

Yesterday, April 20, 2016, over 106 members and friends of First Presbyterian Church gathered to hear a report from Rev. Bill Blank from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Following the presentation and conversation regarding our entry into a mediation process, a survey was taken and tallied. 93% of the respondents answered positively. To the question of whether the process can be beneficial. 7% answered negatively.

To the question regarding whether they would participate in the process, 85% responded positively. 14% answered negatively.

We were looking for a response of greater than 75%. This means that we will enter into an agreement with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center and are working to schedule the initial workshops in June and July. Information about this process can be found on our website. More information can be found about the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at <http://www.lmpeacecenter.org/>.

Donations have been pledged designated to offset the costs of this process. At this point the estimate is to be in the range of \$40,000. The account has been designated. Donations simply need to be identified "Mediation Process" on checks or you may make other arrangements by contacting the office. We are grateful for those who believe in this work enough to make a special gift to support the process.

Watch for more information regarding this process and dates at our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org.

Peace,

Pastor Jack Harrison