

# LEADING TOGETHER IN COMPLEX TIMES

The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter  
Sioux Falls | November 5-7, 2015

## Welcome to Leading Together in Complex Times: The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter—Nov. 5-7 in Sioux Falls

Hello there!

We are excited to see you next week at Leading Together in Complex Times: The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter! Here are the details you need:

Our 3-day experience together will happen November 5-7 at the conference center **on the third floor of Cherapa Place, located at 300 North Cherapa Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57103**. Please park in the large parking lot east of the building (parking is free).

### Schedule, Dress and Weather

We will open the space by 8:30am each morning, and **will begin promptly at 9:00am each day**. We'll finish by 5pm on Thursday and Friday, and by 3:00pm on Saturday. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know right away. We will offer times for movement and communication breaks each morning and afternoon.

#### ***Schedule at a glance:***

*Thursday, November 5: 9:00am-4:30pm CST*

*Friday, November 6: 9:00am-4:30pm CST*

*Saturday, November 7: 9:00am-3:00pm CST*

Lunch from Ode to Good Food will be provided each day. We'll provide coffee, tea and water throughout the day, and soda (here in SD, we call it "pop") is available in vending machines nearby. Instead of catered snacks for breaks, we've made it a community-building practice. **If you can, please bring a "pot-luck" snack (nuts, muffins, dried fruit, something fun, etc.) for us all to share during the day.** We will have a table in the main meeting room for us to put them on.

**Please dress casually and comfortably.** We will work much of the day in circle or at small tables. Weather permitting, we'll have easy access from our meeting space to the rooftop patio at Cherapa Place, as well as the Sioux Falls River Greenway walking path right next to the building. Cherapa Place is located in the East Bank neighborhood of Downtown Sioux Falls, which is walk- and bike-friendly. Weather here in early November is unpredictable, but right now the 10-day forecast shows daytime highs in the upper 40s and low 50s F.

## Preparing for the Experience

We welcome you to the challenge of exploring and experiencing together the practice of hosting conversations that matter. Please come prepared to be flexible, uncover your curiosity and step more fully into the commitment of your courage in leading by hosting. This gathering is not for spectators, it is a participatory co-learning experience.

We will work much of the time in circle and will be establishing a center to the circle. **Please bring an artifact, object, picture, memento, etc. to place in the center** of the circle that represents to you the journey and work you are entering into as you step into your own practice of hosting meaningful conversations.

We will be providing you with a workbook that has information about all that you will be learning. **Please do bring a journal or notebook of your own** to track your personal journey notes.

If you'd like a little more about what to expect, there is a special message for you on the Leading Together website: <http://leadingtogether.weebly.com/welcome>.

On behalf of your core hosting team, Kathy Jourdain, Jerry Nagel, Beth Kallestad, and me, we are so excited to be with you in Sioux Falls next week! Come prepared for a busy, rewarding and purposeful learning experience together. If you have any questions, you can reach me through the number or email below.

See you soon,

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