

A SHIFTING CHURCH IN A CHANGING CULTURE

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NEXT LEVEL THINKING

We will attempt to address and respond to the CULTURE and DIVERSITY of a changing church and its multifaceted and complex issues.

We will attempt to consider the church and the role it plays in different aspects of the society in which it finds itself as a faith-based community.

Isaiah 43:18-19

***"Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things
of old.***

***Behold, I am doing a new thing;
NOW, it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?***

A CHURCH THAT IS MOVING

SHIFTING & CHANGING DIRECTIONS

EMBRACES CHANGE
IS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY
OPEN TO DIVERSE WORSHIP OPTIONS
FOCUSES ON DISCIPLESHIP
OUTREACH MINISTRIES

CULTURAL AWARENESS



CULTURE:

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- A WAY OF LIFE OR LIFESTYLE
 - CUSTOMS
 - LANGUAGES
 - HERITAGE
 - TRADITIONS
 - EDUCATION LEVELS
 - AND MORE



DIVERSITY:

- EQUITY & INCLUSION
- FAIR TREATMENT
- BEING FAMILY FRIENDLY
- DROPPING STEREOTYPES
- ACCOMMODATION FOR THE DISABLED

**Understanding generational culture is
crucial for fostering better
communication and collaboration across
different age groups
WE CAN BEGIN BY:**

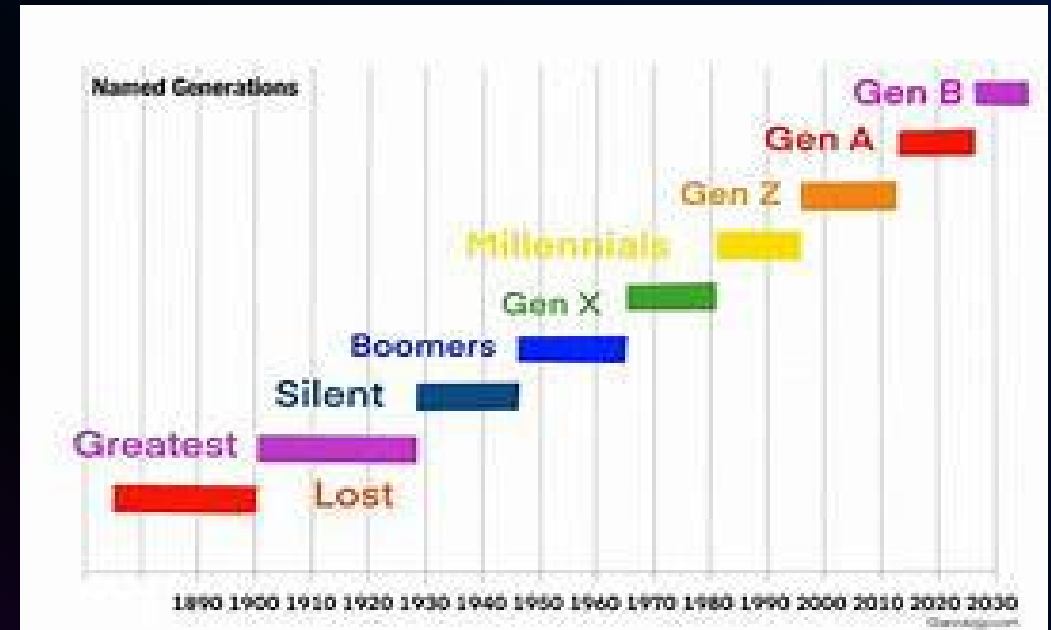
Values and Beliefs

Communication

Technology Adaptation

Motivational Engagement

AS WE UNDERSTAND CULTURE & DIVERSITY UNDERSTAND THE GENERATIONS IT EMBODIES



COMMUNITY & SUPPORT

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH
IN A SHIFTING CULTURE?



OFFER A SENSE OF BELONGING

- 1.) By: Creating Inclusive Spaces Which Can Help Bridge The Gap Between Generations And Other Diverse Groups Including The Homeless Community
- 2.) By: Providing A Framework For Ethical Decision Making Which Is Rooted And Grounded In Christian Teachings.
- 3.) By: Encouraging And Engaging In Vibrant Faith Based Discussions
- 4.) By: Providing Educational Opportunities And Community Programs

COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH
IN A CHANGING SOCIETY?



SERVICE AND ADVOCACY

For Justice

The Church Can Advocate For Rising Racial Concerns
And Poverty While Supporting Community

Dialogue On Sexuality

The Church Can Foster Respectful Discussions Around
Sexual Perspectives In A Challenging Society

Outreach Ministries

The Church Can Demonstrate And Engage In Faith Based
Initiatives Within The Community, Emphasizing Love
Hope And Compassion, Showing We Care

HOW ARE WE PREPARED TO GROW OUR MAINLINE PROTESTANT CHURCHES

By embodying these roles, the church can navigate, a rapidly changing environment, while remaining true to its mission, values and ethical standards. Through:

- Our Faith And Theology
- Our Leadership Strategies
- Our Collaborations With Other Denominations

By being an effective body in Christ. we can fill our communities with spiritual nourishment

- With Guidance And Mentorship
- Accountability (Budget Planning And Saving)
- Fellowship And Friendship
- The Word of God Through Bible Study And Corporate Worship

ARE WE PREPARED TO GROW OUR CHURCHES VIRTUALLY



SOCIAL



MEDIA



CONCLUSION: IT IS TIME TO MAKE AN ACTION PLAN

SWOT



Philippians 4:13 says, “I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me.”

And We Say This About Our Church. We Must Make Plans To Increase Our Viability. We Can Do This By Using A Business Plan Analysis Called SWOT.

The Church Must Examine Their:

- Strengths
- Weakness
- Opportunities
- Threats

BOOK LIST

- Who Moved My Pulpit: By Thom S. Rainer
- The Autopsy Of A Deceased Church 12 Ways To Keep Your Church Alive: By Thom S. Rainer
- Renovate: Changing Who You Are By Loving Where You Are: By Leonce B. Crump Jr.
- Future Church Seven Laws Of Real Church Growth: By Will Mancini & Cory Hartman
- Simple Church, Returning To Gods Process For Making Disciples: By Thom S. Rainer & Eric Geiger





THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING LEARNING “LAB E”

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