

## ***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:***

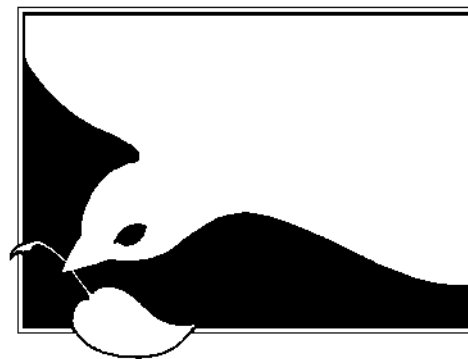
Conflict is a normal part of life, even in the church. Understanding this can help church members realize that they should not be surprised or ashamed when they experience conflict in their faith communities. What is important is how the conflicts that inevitably arise are dealt with. The ***Conflict in the Church*** 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 in the Church:*** ***Entrusted With the Message of Reconciliation***



**Dates: September 29-30**

Friday: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

**Trinity Presbytery Office**

554 Davega Drive

Lexington, SC 29073

Sponsored by  
***The Five Presbyteries  
of South Carolina***

Led by  
***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 and Cost:

Mail Registration Form to **Dr. Mark Verdery, Providence Presbytery, 515 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730**. Please register by **September 15**. You will also need to fill out a **style profile questionnaire** in preparation for the workshop, with scores being phoned to Providence Presbytery office by **September 24**. (803-328-6269 or 800-922-1609)

**COST: \$50 registration fee plus travel and housing. (Event cost and Saturday lunch is covered by the five presbyteries)**

## Workshop Schedule:

### Friday, September 29

- 6:30-7:00 Registration
- 7:00-8:30 *Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict*  
*Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict*
- 8:30-8:45 Break
- 8:45-9:30 *Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict*

### Saturday, September 30

- 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*

## Housing Option:

*Wingate Hotel (803-957-5000)*

108 Saluda Pointe Dr.  
Lexington, SC 29074 (2 miles from event)

## Registration Form

### *Conflict in the Church*

**September 29-30, 2017**

To register, fill out and clip this form; return it with your check for registration fee of \$50 to **Providence Presbytery, 515 Oakland Ave. Rock Hill, SC 29730**.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes! Please register me/us for the ***Conflict in the Church*** workshop. **September 29-30**

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my registration fee of \$50  
(*Make checks payable to Providence Presbytery*).