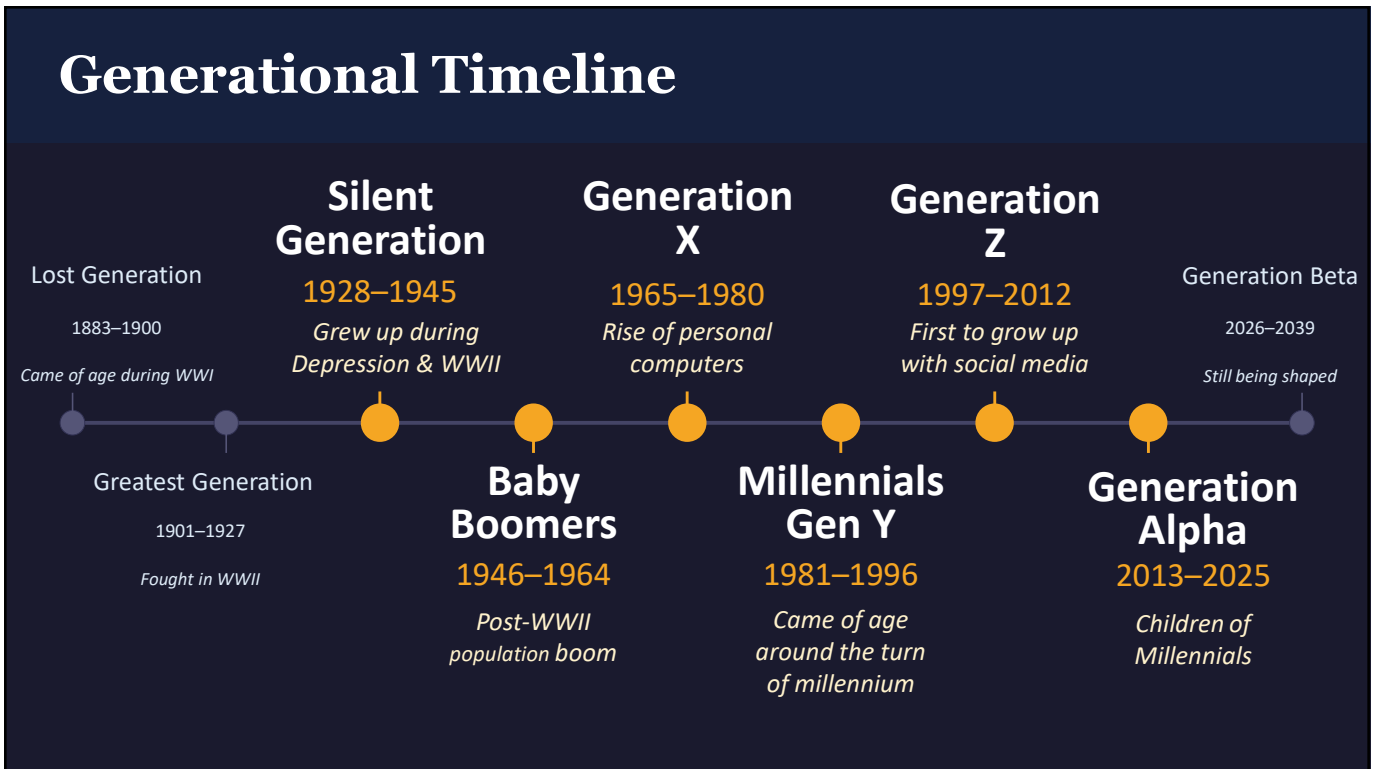




**Workshop 7:  
Lengthen Your Cords**

**Intergenerational  
Community**





## Two Defining Worlds

# WW II

### World War Two

Lost · Greatest · Silent · Boomers

- Sacrifice & scarcity
- Loyalty to institutions
- Collective over individual
- Physical world of duty

# WWW

### World Wide Web

Gen X · Millennials · Gen Z · Alpha

- Information & disruption
- Questioning institutions
- Individual over collective
- Virtual world of identity

1965

*Every generation is shaped by its defining disruption. Two entirely different worlds.*

## Why Generations Think & Act Differently

### Formative Events

Historical events experienced during childhood and young adulthood shape core values, fears, and worldviews that last a lifetime.

### Parenting Styles

How each generation was raised — disciplined vs indulged, seen vs heard — profoundly influences how they relate to authority and family.

### Technology & Culture

The media, music, technology, and cultural movements of a generation's youth wire their assumptions about communication and community.

