

## FUNDAMENTALS OF TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY

### The Work of the Congregation Pre-Work

#### A) Review the Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader Materials

#### B) Case Study:

1. Bring a case study to class.
2. You may either write this up (maximum three (3) pages) or simply spend some quality time thinking about it.
3. Use your current congregation, or some congregation in which you have served Write a 1-2 sentence description of your congregation.
4. Use the Four Lenses from FTML: write 1 paragraph for each lens – total one page description. See FTML Manual, page 3:11 One Page: Think of a story about your congregation that is “iconic,” typical of this place, its tone or personality. The story may reveal the origin of unspoken rules that everyone knows.
5. Briefly write this story, including characters, setting, plot, etc. Other concepts to consider as you are writing your Case Study
  - Appreciative Inquiry -Founding Narrative & cultural /historic context at birth
  - Power dynamics
  - Place in Life Cycle
  - Average Sunday attendance & implications of this size
  - Relation to the denomination and to the larger community
  - Congregation’s dream for its future

#### C) Websites to visit and review <http://www.wmbridges.com/pdf/getting-thru-wilderness-2006-v2.pdf>

#### D) Read the following articles that will be emailed to you once your registration has been accepted.

- *Leadership Arenas for Transition*
- *Spiritual Types*
- *Transition Team: A Tool for Interim Ministry*
- *What is a Contract?*
- *Transition and Stewardship: A Broader View*