

About the Institute

Schedule

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* runs daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the exception of Friday, which concludes at 4:30 p.m.

Monday: 3/14, 5/9, 6/13, 8/1, or 11/14/22

*Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict
Conflict in the Bible: Finding Renewal in Conflict
Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict
Your Personal Style Profile for Communication at Work
Affirming Your Strengths and Managing Your Excesses*

Tuesday: 3/15, 5/10, 6/14, 8/2, or 11/15/22

*Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: How to Be Effective
When People Are Angry
Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: Negotiating Win-Win Solutions
Mediating Conflict Between Individuals: An Overview of the Process
Mediation Skills: Getting People to the Table
Mediation Skills: The Introduction Stage*

Wednesday: 3/16, 5/11, 6/15, 8/3, or 11/16/22

*Mediation Skills: The Story-Telling Stage
Mediation Skills: The Problem-Solving Stage
Mediation Skills: The Agreement Stage*

Thursday: 3/17, 5/12, 6/16, 8/4, or 11/17/22

*Mediating Multi-Party Disputes
Congregational Conflict: Understanding Conflict in Groups
Family Systems Theory and Church Conflict
Designing Effective Group Decision-Making Procedures
Congregational Conflict: Structuring Dialogue When Anxiety Is High*

Friday: 3/18, 5/13, 6/17, 8/5, or 11/18/22

*Mediating Congregational Disputes: An Overview of the Mediation Process
Mediation Skills: Contracting, Information Gathering, and Education Phases
Mediation Skills: Healing and Problem-Solving Phases
Mediation Skills: Bringing Closure to the Mediation*

For further information about *MSTI*, scan the QR code at right:



Overview

The institute includes lectures, discussion, and guided practice in role-plays. Active and practical in focus, the sessions emphasize hands-on skills training and real-life role-plays based on the kinds of conflicts faced by participants. A more detailed description of the sessions is available upon request.

In-Person Attendance

Three sessions of *MSTI* will be conducted in person in 2022: June 13-17 (Fort Mill, SC), August 1-5 (Chicago area), and November 14-18 (location TBD). Sites will be announced once arrangements with host churches have been finalized. At this time we do not plan to offer an online option for these locations; however, if safety concerns persist, we may add or switch any of these sessions to an online format. Please check our website from time to time for updates.

Zoom Format

Two sessions of *MSTI* will be conducted exclusively online: March 14-18 and May 9-13. Participants will occasionally be divided into groups for the breakout activities, which include role plays. Thus, all participants will be expected to have a device with both a camera and a microphone in order to participate fully.

Tuition

Tuition is \$750, which includes five full days of instruction and a hard copy of the *MSTI* manual. Online registration is open until about one week before the workshop begins; for last-minute registrations, please contact us to see if there are any remaining openings.

To register online via TicketSpice, please go to: <https://lmpeacecenter.org/all-events/>. To register directly with us, fill out the attached registration form and mail it with a check payable to *LMPC*, or call our office at 630-627-0507 with credit card information. Cancellations are subject to a \$100 non-refundable fee if *LMPC* is given at least two weeks notice, or half of the registration fee after that.

Trainers

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is grounded in an Anabaptist peacebuilding model of conflict transformation, placed within the context of family systems theory. *LMPC* seeks to equip others to be ministers of reconciliation in their daily life and church communities. *LMPC* Executive Director, Rev. Jay Wittmeyer, brings to the institute many years of practical experience of mediating conflict in churches and organizations, while also training others to be self-differentiated leaders in the midst of congregational anxieties. Since 1983, *LMPC* has been leading the way in helping the church see conflict as an arena for God's revelation, while fulfilling the mission of helping Christ's church grow in health and wholeness.

For Further Information

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Website: www.LMPeaceCenter.org

Other LMPC Programs

Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process

Clergy Clinic In Family Emotional Process is designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders in their ministry setting. It meets via Zoom video conferencing, 3 times during the program year, 3 days each, for a total of 9 days of training. The dates for 2022-2023 have not been chosen, but they will be similar to the current series:

Group A

- October 25-27, 2021
- February 14-16, 2022
- May 16-18, 2022

Group B

- November 8-10, 2021
- March 7-9, 2022
- May 23-25, 2022

For further information, scan the QR code at right to visit the *Clergy Clinic* page on our website (www.LMPeaceCenter.org)



Registration Form

Yes! Register me for the *Mediation Skills Training Institute*. Enclosed is my full payment. (Checks payable in U.S. funds to *LMPC*.) Clip and mail to: *LMPC*, 101 W. 22nd Street, Suite 206, Lombard, IL 60148.

Name _____	Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Preferred Email _____	Congregation/Organization _____	Other Email _____	Work Phone _____	Home Phone _____

Please print clearly - Confirmation of registration and training materials are sent soon after date of pre-registration deadline.

- Please register me for: _____ March 14-18, 2022 Institute (online) _____ March 14-18, 2022 in Fort Mill, SC _____ August 1-5, 2022 in the Chicago area _____ August 1-5, 2022 (in person, location TBD)
- Please send me _____ more copies of this brochure for distributing to others in my church or to clergy colleagues.
- Please send me information about conflict transformation skills and other workshops that can be held in my church.
- Please send me the brochure for *Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process*.

Please check if registering: I have read and agree to the cancellation policy explained under "Tuition" in this brochure.

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March 14-18, 2022 (online)

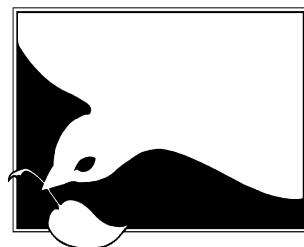
May 9-13, 2022 (online)

June 13-17, 2022 (in person)

August 1-5, 2022 (in person)

November 14-18, 2022 (in person)

The June session will be held in Fort Mill, South Carolina; the August session will be held in the Chicago area; and the site for the November session has yet to be determined. Please check our website for updates.



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Everyone Has to Deal with Conflict

Conflict is normal and inevitable – whether in the home, school, community, church or workplace. Leaders in all walks of life often have a responsibility to help others work through their conflicts.

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute* presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational mediation and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory.

Although focused primarily on the church setting, the skills learned are directly transferable to other settings. Thus, managers in business, attorneys, experienced mediators, and others in leadership will be enriched by the training as well.

Who Will Benefit

- ◆ **PASTORS and INTERIM PASTORS** of all denominations — to enhance skills for managing conflict in the church.
- ◆ **JUDICATORY LEADERS** — Bishops; Conference Ministers; District Superintendents; Diocesan, Presbytery, Synod Staff — to assist pastors and congregations in handling conflicts.
- ◆ **DENOMINATIONAL OFFICIALS and CHURCH CONSULTANTS** — to bring healing in the midst of divisive church fights.
- ◆ **LAY LEADERS and PASTOR-PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS** — to receive valuable leadership training to benefit the church, while also gaining insight for peaceful conflict transformation in the home.
- ◆ **ADMINISTRATORS** — to introduce conflict transformation to the organizations they oversee.
- ◆ **MANAGERS and SUPERVISORS** — to help workers diminish conflict and enhance productivity.
- ◆ **COLLEGE and SEMINARY STUDENTS** — to gain hands-on skills training not typically offered in regular classes.
- ◆ **ATTORNEYS** — to gain skills in alternative dispute resolution procedures.
- ◆ **COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER STAFF and VOLUNTEERS** — to acquire additional skills in a transformational model of mediation for working with both individuals and groups.

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

