



Dr. Jeffrey D. Hamilton

Dr. Jeffrey D. Hamilton is a United Church of Christ Minister and Pastoral Counselor in Lancaster. He is Director of Lancaster Pastoral Counseling and Education, LLC and Couples Communication of Lancaster.

A graduate of Lancaster Seminary, Jeffrey received his DMin in Pastoral Counseling from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, his MSSA (MSW) from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and completed a post-graduate training program in Gestalt Therapy at the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland.

After serving congregations in Pennsylvania and his CPE residencies, Jeffrey was chaplain for critical care and trauma at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. While there, he joined the counseling staff of the pastoral counseling center at the hospital where he worked for 17 years.

After developing counseling programs in Tennessee, he returned to Lancaster where he started his present practice. He is published author, has been a graduate instructor at various colleges, seminaries and medical schools, lead national and international pastoral care conferences as well as consulted with the military in addressing problems of reintegration. He is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors where he has had leadership roles since 1986. He is certified trainer in the Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work from the Gottman Institute and is participating in the certification process for this unique theory of couple counseling.

He is married to Robin Cain, and has two children and four grandchildren. For fun, he plays mountain dulcimer, leads a mountain dulcimer club and runs a two- day music festival every July.