

## *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 congregational 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](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org)

## *About the Workshop:*

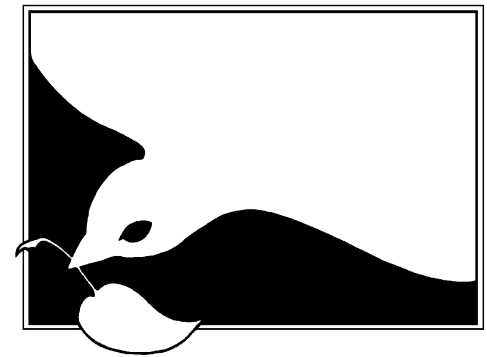
Conflict is a normal part of life, even in the church. Understanding this can help church members realize that they should not be surprised or ashamed when they experience conflict in their faith communities. What is important is how the conflicts that inevitably arise are dealt with in the church. The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

The goal of the workshop is prevention. We want participants to gain the understanding and the skills needed to prevent destructive conflicts. 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 Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is 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." This workshop is one of the ways that LMPC pursues its mission.

*"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 Transformation Skills for Churches*



**Saturday, October 20**

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Dickson Hollow**

W156N4881 Pilgrim Rd.  
Menomonee Falls, WI

Sponsored by  
*Presbytery of Milwaukee  
Commission on Ministry*

Led by staff of  
*Lombard Mennonite Peace Center*

## Who Will Benefit:

The workshop is designed for:

- Pastors and other church staff, Council members and committee members, all congregation members and leaders.
- Anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace, or the community.

## Workshop Leader:

**Bill Blank** is Associate Director of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) in Lombard, IL. He is an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church and has served as a pastor and interim pastor. He has participated in the *Postgraduate Program in Bowen Family Systems Theory and Its Applications* at the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family in Washington D.C. He has experience as a mediator, trainer and church consultant as well as providing coaching for pastors and church leaders.

## Registration:

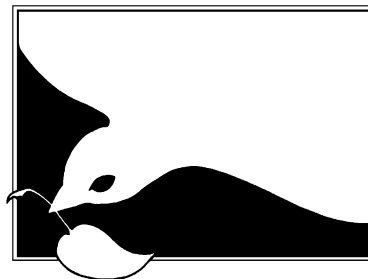
The registration fee is \$14 per person (for the training manual), or \$14 for a couple (sharing one manual). **The registration deadline is October 9, 2018.**

Registration may be submitted by mailing the form to the presbytery office *or* via the link in Fresh Impressions *or* by calling Chris Halverson at 414-292-2740.

## Workshop Schedule:

### Saturday, October 20, 2018

- 9:00-10:00 *Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict*
- Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict*
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:30 *Self-Assessment Exercise: Understanding and Improving Your Own Style of Response to Conflict*
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-2:00 *Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: How to Be Effective When People Are Angry*
- 2:00-2:15 Break
- 2:15-4:00 *Congregational Conflict: Understanding Conflict in Groups and How to Manage It*



## Registration Form:

### *Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches*

**October 20, 2018**

To register by mail, clip this form and return it to the presbytery office.

Presbytery of Milwaukee  
6767 W. Greenfield Ave. Suite 202  
Milwaukee, WI, 53214

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes! Please register me for the workshop.

\_\_\_\_ Yes! Please register us for the Workshop. We will need \_\_\_\_ manuals.

\_\_\_\_ Please provide me with a lunch.

\_\_\_\_ Please provide me with a vegetarian lunch.

\_\_\_\_ I will bring my own lunch.