

## **BridgeBuilder Learning Events and Interview Dates Announced**

The Metro New York Synod has agreed to work with Dr. Peter Steinke to sustain healthier functioning in our synod. Steinke has used the Bridgebuilder process with nine judicatories and scores of congregations. The process begins with a workshop that will be held at three locations:

Thursday, March 19, Ascension, 145 Plane Ave., Franklin Square, 7 - 9 pm

Friday, March 20, Advent, 2504 Broadway, NYC, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday, March 21, King of Kings, New Windsor, NY 9 am - 11 am.

Each of the three workshops is open to all clergy and laity. Workshops are divided into two parts: (1) Dr. Steinke presents “The Synod as an Emotional System” and (2) a feedback session focusing on prescriptive ideas and action. At each of the three locations, he will interview six selected individuals. If not interviewed, anyone can contact Dr. Steinke by means noted below.

Synod Assembly delegates in May, 2018, approved the use of the BridgeBuilder process as a second step, following the Natural Systems process of Quadrant Meetings which prepared our synod for the election of our new bishop.

Assembling the information he gathered, Steinke will present an Action Report to the Synod Assembly (May 8,9). Either he will lead a small group exercise thereafter and/or be available for conversation during the Assembly. An Action Planning Team will be chosen and Steinke will instruct the team on how to proceed with the planning. Once they have completed their work, Steinke will return to meet with the Action Planning Team and the Synod Council to finalize a plan of action and a plan for communicating the process.

Linus Pauling said that a way to have good ideas, have lots of them. Your participation in a proactive way is encouraged.

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