

# A Day with Gil Rendle Amidst the “Wilderness Journey”

## Where Is the Hope for Mainline Churches?

Dr. Gil Rendle is a well-known writer and consultant in the area of change and leadership in denominations and large churches. He has an extensive background in organizational development and group and systems theory.

Gil is an ordained Methodist minister who served two urban congregations prior to his work as a consultant. He works with the Institute for Clergy and Congregational Excellence in Austin and, prior to that, with the Alban Institute. He did his seminary training at Boston University School of Theology and earned his Ph.D. from Temple University, Philadelphia. He is the author of numerous articles and monographs, has written five books and contributed to four others.



**Friday, October 28, 2011**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT**

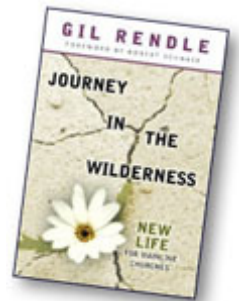
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You and your ministry team are invited to join us as author Gil Rendle considers the rapidly changing landscape of mainline Christianity. What leadership and organizational tools will serve us best as we travel through the wilderness?

### **About *Journey in the Wilderness*...**

In this book, Rendle offers perspective, hope, and encouragement to congregational and denominational leaders. He picks up the pieces of the puzzle one at a time and holds them to the light at just the right angle for us to see how they fit together into a new narrative about our recent history, current challenges, and future possibilities. He reframes the church leadership conversation. Using the Hebrew wilderness stories, he describes our last forty years of experimentation as a time of necessary learning and preparation...*Journey in the Wilderness* is part textbook on church leadership, part field guide for identifying organizational behaviors we have all seen but could never name, and part instruction manual on how to leave behind systems that are no longer conducive to our mission. (*Introduction to Journey in the Wilderness*)



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Registration cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Copies of *Journey in the Wilderness* will be available for purchase at the event.

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