# **Personal Preferences Inventory**

# Section 1—Parameters

## 1. Geography

- a. Do you have any commitments that constrain you geographically?
- b. What are your early thoughts about where you'd like to live all or some of the time?

## 2. Financial

Are there financial concerns or considerations that impact how you want to spend your Next Season?

## 3. Medical

- a. Are there any personal or family medical concerns or constraints that impact your plans?
- b. Are there any personal objectives you have for yourself physically that will impact your time/priorities after your transition?

### 4. Commitments You Bring with You

- a. Are there any groups, organizations, or people to whom you feel a strong commitment that you see yourself needing to honor in this Next Season?
- b. Who might those be?
- c. Approximately how much time does fulfilling these require?

### 5. Time

As you consider how you might spend time after you leave your current job, list things you have always imagined yourself possibly doing (for example, playing golf, speaking to audiences on favorite topics, reading three newspapers every morning, volunteering, reading novels, joining a gym, traveling, writing a book, taking classes, learning a language, working, spending time with grandchildren).

### 6. Your Definition of Success

- a. Sitting here today, describe what "success" looks like to you on the other side of this transition out of your organization.
- b. Describe any particular concerns you have about the transition.

# 7. Caring for Others

Do you have obligations or caregiving responsibilities that impact how or where you will spend your Next Season?

# Section 2—The Highlights

Please complete the following sentences.

#### 1. I love

#### 2. I am happiest when

- 3. The following things have been the highlights of:
  - My past year
- My community life
- My past decade
- My marriage/partnership
- My children/grandchildren
- My most recent job • My career
- My friendships
- 4. Work accomplishments I am the most proud of:
- 5. Non-work accomplishments I am the most proud of:

# 6. A good day for me is one in which (check all that apply):

- $\square$  I have a schedule for the day
- I am highly productive
- □ I organize something
- I can be creative
- □ I am intellectually stimulated
- □ I socialize with people
- □ I am athletic
- □ I volunteer/help others
- □ I see/do new things
- 🛛 I travel
- □ I solve problems
- □ I have extended time with children/grandchildren

- □ I win in golf, tennis, or some other sporting event
- $\square$  I have no schedule for the day
- $\square$  I can relax and not feel guilty
- □ I am invited and just have to show up
- □ I can accomplish something
- □ I do things that don't require me to think too much
- □ I am alone or in the company of my spouse

- □ I do nothing too strenuous
- $\square$  I can work on my own things
- □ I engage in familiar tasks/activities
- 🛛 I am at home
- □ I am not burdened with problems/issues
- □ I can enjoy discrete visits with my children/grandchildren
- I enjoy time with friends playing golf, tennis, or some other sporting event

# Section 3—The Lowlights

Create your personal "What Bugs Me" list.

# 1. What have been the lowlights of:

- a. My past year
- b. My most recent job
- c. My career
- d. My community life
- e. My marriage/partnership

# Section 4—Legacy Matters

1. Let's say your old college friend is reading an update on graduates prior to attending your 50<sup>th</sup> college reunion. He is now reading what the reporter wrote about you. Complete your story beginning with the sentence . . .

After leaving a highly successful career at X company, <your name>\_\_\_\_\_ During that time, <your name> also\_\_\_\_\_\_... A close friend of <your name> said \_\_\_\_\_\_about him/her...

# You will most often find <your name> doing \_\_\_\_

# 2. What "things" would you most like to impact in your lifetime?

- a. Are there any "causes" that you feel especially drawn to?
- b. Are there any not-for-profit organizations you would like to become more active with?
- c. Is there anything on your "What Bugs Me" list that you would be excited to tackle/change/fix?
- 3. How do you wish your children/grandchildren to remember you? How will they come to know your life stories, experiences, accomplishments?

# Section 5—Things You Hope to Do Post-Transition

Check all that apply.

- □ Have more leisure time
- □ Work out regularly
- 🗖 Travel
- $\square$  Golf/tennis/other sports
- Engage in extreme physical adventures
- Volunteer (please indicate if you have specific ideas about with whom)
- Continue with a corporate career
- Start own company
- □ Consult/advise
- □ Take classes, earn degree
- □ Teach
- □ Lecture/speaking opportunities

- □ Mentor/tutor young people
- Be outdoors more
- □ Cook (more often)
- □ Entertain friends (more often)
- □ Learn new language
- □ Board service
  - o Publicly traded company
  - o Small/mid-size but established
  - o Startup
  - Not-for-profit
  - o Private Equity/VC
- $\square$  Not-for-Profit
  - o Board Member
  - o Management
  - o Volunteer
  - Special Projects

- □ Paint/draw
- 🛛 Garden
- □ Spend (more) time with children/grandchildren
- Coach/train
- □ Write
- □ Photography
- □ Master new skill
- □ Work with my hands
- □ Be a caregiver to others
- □ Church/synagogue work
- Deepen my faith
- □ Other...