. Children
- H. Legacy
- I. Different ways of communicating
- J. Age gap
- K. Future
- L. Diversity

Generation Names (by Birth Year); A United States based system¹

- ❖ 1883-1910 The Lost Generation
- ❖ 1901-1927 The Greatest Generation (note overlap with The Lost Generation)
- ❖ 1928 to 1945 The Silent Generation
- ❖ 1946 to 1964 Baby Boomer Generation
- ❖ [1955 to 1964 Generation Jones]
- ❖ 1965 to 1980 Generation X
- ❖ [1977 to 1983 Xennial Generation]
- ❖ 1981 to 1996 Millennial Generation (or Generation Y)
- ❖ 1997 to 2010 Generation Z
- ❖ 2010 to ---- Generation Alpha

All Generations

- A. Inclusive
- B. Variety
- C. Miscommunication
- D. Birth to Death
- E. Teamwork
- F. Tradition “We have always done it this way.”
- G. Knowledge; Shared
- H. Misinterpretation
- I. Difficult (to deal with other generations)
- J. Cultural memory
- K. Misunderstanding
- L. History

¹ bestlifeonline.com

- M. Includes all ages
- N. Intergenerational (Means something different to different generations)

All Generations Together

- A. The body of Christ
- B. No one left out
- C. Forced generations
- D. Messy
- E. Healthier picture of navigating the messiness together.
- F. Extended family
- G. Inclusiveness
- H. Wide lens
- I. Spacious but defined
- J. Not ideal for each person
- K. Real (unforced) relationships
- L. A place/space for all
- M. Learning
- N. Like real life
- O. Acceptance
- P. Egalitarian
- Q. Just
- R. Frame big enough for everyone
- S. Counter-cultural
- T. Frustrating

Serve God and the World

- A. Caregiving
- B. Holding each other in prayer
- C. Worship
- D. Joining a church committee
- E. Sharing finances/money
- F. Compassionate coworker/supervisor
- G. Foster people's gifts to go out into the world
- H. Church Around the Table (CATT)
- I. Tolerance/patience with mishaps and mistakes; showing grace
- J. Hospitality
- K. Willingness to be served.
- L. Speaking up.
- M. Working at Shaver's Creek
- N. Using our voice.
- O. Taking care of neighbors: human & non-human
- P. Sharing food (feeding people); Food bank
- Q. Shared (UMC) building
- R. Be kind
- S. Moving people
- T. Visiting people in hospital, prison, etc.
- U. Volunteering at hospital, etc. or visiting
- V. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)
- W. Sitting with someone
- X. Serving as an ombudsman
- Y. Welcoming immigrants
- Z. Being available
- AA. Listening
- BB. Doing what you do not want - needs to be done!
- CC. Thinking outside of the box
- DD. Advocating for peace
- EE. Community boards
- FF. Recycling
- GG. Planting native plants
- HH. Humility
- II. Practicing Non-violence
- JJ. Exemplify faith 24/7
- KK. MCC kits