

Genesis & Generations—Nov. 9, 2010---Episcopal Church in Miami Lakes—Father Richard Aguilar

Sara & Abraham again!---Genesis chapters: Chapters 12 to 23---call of Sarai and Abram to become Sarah and Abraham, descendents will multiply; belief, faith, righteousness; covenant; mother & father of many nations; land of promise; build an altar to the Lord---

“For the times, they are a-changing”---Bob Dylan, 1964---Millenials are a “Civic” generation who are strong, work at re-constructing the world, guard institutions, technology, leadership—previous Civic’s was born at turn of 20th century through 1925—called “Greatest Generation”

Generations book, pp. 335—Millenials, Gen. Y, Gen 2K—born from early 1980’s to early 2000’s---Childhood in Inner-Driven era of 1980’s-90’s; Childhood & Young Adults in Crisis after 2001; Mid-Lifers during Outer Driven period at the first quarter of 21st century; and Elders in Awakening time into the middle of the 21st century & Seniors into the Tri-Centennial (1776-2076) of the USA!

Better attitudes & conditions for children. Smaller families yet “more wanted.” Improved infertility treatment and premature infant care; renewed concern for public education, private and charter schools for the sake of quality. Return to school and civic uniforms. More structured rearing. Affirmation: trophy for participation. Values and focus on cooperation, collaboration & community. It’s cool to be a kid again! Digital technology brings back 100% animated movies with Toy Story (1995) being the first with rise of Pixar, Disney and other kid movie producers.

More diversity in race/ethnicity/nationality than previous generations at 36%. Three times percentage for Silent generation. Higher rate is due to immigrant parents, larger families for immigrants, & lower birth rates for white Americans.

Economic options. In 2001, President urged Americans, “to spend.” More choices, more selectivity. The Long Tale phenomena in 2006 book by Chris Anderson. Personalization, Customization & Results Oriented. May be impatient. Wide-scope learners: Experiential and Exploratory Multitaskers. Digital Natives including education, networking, work, worship and play. Array of games from rock band, sports, laser tag, paint ball. Communication is multimedia, multifaceted, multidimensional. It’s cool to be smart! May be reading less than peers.--More open-minded on issues of race, class, national and international politics, global concerns. Generation that has gone to Afghanistan, Iraq and throughout the world in the War on Terror. Returning with opportunity of 21st century GI bill.

Significant M’Is: Lebron & DWade, Selena Gomez, Taylor Swift, Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook), social media millionaires, Peace Corps., Teach America, etc, US military, teens/20’s in community service; Lil’ Wayne—“Sky is the Limit”---“Right above It”---“Ima go getta”--Free Weezy!

Millenials still believe that the United States of America is land of opportunity and any person can succeed regardless of their race, color, creed, or background. M’Is have hope for the future. They are truly 24/7 generation who love family, believe in and expect trust in institutions, are committed to the diversity of this nation and the global needs of the world; and will offer their best for the greater purpose---Thanks be to God!

