Are you a

🌠 minister,

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🏈 pastor search team, or

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navigating a change in

circumstances, or

skill?



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I can help you do so with faithfulness and curiosity so that you can move into a hope-driven new normal.

What is coaching?

Coaching is a forward-looking relationship (differentiating it from counseling) in which I guide you to identify and leverage more fully your gifts, wisdom, and experiences. Individual coaching calls are structured to help you create tangible action steps (differentiating coaching from spiritual direction) in service of your larger goals. I root coaching in an invitation to reflect, in encouragement, and in gentle challenge.

What is the time and money investment involved in coaching?

Most coachees start with packages of 6 or 10 one-hour calls, spaced at intervals designed to give coachees time to implement action steps and momentum toward their goals. Current rates are available at laurastephensreed.com.

How do I get started?

Visit my calendar at calendly.com/reverendlaura/introcall to schedule a free exploratory call. We'll get to know each other, talk about your challenges and goals and the ways coaching could help, and answer any questions you might have.

What are coachees saying?

"Coaching gave me new perspective on my ministry. Through thoughtful conversation with Laura, the joys of ministry were celebrated and the challenges actually seemed fun to tackle, because I saw them in a new light and was encouraged to tackle them in ways that fit my particular personality and skill set." - Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"Over the last couple of years, Laura has helped me discern a change in call and helped me walk through my farewells and hellos. Having a coach to bounce ideas off of and ask me thoughtful questions during this time of transition has allowed me to use my own gifts and strengths to their fullest and helped me to help me feel much more confident in my work as pastor." - Pastor in the United Church of Christ

"Laura led a retreat for my congregation shortly after I had announced my resignation after ten years of ministry there, and I think her wisdom, care, and presence helped me make a healthy exit and helped the church transition well and fruitfully." - Pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

"As a first-call pastor and as the organizing pastor of a new worshiping community, I have rejoiced in having Laura as a coach to help me navigate through a range of ministry challenges. She has empowered me to think critically and analytically when I might have otherwise ineffectively rushed head-first into problem-solving mode. Her theological prowess and interim training have proved invaluable in helping me to discern and name my ministerial identity in a non-traditional parish setting." - Pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

"In all the daily to-do lists of ministry in my small congregation, it can feel like I'm treading water instead of moving forward. Coaching with Laura has really helped me focus my ministry – both in practical and big-picture ways. Her insightful questions and conversations have helped me reframe my priorities, and my ministry feels coherent again!" - Pastor in The Episcopal Church