

## Generations Exercise – Notes PVUC – Session 2

Decade	1900-1929	1930-1939	1940-1949	1950-1959
What was happening socially, politically, technically during this time?	RC church in Quebec is strong Depression Stores from service to self serve WW 1 Cars, planes Still have horse and buggies Agrarian society	Depression Start of WW II Canada developing more independence	War Nuclear warfare Women working outside the home Rationing A sense of nationalism	Racial tensions TV Cold war Baby boomers Suburbs sprouting Rock and Roll
What was happening in the church – locally, nationally, globally?	Some dissension between churches RC church strong 1925 church union Overseas missions separate for each denomination Conversion model 12%	Churches booming Strong community 1936 ordination of first woman in the UCC	Traditional – oriented Sense of family segregated	In North America Sundays still considered sacred (stores closed, no sports) Sunday School well attended Christianity strong globally
What % of the congregation was born during these years?	12%	40%	15%	50%
What do people from these years contribute to the church?	Wisdom Experience Financial Craft group Regular worship attendance	Time Money Experience Volunteer work Cooking Advising/contributing re: church property Time and desire to attend worship	Tradition Perspective Knowledge money	Money Consistent attendance Leadership and knowledge Experience/ Energy Our collective memory (glory days) Cynicism (in response to ideas tried in the past) Transition from small church to modern church

<p><b>What do people from these years need from the church?</b></p>	<p>Shut-ins (pastoral care)  A chance to contribute  Need to be listened to  Effective communication –  subscribe to service DVD's  Rides to church</p>	<p>Fellowship  Pastoral care  Health care  Sermons  Enjoy new music / love old hymns (call forth good memories)</p>	<p>Sense of belonging  Fellowship</p>	<p>Opportunities to worship in various formats  Positive messages that lift us up and inspire us to look for untapped potential of our congregation  Programs or opportunities for service  Strong advocacy for ethical and justice issues  Support in times of trouble and uncertainty  Chance to have fun together  Spiritual nurture and fellowship  Participation from the next generation</p>
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Generations exercise cont'd

Decade	1960-1969	1970-1979	1980-1989	1990-1999
<p><b>What was happening socially, politically, technically during this time?</b></p>	<p>Space program Civil Rights Movement Colour TV "make love not war" Vietnam war – draft dodgers Cuban Missile Crisis – "duck and cover"</p>	<p>Start of the computer age Music – disco, rock, folk Lots of immigration Trudeau in power No shopping on Sundays</p>	<p>Echo generation (1980-95) Computers – maybe 1 per home Cable TV Large cell phones Oscar Romero – Salvadoran Civil War Trudeau, Mulroney PM's Music – rock, punk, new wave, alternative rock, Christian Rock O Canada 32% graduating doctors were women</p>	<p>Video games, computers, cell phones, internet Shopping on Sundays Kids sports scheduled for Sunday morning Two income families</p>
<p><b>What was happening in the church – locally, nationally, globally?</b></p>	<p>UCW came into being New Curriculum developed Sunday – family day (stores not open) More women entering ministry</p>	<p>Lots of children (end of baby boom generation) Parents would have gone to church growing up Possibly starting to decline</p>	<p>Liberation theology Large Sunday schools and youth groups General Council approval of gay/lesbian clergy (1988) PVUC new church Lois Wilson first female moderator (other moderators – Clarke MacDonald, Robert Smith, Anne Squire, Sang Chul Lee) Apology to first nations people All native circle inaugurated</p>	<p>Watch church on TV from the comfort of your recliner Churches closing, amalgamations Voices United Inclusive language Gay rights and acceptance to ministry</p>

<p><b>What % of the congregation was born during these years?</b></p> <p><b>What do people from these years contribute to the church?</b></p>	<p>20% (at most)</p> <p>Money Time Leadership Skills – bookkeeping, computer skills</p>	<p>Less than 10%</p> <p>Families with children</p>	<p>2%</p> <p>Leadership for youth Understanding of current politics/issues New ideas Talent Justice focus faith</p>	<p>5%</p> <p>Energy Ideas – new ways of looking at things They don't know the seven deadly words – "we have always done it this way!" Bring parents/grandparents back to church Hope for the future</p>
<p><b>What do people from these years need from the church?</b></p>	<p>Spiritual fulfillment Outlet to works towards justice issues Emotional support</p>	<p>Sunday school for children, programs that engage children Youth groups Fellowship – other families</p>	<p>A place for their voice to be heard Worship that is relevant Programs that grow faith at this age Participation that is "real" not "token" Opportunity to serve</p>	<p>Fellowship Spiritual guidance Emotional support A safe place The opportunity to question without retribution Opportunity to share their gifts and have them accepted A place to belong</p>

Generations Exercises cont'd

Decade	2000+
<p><b>What was happening socially, politically, technically during this time?</b></p>	<p>Stephen Harper, George Bush, Barack Obama            UN signed declaration of indigenous rights            9/11 - Wars – Afghanistan, Iraq, Cong, Syria            Me to We – Free the Children            Cell phones, laptops, Facebook, Twitter            End of “no ask, no tell”            Crisis - Haiti, Japan, Pakistan, Horn of Africa            Legalization of Gay marriage in Canada</p>
<p><b>What was happening in the church – locally, nationally, globally?</b></p>	<p>Moderator – Mardi Tindal (environmental crisis)            Indian Residential School Agreement            YMAP; Rendez vous 2011; Go Project            Song of Faith            Affirming Ministres            Bay of Quinte Conference scandal            Youth Council member            Retreats for confirmation, youth forums            Upcoming remits            You tube account</p>
<p><b>What % of the congregation was born during these years?</b></p>	<p>3%</p>
<p><b>What do people from these years contribute to the church?</b></p>	<p>Energy            Livening the church            Music contribution            Bring a different perspective to worship            Open-minded</p>
<p><b>What do people from these years need from the church?</b></p>	<p>Structure            Support as they grow in faith            Opportunities to put their opinion forward            Fun/engagement            Pastoral care            Acceptance</p>