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# Courageous Leadership in a Broken World

AN 8 MONTH ONLINE, NATIONWIDE COHORT FOR MINISTRY LEADERS

**COHORT DETAILS: BEGINNING OCTOBER  
2023, CONCLUDING MAY 2024.**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$1,100**

*\*Your financial contribution covers all sessions, workshops, resources, as well as lodging and content for a 3-day, 2-night opening retreat (travel will be covered by each participant). Scholarships available on an as needed basis. Please contact Laura Long for information at [LLong@MMinistry.org](mailto:LLong@MMinistry.org)*

**This sprint cohort is for ministry leaders of all shapes and sizes. We are inviting anyone who serves in ministry from pastors to lay leaders to non-profit advisors and executives. If you are searching for ways to be more courageous as you lead in your context in a post-covid world, this sprint cohort is for you!**

This 8-month cohort begins October 19th via ZOOM and will conclude with a closing in-person retreat in Chicago. There will be an opening in-person retreat November 16-17 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in North Carolina; all other sessions will be held via ZOOM on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 12 PM – 2 PM.

## FAQ'S:

[WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE COHORT EXPERIENCE.](#)

[WHO & WHAT IS A COHORT?](#)

*Click the links above to read more about our cohorts.*

All we have to do is turn on the news, open our local online newspaper or peer outside our front door to see that we are living in some strange and divisive times. Every day our senses are shocked and bombarded by global, national, local events, and phenomena that were at one time unfathomable. The once established and safe place that clergy and congregational leaders occupied in society has caved in and left many of us feeling unsure, unseen, and unprepared to lead amid the chaos and turmoil of our collective brokenness. While popular industry leaders, political leaders, and cultural icons seem to have adopted a capitalistic “ends justify the means” leadership philosophy that ignores the moral, ethical, and spiritual decay eroding our world, we as spiritual leaders are called and held to a different standard of leadership. We are called to be bold witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to courageously lead our congregations, communities, our nation, and our world in the life-giving, justice producing, image bearing, transformative love of God. This cohort will spend the next eight months diving deeply into a multi-disciplinary approach to courageous leadership with the goal of building the capacity of each participant to lead with courage in our personal and professional lives.



**Reserve Your Spot!**

*\*Space is Limited to 20 Participants*

Facilitated by [Jennifer Watley Maxell](#) & [Amy Valdez Barker](#)

## COHORT OUTLINE & OVERVIEW

### **SESSION 1: THE COURAGE TO LEAD/PROCLAIM/PROPHECY**

Why we need courageous leadership in our broken world today. We will begin with a needs-based approach that focuses on your needs as a leader, the needs of your context, your community and the culture at large. In this way we will begin with the end in mind.

### **SESSION 2: RECLAIMING OUR CALL - OUR IDENTITY - OUR PURPOSE**

So much of courageous leadership is dependent upon how we show up when we are called to lead. Determining who we are now as leaders has everything to do with who God has created and equipped us to be.

### **RETREAT: "FEARLESS CONVERSATIONS" AT LAKE JUNALUSKA, NORTH CAROLINA**

Effective communication is the hallmark of any relationship and nowhere is this more evident than in our ability to have bold, necessary and often awkward and hard conversations that lead to transformative positive change.

### **SESSION 3: HUMBLE SERVITUDE - NOT AN OXYMORON**

Servant leadership is an often used and rarely understood concept that can lead to exhaustion, burnout, and frustration for leader and those in their context. There is a Biblical model of servant leadership in Jesus that values rest, boundaries, and delegation and not just a willing yes.







## **SESSION 4: COMMUNAL COURAGE – EMBODYING JUSTICE**

Courageous leadership does not happen in a vacuum. It is only as useful as the relationships, partnerships, and connections it establishes, and the acts of courage it inspires.

## **SESSION 5: BEING A COURAGEOUS DISRUPTOR**

Leadership is easy when all is going well, however, courageous leadership is challenging because it anticipates disruption and asks us to risk faithfully and actively as we lead organizations and institutions through change.

## **SESSION 6: YOUR TEAM: ANCHORS – EDIFIERS**

The Conscious Community – It is often said, “it is lonely at the top”, however, when it comes to courageous leadership that doesn’t have to be the case. Being intentional with your leadership team can make all the difference in your healthy, longevity as a leader in your context.



## **CLOSING RETREAT: THE EPIC ENDING: WHICH IS JUST THE BEGINNING!**

Culturally we tend to place so much emphasis on beginnings, but endings are equally important. Ending well is the secret sauce to any new beginning or endeavor starting with this cohort experience.



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