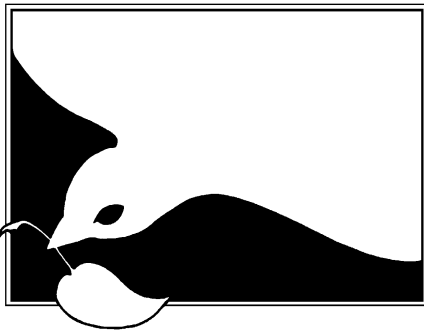


This workshop will help you understand . . .

- 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.



*“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”
(2 Corinthians 5:18)*

About the Workshop:

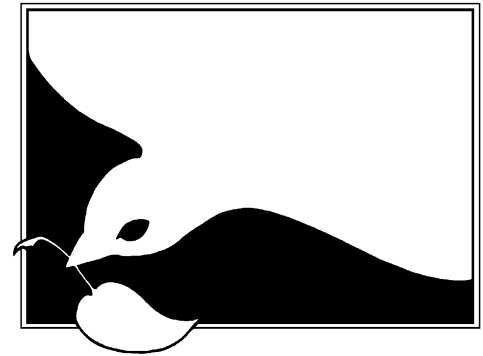
Conflict is a normal part of life, even in the church. Understanding this can help church members realize that they should not be surprised or ashamed when they experience conflict in their faith communities. What is important is how the conflicts that inevitably arise are dealt with. The *Conflict in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

The goal of the workshop is to equip church members to participate in the current consultation process in a way that will contribute toward healing and reconciliation. Moreover, we want participants to gain the understanding and the skills needed to prevent destructive conflicts in the future. 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 workshop was developed by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC), 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.”

For further information about the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center see:
www.LMPeaceCenter.org

*Conflict in the Church:
Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation*



July 8-9, 2016

Friday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church

1225 Fourth St.

Fond du Lac, WI

Sponsored by

First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac

Led by

Bill Blank

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Who Will Benefit:

The workshop is designed for:

- All members of the church as a key part of the congregational consultation process being undertaken to facilitate healing and reconciliation.
- Anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace, or the community.

Workshop Location:

First Presbyterian Church

1225 Fourth St.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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:

Registration may be submitted by mailing the form or dropping it off at the church – or call 920-922-0425. Please register by **June 27, 2016**. You will also need to pick up and fill out a style profile questionnaire in preparation for the workshop, with your scores being phoned into the church office by **June 28, 2016**.

You may include a free will offering to cover the cost of the manuals (\$26.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple, if sharing one of the manuals).

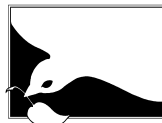
Workshop Schedule:

Friday, July 8, 2016

- 6:00-6:30 Registration
6:30-8:00 **Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict**
Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict
8:00-8:15 Break
8:15-9:00 **Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict**

Saturday, July 9, 2016

- 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**



Registration Form:

Conflict in the Church

July 8-9, 2016

To register, fill out and clip this form; return it to the church office – or call in your registration to the church at 920-922-0425.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ Yes! Please register me / us for the **Conflict in the Church** workshop, July 8-9, 2016.

____ I'm enclosing an offering of \$_____ to help defray the cost of the workshop. (Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac.)

____ We would each like our own set of manuals.

____ We will share one set of manuals as a couple (two style profile instruments, one *Conflict Transformation Skills* manual) in order to save on costs for the church.