*Each generation is shaped — not spoiled — by the world it inherited.*

## AREN'T ALL GENERATIONS THE SAME?



**GENERATIONAL  
TRENDS**

**LIFE STAGE  
TRENDS**

## Generational Trends vs Life Stage Trends

### GENERATIONAL TRENDS

Values & attitudes  
a cohort carries for life

- Shaped by historical events in youth
- Persist across all life stages
- Distinguish one cohort from another
- e.g. Silent Gen's respect for authority at age 30, 60, and 90

VS

### LIFE STAGE TRENDS

Patterns that appear  
at every age, in every era

- Driven by biology & life circumstance
- NOT unique to any cohort
- Every generation shows them at the same age
- e.g. teenagers in every era question authority

**THE TEST:** Would this same trait have been equally true of a Boomer or a Silent at the same age?  
If yes — it's a life stage, not a generation.

## Young-adult fashions of different generations:

Baby Boomers



Gen Y and Z



## Bridging the Generational Gap

**01** **Seek to Understand**  
Every behaviour has a backstory. Ask: what shaped this person's world?

**02** **Honour the Journey**  
Each generation carries real wounds and real wisdom. Both deserve respect.

**04** **Speak, and Listen**  
Dialogue means sharing your truth AND making room for theirs — without judgment.

**03** **Find the Common Thread**  
All generations long for belonging, meaning, dignity, and love.

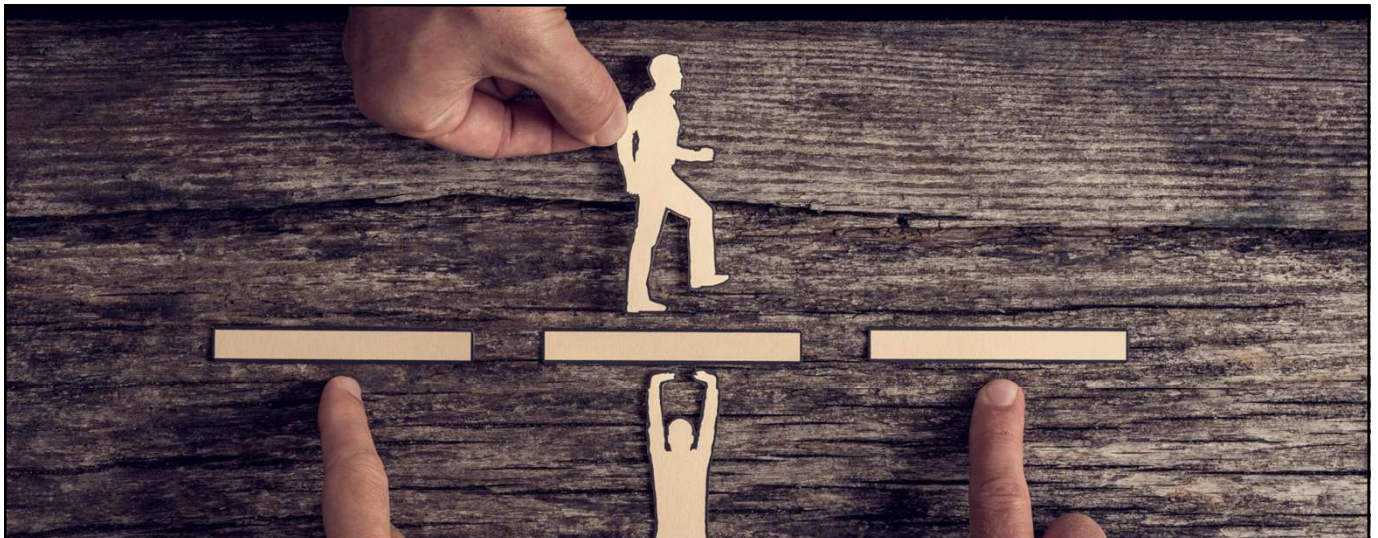
# Every generation

*imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it*

~ George Orwell ~

**Today, let's be the generation that listens.**

*Welcome to our InterGenerational Dialogue*



WE NEED BRIDGE BUILDERS!

THE GENERATIONS PROJECT

# **Life Chart**

## **Life Chart**

### **Objectives:**

- **To help us visualise the story of our lives.**
- **To aid our discernment of God's hand in our lives.**
- **To allow for a more interactive sharing of our lives with others.**
- **To increase understanding of and empathy for others.**

## Guiding questions for mapping personal life chart

- 1) What were some **high and low emotional points** in your life?
- 2) What were some of the **most significant events in your personal journey with God?**
- 3) Who were the **people that had the most influence on your life** (can be both positive and negative)? Why?

