



Join us at the *Together We Thrive* Inaugural Event!

Leading in a Liminal Season with Susan Beaumont

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Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center

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.

Register Today! www.togetherwethrivegrant.org/beaumont2021

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

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