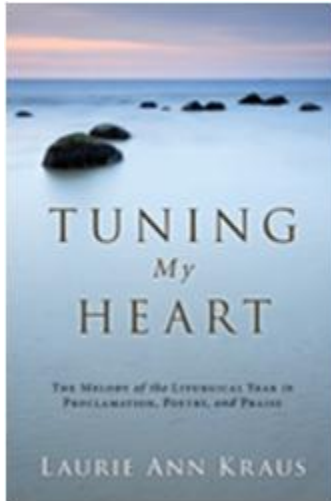


Interview with Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

Focus Question for Further Reflection



Tuning My Heart: the Melody of the Liturgical Year in Poetry, Prose and Proclamation.

Laurie Kraus writes with a poet's vision and a pastor's heart. Her passionate and thoughtful engagement with scripture brings biblical characters vividly alive and puts their stories into conversation with our lives. Without diminishing their strangeness, she shows their continuing power to move and critique. Graceful, sometimes humorous, and often touching, her imaginative and nuanced readings of lectionary texts show the real power of the always renewing and renewed word.

—Pamela Byers, Executive Director, Covenant Network of Presbyterians:
Presbyterian elder.

Introduction:

The following questions were designed to help you in continuing your reflection on our conversation with Rev. Laurie Kraus on her book and its impact to us as Spiritual Director in the 21st Century facing a world in need that is looking for answers. Please use this question as a guide for your reflection individually or to start a dialogue as a group. Remember that you can hear a recording of the interview by accessing the web page below:

<http://www.lifeinmotioninstitute.com/SWN - Interview with L.Kraus.wmv>

Reflection Questions:

1. Living in a time of transition, how do readings from the liturgical cycle help keep you grounded?
2. There are several months of "ordinary time" in the liturgical calendar. We are not living in ordinary times. How do you continue to find hope in these times by following the liturgical readings?
3. The liturgical cycle reflects the paschal mystery. How does the "paschal mystery" help support and enlighten you in these tumultous times?
4. Is there a way that helps you connect your everyday life to the liturgical rhythms?

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