

Leadership Lab Experience for Parish Lay Ministry Academy

Fall 1 | Pastor Paul Mussachio, Facilitator

Required Books for Class Discussion

Summoned to Lead, Leonard Sweet

The Servant, a Simple Story about Leadership, James C. Hunter

Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times, Peter L. Steinke

As you read through the assigned readings, please be prepared to offer your answer to these questions in our sessions together.

- What was a new and intriguing concept to me?
- What idea discussed by the author affirmed something I already knew?
- What idea discussed by the author challenged me?
- What did I like best about the reading?

Session Topics

September

Session One | Called Out

****Before class**, please read the Introduction and Chapters 1 through 4 of Len Sweet's book, *Summoned to Lead*. We'll discuss this reading together.

Main points to cover:

- Defining leadership and the task of leading others
- Biblical case studies of being called out for leadership (King David, Esther, Peter)
- Looking at your own leadership roles and how God calls out to you in this point in time.
- Leaders as learners.

Homework by October session: Read all of James C. Hunter's book, *The Servant*.

October

Session Two | Servant Leadership

****** Please make sure you have read all of *The Servant* as we will discuss it together.

Main points to cover:

- Styles of leadership

- Assessing Jesus' approach to leadership
- Understanding your strengths and growth areas

Homework by November session: Read Parts 1 and 2 of Pete Steinke's book, *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times*

November Session Three | Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times

** Please make sure you have read parts 1 and 2 of *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times*.

Main Points to cover:

- Understanding Family System's Theory
- Noticing our role as leader in the system
- Adaptive vs Technical Change
- The Leader's Challenges

Recommended Books (these are good to have on your shelves for future learning):

How Your Church Family Works, Peter Steinke

Leadership without Easy Answers, Ronald Heifetz

Leadership on the Line, Ronald Heifetz

Leaders Eat Last, Simon Sinek

The Missional Leader, Alan Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk

The Wounded Healer, Henri Nouwen

A Failure of Nerve, Ed Friedman