

Kudos to Jane Gandrud, our Office/Financial Manager, on getting accepted into the Nollau Leadership Institute of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM). For the 2020-2021 class. Oak Meadows is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the MN Conference of the United Church of Christ and is a member of the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the UCC.

<https://www.chhsm.org/services/leadership/nollau>



Jane will be attending three retreats to learn what it means to be a Servant Leader. As the website states: What difference does it make to be a leader with faith? Do our beliefs shape our actions? Do our religious convictions and traditions simply soften the hard edges of leadership as commonly understood, or does our faith compel a profound reorientation to what it means to lead?"

Jane has been at Oak Meadows for 19+ years and these questions have been at the core of her work. With Jane's acceptance into the Nollau Institute this will entail 3 retreats over the next 12 months doing in-depth exploration of identity and calling, theory and theology, as well as an introduction to individual and communal practices of integrated leadership. In-between retreats she will be interacting with the class by phone and email. She will then present her findings at the CHHSM Annual meeting.

We are excited as Jane begins this new experience.