

## **LOOKING BACK!**

People from all time eras often look back on where they have come from in their life and then reflect on what they may best learn. I know that I do!

Recently I read this reflection from a now deceased priest as to what he would comment on if he lived until the year 2100, below is what he wrote, *“In the year 2020 I noticed that too many people believe that wars, trade or military could really solve problems without considering that they created bigger problems. There are so many Western developed countries that allow lucrative military hardware and arms deals to dominate their budgets. I see that so many people are complacent with using fossil fuels without considering that these fuels will eventually run out. I am constantly amazed as to how many people continually pollute the air that they are inhaling. Hopefully in the year 2100 the people of this world will have new issues to deal with and not the ones that I have been part of during my life.”*

Even in the year 2021 we are more than ever living within a global world rather than an independent national world. It would be a big mistake to not appreciate this truth. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, a psalmist wrote, *“that the earth is the Lord’s, its fullness is for those who dwell in it.”* We all need to be conscious stewards and not unconscious consumers in what we have!  
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