

The Art of Participatory Leadership Retreat: Hosting Transformational Change Through Compassion, Emergence and Unity

October 13-14, 2015 (Prior to Parliament of the World's Religions)

Impact Hub, 150 South State Street #1, Salt Lake City, Utah

Start your 2015 Parliament in deep community engagement.

The Art of Participative Leadership is a 2-day retreat, offered with discounted rates for Parliament participants, where we will:

- deeply meet each other around key Parliament themes of compassion, unity, inter-spiritual dialogue, and creating social change.
- learn with others who care passionately about issues you do and are working to address them in local contexts.
- bring these new friendships, inquiries, and dialog practices into the Parliament.
- develop the skills and practices to engage these essential conversations from the Parliament back in your home communities to move towards more desirable outcomes.



Many of us see our work as transformation.

Our big dreams compel us to see and act on what others may not see. Many of us are required to transform both "what" we are doing, but "how" we are doing it together -- how we meet and join in interfaith action. Transformation requires both deep spiritual practice and effective meeting and community engagement approaches to move forward social change agendas. The Art of Participatory Leadership is all about that.



Many of us wonder how to improve our capacity to transform.

Ourselves. Our committees. Our congregations. Amidst rapid change and high complexity! Faith communities of all kinds are developing these practices. Together, we are awakening to different ways of being in leadership together, moving beyond the typical traps of adversarial agendas and into processes of co-learning and co-evolution that lead to wise action and change. We're seeking consultative processes and engagement strategies that bring out the best in collaborative communities.

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What is The Art of Participatory Leadership?

The Art of Participatory Leadership is a 2-day intensive at which we will practice a set of simple yet powerful approaches for designing and hosting (facilitating) powerful conversations and meetings. These practices invite people to step in and respond to the challenges facing them in creative, authentic, compassionate and innovative ways.

Groups and organizations using the Art of Participatory Leadership practices report better decision-making, more efficient and effective capacity building and greater ability to quickly respond to opportunity, challenge and change. Participants say that they walk away feeling more empowered and able to help guide meetings and conversations they are part of to move towards more desirable outcomes.



[The Art of Hosting – Four-Fold Practice on Vimeo.](#)

How and why will we work together?

We work with collaborative methodologies, including Circle, World Café, Open Space Technology, ProAction Café, and more. We will shape together particular questions that help focus specifically on Parliament themes to Reclaim the Heart of Humanity.

Conversation is a sacred art. It illuminates the spaces between us and gives voice to the longings that Spirit inspires within us. Becoming skillful practitioners of conversational leadership helps build engaged communities, address strategic issues in organizations, and strengthen families.

Tenneson Woolf

We know that no one person has all the answers. We know that only by connecting with each other are we able to harvest our collective intelligence and build up our capacity for being in relationship with the divine.

The Art of Participative Leadership is designed to support three simultaneous intentions together. One, to build stronger teams and partnerships. Two, to enhance skills to work with complexity, uncertainty, and change. Three, to apply what we learn to programs and initiatives important to our respective communities.

Who should attend?

Faith community leaders from all stations and traditions, involved in social change. We define a leader as “anyone who wants to help.” We welcome clergy, committee leaders and

members, council members, people in youth ministries, and all who want to create a desirable and deliberate future within and across faith communities and traditions.

What is the cost and schedule?

\$375 Registered Parliament Participants

\$450 Not-Registered for Parliament

* If the cost is a barrier to your participation, we welcome creative tuition conversations. Contact Tenneson Woolf, tenneson@tennesonwoolf.com

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., October 13th and 14th (Lunch provided each day along with snacks, coffee, teas.)

* Registrants are asked to commit to the entire two-day program, designed as an integrated whole.

Our Hosting and Convening Team



Teresa Posakony (www.emergingwisdom.net) has worked extensively with faith communities and non-profits to build cultures of creativity, authentic relationship, social change and prophetic alignment. In Washington State she's been engaged in a twelve year social change effort to build healthy and resilient communities while reducing trauma generation to generation. This effort integrates the latest in neurobiology, epigenetics, adverse childhood experiences, and resilience – as well as powerful efforts to align a new paradigm of policy, practice, and community-led change. She is an avid student of healing and wholeness, living systems, and life.

Andrew Himes was founding executive director for Charter for Compassion International, and is now co-director of the Business Alliance for the Future, a global network of business networks and associations focused on elevating the leadership of business in creating a just, peaceful, sustainable, and compassionate world. He authored a book of the history of Christian fundamentalism, and has led and facilitated meetings around the world to accelerate the Compassionate Cities movement.



Erin Gilmore is a pastor in the United Church of Christ and currently serves the First Congregational Church in Loveland, CO. She is passionate about community and hosting space where people are able to come as they are and become more of who they are meant to be. Erin works at the local and regional level of the church designing and facilitating group process for people seeking new ways of engaging and working in the world.

Rev. Bob Thompson was an American Baptist minister for 37 years, leading the Lake Street Church in Evanston, Illinois for 30 years in an influential ministry focused on issues such as homelessness, racial reconciliation and advocacy for LGBT rights. A teacher, author, and inspirational leader, he is Chair Emeritus of the Parliament of the World's Religions.



Tenneson Woolf (www.tennesonwoolf.com) is a facilitator, workshop leader, speaker, and writer. He designs and lead meetings in participative formats. To help people be smart together. To get people interacting with each other — learning together, building relationships, and focused on projects. To get deeper to the heart of what matters. From strategic visioning with boards to large conference design. He has worked extensively with faith communities over the last five years, including co-facilitating a General Assembly and Elections Assembly for Franciscan Sisters, and supporting a three year engagement with Church and Community Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Tenneson is a long time steward and practitioner of the Art of Hosting. Living systems, self-organization, and emergence inspire his work.

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