

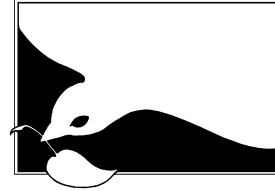
# *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders*

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**Lombard Mennonite Peace Center**

*“The best and most thorough model for mediation with individuals and congregations that I have experienced in more than three decades of ordained ministry.” - A Lutheran Bishop*

*“An effective model of mediation because it involves both issues and feelings, viewpoints and values, head and heart.”  
- A Presbytery Executive*



Cited by another attendee as “absolutely a must for any church... every church,” the *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* can also be **hosted by your Judicatory**.

While many Judicatories have regularly sent their staff and others to LMPC’s *Mediation Skills Training Institute*, several others have hosted an institute. In recent years, they’ve included:

- 2000 — Wisconsin Conference, UCC — 28 attended
- 2001 — Reformed Church in America (RCA) — 63 attended (teams from various Synods)
- 2001 — Episcopal Diocese of Florida — 29 attended
- 2001 — Iowa Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 46 attended
- 2001 — Synod of the Rocky Mountains, Presbyterian Church (USA) — 42 attended
- 2002 — California-Pacific and California-Nevada Conferences, United Methodist Church — 43 attended
- 2002 — Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida — 22 attended
- 2002 — Association of Unity Churches — 63 attended
- 2003 — New England Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 49 attended
- 2003 — Texas Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 38 attended
- 2003 — Baptist Convention of Maryland-Delaware — 13 attended
- 2003 — Unity of Louisville — 27 attended
- 2003 — Illinois Conference, UCC and Illinois South Conference, UCC — 48 attended
- 2003 — Texas Annual Conference, UMC — 22 attended (including all District Superintendents)
- 2004 — Albany Synod, RCA — 34 attended
- 2004 — Presbytery of Great Rivers — 26 attended
- 2004 — Texas Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 21 attended
- 2005 — Presbytery of Middle Tennessee — 34 attended
- 2005 — Kansas West and Kansas East Annual Conferences, United Methodist Church — 47 attended
- 2005 — Troy Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 30 attended
- 2006 — Southeast Unity Ministries — 21 attended
- 2006 — Synod of the Lakes and Prairies, Presbyterian Church (USA) — 14 attended
- 2006 — Western New York Annual Conference, UMC — 41 attended
- 2007 — Mid-Kentucky Presbytery — 30 attended
- 2007 — Synod of the Southwest, Presbyterian Church (USA) — 44 attended
- 2008 — North Central New York Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 55 attended
- 2008 — Presbytery of New York City — 42 attended
- 2008 — Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA — 29 attended
- 2008 — Episcopal Province of New England — 36 attended
- 2009 — South Carolina Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 32 attended
- 2009 — Synod of Mid-America, Presbyterian Church (USA) — 32 attended
- 2010 — Albany Synod, RCA — 30 attended

The idea of hosting a *Mediation Skills Training Institute* would be relevant for Judicatory offices which are interested in infusing the vision for conflict transformation throughout the entire church system.

#### **BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- **Training a large group of people to be available to serve on a Judicatory-wide mediation team:** to provide mediation services to churches embroiled in high intensity conflict and to provide training resources to churches interested in preventing destructive conflict.
- **Providing a valuable continuing education opportunity for your pastors** in a location that is more accessible to them than sending them to one of the *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* coordinated each year by LMPC.

*If you would like to explore the idea of hosting a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders, you may call LMPC at 630-627-0507; ask for Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director.*