Leading in a Liminal Season with Susan Beaumont

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How do you lead an organization stuck between an ending and a new beginning—when the old way of doing things no longer works but a way forward is not yet clear? Such in-between times are called liminal seasons—threshold times when the continuity of tradition disintegrates and uncertainty about the future fuels doubt and chaos. In a liminal season it simply is not helpful to pretend we understand what needs to happen next. But leaders can still lead.

Liminal seasons call for a different kind of leadership presence, one that connects the soul of leaders with the soul of the institution.

Participants at this event will:

- Enter a three-way conversation engaging God, the soul of the leader, and the soul of the institution.
- Examine the leadership challenges and opportunities inherent in liminal seasons.
- Explore three fundamental shifts in orientation that invite a more soulful leadership presence. (From knowing to unknowing, from advocating to attending, from striving to surrender.)
- Understand four bodies of work that help to connect mission, vision and values with the soul of the organization: deepening group discernment, shaping institutional memory, clarifying purpose, and engaging emergence.

Susan is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches, USA and the author of How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going: Leading in a Liminal Season, and Inside the Large Congregation. She is co-author of When Moses Meets Aaron: Staffing and Supervision in the Large Congregation. She holds an M.B.A. from Northwestern University, a M.Div. from McCormick Theological Seminary and is a graduate of the Shalem Institute Spiritual Guidance program. Susan currently teaches at Wesley Theological Seminary and runs a consulting and coaching practice. Susan has worked with hundreds of congregations and denominational bodies across the United States and in Canada. She is known for her ground-breaking work in the leadership dynamics of large congregations. For more information, check out her website: susanbeaumont.com.

Cost $125, a full day with Susan Beaumont which includes a full breakfast, lunch buffet and snacks.

Registration and breakfast begins at 7:00 am and the program ends at 4:30 pm.

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There will be a limited number of overnight accommodations available at a special rate for May 3rd.

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