

This workshop will help you understand . . .

- That conflict need not be bad, but is an opportunity for growth.
- The Biblical basis for conflict transformation.
- Your own style of responding to conflict.
- The communication skills necessary to resolve conflict peacefully.
- Strategies for preventing destructive conflict in the church family.
- A model for working at group decision-making in a win-win manner.

Other LMPC Programs:

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* equips leaders with strategies for addressing interpersonal, small group, and congregational conflicts.

Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process is designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders in their ministry setting. The clinic meets three times during the year for three days each time.

Advanced Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process builds on the learnings of *Clergy Clinic*. It follows a similar format, but also includes guest presenters who are major figures in the field of family systems theory.

For information and dates:
www.LMPeaceCenter.org

About the Workshop:

Conflict is a normal part of life, even in the church. Understanding this can help church members realize that they should not be surprised or ashamed when they experience conflict in their faith communities. What is important is how the conflicts that inevitably arise are dealt with. The *Conflict in the Church: Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation* workshop teaches some basic skills that will help participants manage conflicts within the congregation in a healthier manner.

The goal of the workshop is to help participants gain the understanding and the skills needed to prevent destructive conflicts in the future. We also want participants to see how church conflict can be transformed into an opportunity to learn something new about God's will for their church.

The workshop was developed by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC), a non-profit ministry whose mission is to "proclaim Christ's good news, the gospel of peace and justice – and to be active in the sacred ministry of reconciliation."

*"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."
(2 Corinthians 5:18)*

Conflict in the Church:

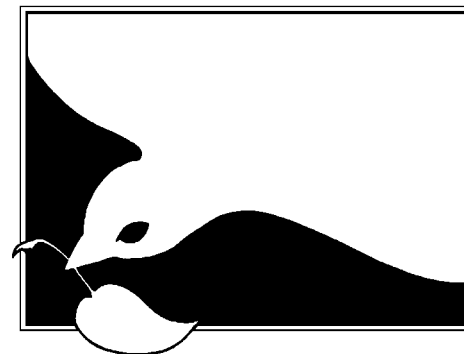
Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation

April 17-18, 2015

Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church
746 S Saginaw St
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Sponsored by
**Presbytery of Lake Huron
Commission on Ministry**
Open to all members of the Presbytery

Led by staff of
Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Who Will Benefit:

The workshop is designed for:

- Judicatory leaders, pastors, lay leaders.
- Anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace, or the community.

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Workshop Leader:

Bill Blank is Associate Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC). He is an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church and has served as a pastor and interim pastor for a number of years. He has attended the *Postgraduate Program in Family Systems Theory* at the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, in addition to being an experienced mediator and church consultant.

Registration:

The preregistration fee is \$75.00 per person for non-COM members (includes manuals and lunch). Registration deadline is April 7, 2015. Hotel accommodations are available at attendees cost. Please call Presbytery office at 800-621-6905 for information.

You will also need to fill out a style profile questionnaire which will be mailed to you in preparation for the workshop, with your scores being phoned into the presbytery office by Tuesday April 14, 2015.

Workshop Schedule:

Friday, April 17, 2015

- 3:30-4:00 Registration
- 4:00-5:30 *Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict*
- Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict*
- 5:30-5:45 Break
- 5:45-6:30 *Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict*

Saturday, April 18, 2015

- 9:00-10:30 *Discovering Your Personal Style Profile for Communication in Groups*
- Interpreting Your Personal Style Profile: Your Unique Strengths and Potential Excesses*
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 *Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: Negotiating Win-Win Solutions*
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 *Congregational Conflict: The Dynamics of Conflict in the Church*
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-4:00 *Congregational Conflict: Managing Conflict in the Church*

Registration Form

To register, fill out and mail this form to:
Presbytery of Lake Huron
PO Box 6129, Saginaw, MI 48608-6129
or call in your registration to:
800-621-6905

Make your check payable to:
Presbytery of Lake Huron

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ Yes! Please register me/us for the *Conflict in the Church* workshop, April 17-18, 2015.

____ I'm enclosing \$_____ for _____ persons (includes manuals and lunch for each person).

