



Engaging the Imagination: A Conversation about the Leader's New Work with MICHAEL JONES and MARY STACEY

Included are some very special elements that will deepen your experience and sustain your new practices in leadership. We will begin at 1:30 pm, finish about 6:00 pm and then follow with dinner together. During the day you will enjoy Michael's music on a grand piano in a beautiful room with fine art. And you will leave with unique, practical tools to take you further on the leadership journey – a journal specially designed by Mary, notes to help you organize a conversation gathering, and Michael's new CD, *Almost Home*. Their books and other CDs will be available for purchase.

LOCATION: Victoria College, Main Floor, at the University of Toronto (east of Queen's Park Crescent at the west end of St. Mary St. and south of Charles St.). Museum or Bay TTC station, and two parking lots off St. Joseph St. between Bay St. and Queen's Park.

REGISTRATION: The fee is \$195 if received by FRIDAY MARCH 23, or \$225 following. When paid by a registered charitable organization or a fulltime student, \$165 or \$195. To register, send your name, e-mail address, and phone number with a cheque payable to: Centre for Spirituality at Work, Box 100, 162 Spruce St., Toronto M5A 2J5. Or register and pay for this event securely and confidentially by credit card through PayPal (having a PayPal account is no longer necessary). And do let us know if you prefer vegetarian food. If you need to cancel at any time, you may substitute another person for no additional fee. 416-482-9175, info@SpiritualityAtWork.org.



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"Leaders fail, not because of a lack of strategy
or resources, but from a failure of imagination."
Michael Jones, *Artful Leadership*

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Monday April 2, 2007, 1:30 to 7:30 pm

University of Toronto, Victoria College

Earlybird registration by Friday March 23





***Who am I really? When do I feel most alive?
How am I uniquely called to lead?
What is my relationship to beauty?
When do I feel most inspired?
How can I best serve the common good?***

As the future unfolds we are called upon to steward the commons space – where an awakened imagination is essential for engaging complexity. Generative conversations that explore fundamental questions are a new leadership art form. They serve as a portal to our innate wisdom and bring the invisible nature of interdependence and wholeness to light. Through the cultivation of conversational capabilities, we will be able to participate in co-creating a sustainable future for our organizations and communities.

Michael and Mary will invoke our imaginative capacity and emerging role as stewards of our commons space with dialogue, live music, story and poetry. They will offer metaphors drawn from arts and nature that expand the boundaries of our language and also the boundaries of our world, stimulating our thinking about our own inner work of leadership. They will also offer a variety of unique, practical and evocative tools to help us convene others in new forms of collective leadership.

In previous sessions, leaders started the day with statements like “I have been sucked over to the dark side – I’m always chasing the bottom line,” and “I have cultivated leadership ADD,” and ended it saying “conversation is our new art form as leaders.” Do join us, and return to work inspired to imaginatively transform group process, decision-making, and action.

MICHAEL JONES

Canadian pianist, writer, speaker and educator Michael Jones has introduced innovative leadership concepts throughout Canada and the US for extraordinarily diverse sectors, including healthcare, corporate, religious, consulting, military, voluntary, education, municipal, and more. He has been a core faculty member with the MIT Dialogue Project and Dialogos, facilitating programs in leadership and the art of thinking together. He is presently a core faculty member and steward for The Creative Leadership Series – a four week intensive program being offered to executives in the 10th largest private construction company in the world through a partnership between The McGregor Burns Academy of Leadership, University of Maryland, and The Center For Professional Excellence, University of Texas. He has written two books on leadership and creative practice; *Creating an Imaginative Life* (Conari Press, 1995) and *Artful Leadership; Awakening the Commons of the Imagination* (Pianoscaples, 2006)

Michael was also the founding artist with Narada Records where his many CD's of original piano compositions have served as benchmarks for contemporary solo piano recordings.

For forty years he has been working across disciplines to offer leaders fresh perspectives on thinking imaginatively and achieving a greater sense of the whole. To learn more about Michael's speaking, writing, and music, visit www.pianoscaples.com.

MARY STACEY

Mary works at the intersections of leadership, strategy and organizational change. She has 25 years experience in the retail, aerospace, education, and finance sectors. Her change initiatives help executive leaders engage the future with strengthened inspiration, integration, and business results, and have been identified as best practice by the Atlanta-based Information Management Forum and the CEO of a Canadian retail giant. A case study of Mary's work is included in *The Change Handbook* (2007).

Recently Mary facilitated sessions for the Canadian Innovation Conference and the Society for Organizational Learning on themes including *Knowledge Leadership, Developing Business Focused IT Leaders, and Sustaining Learning after Executive Education Programs*. She has been a dialogue circle host with the Shambhala Institute for Authentic Leadership and a facilitator with The Center for Emerging Leadership's Women in Leadership program.

Mary was a contributor to *My Story Listens to Your Story, An Anthology of Women's Leadership Images and Stories* (2003). She sits on the 2007 YWCA Women of Distinction Organizing Committee. Learn more about Mary's work at www.contextconsulting.com.