For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**Ephesians 2:10** 

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## DEVELOPMENTALLY MINDED LEADERS

Lori Rasmussen

e work with the very best people," VP3 founder Randy Reese use to regularly say. Another Randy-ism in a group of strangers was, "You don't know it yet, but you are going to be friends."

As we continue to steward the ministry of VantagePoint3 in North America and beyond, those remarks continue to be absolutely true. However, we are learning that there is another unique, uniting quality among those closest to the VantagePoint3 tables. They are often developmentally minded leaders.

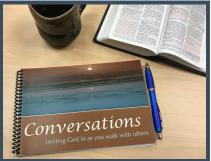
Developmentally minded leaders (DML) have been gifted by God with a mindset for seeing potential in others and are absolutely certain that every adult can grow and change and is alive with possibility. DML are usually very patient. They are open to being surprised. They encourage. They listen. They ask great questions. They are curious. They often make suggestions and give assignments for growth and next steps. And they offer a leadership of companionship through Christ over time that stands apart from the rush of our culture.

At VP3 we are particularly thankful for developmentally minded leader Lori Rasmussen. Lori has been saying YES to one invitation after another from VantagePoint3 for the last decade. Lori is a licensed independent social worker (LISW) by day, and a full time master at walking alongside others.

As is often the case through the VantagePoint3 Pathway, her experience of being a part of a *Journey* group in her local church uncovered the gifts God had created Lori to use for Kingdom purposes, and ignited her alignment of those gifts for the good of others.

VantagePoint3 has been benefiting ever since.

Inspired by God's whispers, and pages and pages of notes taken during her experiences with *The Journey* as a participant, co-facilitator and then solo group facilitator, Lori steadfastly crafted *Conversations: Inviting God In as You Walk With Others.* This VP3 resource contains 18 focused reflections that help adults stay close to God themselves, while they encourage a deeper life with God in others. This resource has also been requested by church staff to equip adult leaders and guide meaningful developmental conversations.



#### WHEN I BEGAN WALKING ALONGSIDE OTHERS AS A LEADER, GOD PROVIDED PEOPLE WHO WALKED ALONGSIDE ME.

"I was so touched by God's attentiveness to me that I started making lists of what I was learning and the blessings I was receiving while I was leading others," recalls Lori. "As the bits and pieces of what I was experiencing came together, this *Conversations* journal developed into a trusted picture of how to develop adults with grace and humility."

Lori is a key contributor in many VP3 capacities and a model of what we see in so many developmentally minded leaders partnering with us. "Lori has been and continues to be my teacher," endorses Pam Edwards of VP3. "It is a joy to have her alongside us."

### FROM THE VP3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS -

The VantagePoint3 Board of Directors is pleased to announce and affirm the naming of Robert Loane as the second President of the VP3 ministry.

Rob was invited to join the ministry in 2004 by founder Randy Reese. The two were friends first, and partners in the gospel, mentors, and stewards of the ministry together until August, 2016, when Randy passed away. They co-authored *Deep Mentoring: Guiding Others On Their Leadership Journey* (InterVarsity, 2012.)

"Rob and Randy were spiritual brothers in every sense of the word," says Board Chairman Shane Pearsall of Calgary, Alberta. "Rob is wise; genuinely cares and believes in journeying with people. With Randy, Rob has been establishing and cultivating the DNA of VP3."

"As Chairman of VP3 Board, I am thrilled that I get to work closely with Rob, that I will be blessed to get to know him more deeply, and more importantly, that I will journey with him as a friend in deepening the impact of VP3."

Rob and his wife, Sarah, live in Sioux Falls with their children Elliott, 4, and Rosie, 2.





# A LEADERSHIP OF Companionship

M any people simply long to be heard and recognized as persons with unique stories and questions and gifts. It is over a cup of coffee, or on a long morning walk, or around a dinner table, that the life of a person emerges. As we pay attention to one another, our lives are disclosed, neighborly love is expressed, and an awareness of the life of the Spirit begins to develop and deepen. May we all continue to learn to walk well with one another.

Walking with Others Stage 3: A Leadership of Companionship

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Thank you for being a part of the Lord's faithfulness over this unimaginable year. Your prayers, your notes and phone calls, your *Journey* groups, your financial partnership, your getting the word out, your friendships—all of these things, and so much more, have made for a profoundly meaningful and fruitful ministry year. As we move into this new ministry year, will you join with us as the Lord stirs and leads you? May we all continue to faithfully steward this VP3 ministry, helping men and women discover more deeply who God is, who they are, and what God desires to do through us. *Spirit of the living God lead us... Let the name of Jesus live out.*