

# GENERATIONAL CHANGE AND CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

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**Beaudoin, Tom.** *Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X.* San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Outlines four principles that can describe GenX culture and how they impact the generation's spiritual search. The first and still-foremost work on GenX theology.

**Callahan, Kennon, L., 1992.** *Giving and Stewardship in an Effective Church: A Guide for Every Member.* San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Fabulous suggestions for liturgy as well as stewardship - the most important book I've read on these subjects.

**Howe, Neil, and William Strauss.**

**1992** *Generations: the History of America's Future, 1584-2069.* New York: Wm Morrow

**2000** *Millennials Rising: The Next Generation.* New York: Vintage Books.

These authors "wrote the book" on generational theory. *Millennials* is a penetrating look at the generation that follows GenX (born 1982-2000), who are totally different in outlook, attitudes and needs.

**Maclean, Paul and Douglas Cowling.** 1993. *Sharing the Banquet: Liturgical Renewal in your Parish.* Toronto: Anglican Book Centre.

Hands-on suggestions for developing new and renewing old liturgies. A great workbook for worship committees, but may be hard to find.

**Todhunter, Andrew.** 1998. *Fall of the Phantom Lord.* New York: Anchor Books.

The rise of extreme sports was a significant marker for GenX culture. This is a non-fiction account of a famous GenX rock climber who deliberately seeks out falling with the least amount of safety rope. Many insights into a GenX worldview, but also an accurate picture of how institutional religion is sidelined in GenX culture.

**Useem, Michael.** 1998. *The Leadership Moment: Nine True Stories of Triumph and Disaster and their Lessons for Us All.* New York: Three Rivers Press.

A practical look at leadership in moments of crisis and opportunity. Stories ranging from first women's ascent of Anapurna to the Merck Company's decision to manufacture an antidote to river blindness.

**Zemke, Ron, Claire Raines and Bob Filipczak.** 2000. *Generations at Work: Managing the Clash of Veterans, Boomers, Xers, Nexters, in your Workplace.* New York: American Management Association.

Great overview of the misunderstandings possible in a multi-generational environment - many important applications to church culture.

## Journals

*Congregations: Learning Leading Change*

Quarterly publication from the Alban Institute

*Fast Company Magazine*

*National Geographic Adventure Magazine* (not the old yellow one)

Both the layout and content of these magazines speak to GenX thinking and culture.