

Pre-Class Assignments

1. Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader

- a. Review The Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry: The Work of the Leader Materials

2. Case Study

Bring a case study to class

You may either write this up (maximum three (3) pages) or simply spend some quality time thinking about it.

- a. Use your current congregation, or some congregation in which you have served
- b. Write a 1-2 sentence description of your congregation
- c. Use the Four Lenses from FTML; write 1 paragraph for each lens – total one page description. **See FTML Manual, page 3:11 (attached on this email)**
- d. 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. Briefly write this story, including characters, setting, and plot.
- e. 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
 - Conception to the denomination to the larger community
 - Congregation’s dream for its future

3. William Bridges article-*Getting Them Thru the Wilderness*

<https://wmbridges.com/featured/articles/getting-them-through-wilderness/>