Reinventing Leadership: The "Zen" of Rabbi Friedman and His Mentor

.<u>March 10 – 12, 2007</u>, St. Malo Retreat Center, Allenspark, CO

A conference for students of the thought of Rabbi Edwin Friedman and Dr. Murray Bowen who participate in leadership of congregations.

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### Carol Jeunnette, Denver, CO Reinventing Leadership: The "Zen" of Rabbi Friedman and His Mentor

It has been said, "As the church goes, so goes the country." If one thinks of the church as a colony of cell families that make up larger structures in the fabric of society, the statement may contain not only significant truth, but also an indication of the crucial role of leaders in these ecclesiastical 'colonies.' As leadership goes, so goes the church. What kind of leadership will help to shape the church in ways that will have a positive impact on the wider society?

The purpose of this conference is to offer an opportunity to consider the role of congregational leaders by drawing on the school of thought and research developed by Dr. Murray Bowen and applied to congregations and clergy leadership in the work of Rabbi Edwin Friedman.

From the perspective of this Bowen/Friedman axis, leadership through differentiation of self, within the context of underlying emotional processes is a healing modality. Rather than being a set of techniques to apply, leadership is about a clarity of self, a 'less anxious' presence in the midst of turbulent systems, and the being of the leader. To see life through this natural systems lens is a new way of thinking – one that is learned best through repeated contact with the thinking over a period of years.

Reinventing Leadership: The "Zen" of Rabbi Friedman and His Mentor is designed for those who have a some knowledge of the systems thinking developed by Bowen and Friedman and wish to continue their learning and work on 'self' in the context of congregations.

#### **Session Themes:**

- The time warp of systems and ceremonies: The new world is right in front of us. What does it take to see what others can't see? What unseen assumptions shape what we see?
- *Position, Position, Position:* What is the real estate? The congregation is outstanding in the field. Pitfalls and practice of relationships.
- *Freedom and the road less traveled:* One can get unscrewed not by pouring in but by freeing up.
- Your family, your self. You can go home again. One notch means a better world.
- Defining ministry in times of demand feeding: Keys and qualities of effective leadership.

## **The Presenters**

Dr. Larry Foster, is an ordained pastor, family therapist, pastoral counselor and seminary instructor. He completed extensive work under Rabbi Edwin Friedman in advance family process, studied with Dr. Murray Bowen, and at the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family. He participates in Bridgebuilder and Healthy Congregations designed by Dr. Peter Steinke, and for the past fourteen years has worked with over 1000 pastors, priests and members of the helping professions, presenting seminars on Family Process and Natural Systems. The Rev. Carol Jeunnette, also an ordained pastor and pastoral counselor, is currently working on her dissertation: *A Pastoral Theology of Congregational Care: Promoting Life in the Body of Christ.* She is a Bridgebuilder, Healthy Congregations facilitator and trainer of facilitators, a postgraduate student at the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, and offers leadership seminars for clergy and Ministry Teams.

### Schedule

The first session will begin on Monday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. We will finish with lunch on Wednesday, March 14. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m., lunch at noon, dinner at 6 p.m. The Tuesday evening session (after dinner) will include vintage Friedman videos and/or a family of origin group.

## Costs:

Registration, Room & Board:

Single	\$330	
Double	\$315	

(Includes conference, materials, lodging and six meals.)

<u>Commuter Registration:</u> \$220 (Includes conference, materials and six meals.)

Further information is available at:

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Please send Registration form and \$100 non-refundable deposit by January 15, 2007 to: Carol Jeunnette, Clergy Seminars West 5650 W. Quincy Ave. #2 Denver, CO 80235 (Checks payable to: Carol Jeunnette, Clergy Seminars West) Balance due upon arrival at retreat.					

St. Malo Retreat Center is a modern, comfortable facility on 160-acres of wooded property, just east of Rocky Mountain National Park.

- Merge onto I-25 N toward Ft Collins.
- Take the CO-66 EXIT 243toward Longmont/Lyons.
- Turn Left onto CO-66. Follow CO-66 West to Lyons.
- After passing Lyons, turn left on Colorado 7. Continue to follow CO-7 for 24 miles (Four miles past Allenspark).
- Turn left at the Chapel on the Rock to enter St. Malo Retreat Center.

We are located 12 miles south of Estes Park on Colorado Highway 7, Allenspark.

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