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Leah Moran Rampy, Ph.D. is a writer, speaker, retreat leader, and educator who weaves ecology, spirituality, personal stories, and practices to help others deepen their relationship to the natural world. She recently authored the book *Earth & Soul: Reconnecting amid Climate Chaos* which is being published by Bold Story Press and will be available in early 2024. She is a frequent speaker on contemplative leadership and spiritual ecology for these edge times.

Leah co-authored and co-facilitated with Beth Norcross the six-part video series on *The Spiritual Wisdom of Trees; Insights from Our Elders* in collaboration with the award-winning film maker Jane Pittman and sponsored by [The Center for Spirituality in Nature](#). Leah and Beth are co-authoring a book on the same topic to be published by Broadleaf Books in early 2025.

She has led over a dozen pilgrimages to sacred places in the US and internationally for the [Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation](#) where she previously served as the Executive Director and continues as an adjunct staff member. She is the founder and leader of [Church of the Wild Two Rivers](#), affiliated with the Wild Church Network, that meets regularly to deepen spirituality through time in the natural world. Leah also offers retreats through [Friends of Silence](#), a nonprofit honoring the work and intent of the late, well-beloved author, Nan Merrill.

Through Shepherd University's Lifelong Learning Program, Leah teaches classes on ecology through the lens of current writers. Her essays on living more fully connected to Earth in these uncertain times have appeared in the *Anthology of Appalachian Writers (Barbara Kingsolver edition)*, *The Cardinal Anthology Vol 1*, and *Soul Food; Nourishing Essays on Contemplative Living and Leadership*. She is a member of West Virginia Writers.

Leah holds a doctorate in Curriculum from Indiana University. She has extensive leadership experience as an executive in Fortune 100 organizations and in nonprofits and has offered executive coaching and consulting to individuals and organizations through the business she founded in 2001, Illumined Way, LLC.

She lives with her husband in a cohousing community in Shepherdstown, WV, where members collaborated to build and now to run the village with a focus on community, environmental responsibility, and Earth care. She co-founded *Save Our Soil*, a volunteer organization to promote soil health, local food, native plants, and regenerative agriculture in the Eastern Panhandle and beyond. In 2022 Leah was elected by write-in to serve on the Shepherdstown Town Council. The Rampys have two adult children who live in Virginia, and two dogs who live at home.