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I am Pastor Phil Gustafson, privileged by God and the church to serve as a Pastor. My primary guidance for ministry comes from a principle of St. Paul whose two focuses in ministry was to do that which 1) honors God and 2) builds up the body of Christ. The two guiding passages of Scripture for me are 1 Peter 4:8-11 and Matthew 28:18-20.

I have served a 2 point parish and a cooperative ministry as well as a Pastor/Developer & Pastor of a mission start. I also enabled three congregations to move to a healthy merger of one congregation. I have been on staff as well as served single point congregations (small to medium size) in 40 years of ministry (June 2019 will mark that anniversary). I presently serve as Settled Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Holyoke, MA.

I have been coaching pastors and others since 2009 and became a certified ELCA Coach in 2015. I was also the Resource Mentor for First Call Theological Education in SWPA Synod 2012-14.

Certifications include:

- MBTI Level 1 & 2 Practitioner
- ELCA Coach
- CoachNet cnLaunch
- Advanced Mind Mastery Practitioner from Victorious Living Systems
- Master Practitioner in Neuro-Linguistic Programming (iNLP Center and the International NLP Association)
- Practitioner in Healthy Congregations
- Practitioner in Formational Prayer from Healing Care Ministries'
- Resource Mentor for Pastors of Excellence Program (Ashland Seminary)

My passion in coaching is helping rostered and other leaders in transition. This transition can be from a call to a new call or future. It could be discerning how to avoid burnout in ministry. I have assisted those who are beginning a new call or phase in ministry. I have also helped some leaders to envision new possibilities in their present situation to be more resourceful.

My NLP training provides me with rich resources to assist individuals in enriching their perceptions of their world and processing issues in a healthy, resourceful way.

I would welcome the opportunity to journey with you to a more resourceful, centered life. We can meet in person or via Zoom, Skype or Facetime.