

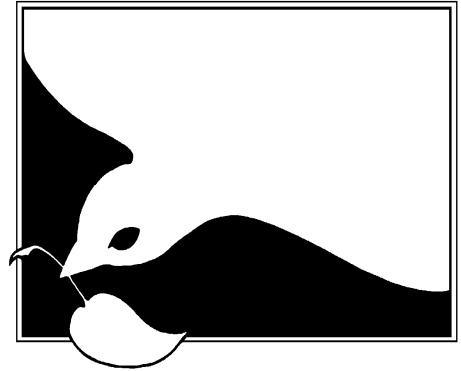
Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders

Presented by the
Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

“An outstanding opportunity to gain an understanding of the nature of conflict in the church and to learn skills for mediating that conflict.”

“An essential experience for leaders.”

Comments of District Superintendents,
United Methodist Church



Cited by another District Superintendent who attended in California as “the best training event I’ve ever attended,” the *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* can also be **hosted by your Annual Conference**.

While many conferences of the United Methodist Church have regularly sent participants to LMPC’s *Mediation Skills Training Institute*, eight Annual Conferences have hosted an institute:

- 2001 — Iowa Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 46 attended
- 2002 — California-Pacific and California-Nevada Conferences, United Methodist Church — 43 attended
- 2003 — New England Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 49 attended
- 2003 — Texas Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 38 attended
- 2003 — Texas Annual Conference, UMC — 22 attended (including all District Superintendents)
- 2004 — Texas Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 21 attended
- 2005 — Kansas West and Kansas East Annual Conferences, United Methodist Church — 47 attended
- 2005 — Troy Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 30 attended
- 2006 — Western New York Annual Conference, UMC — 41 attended
- 2008 — North Central New York Annual Conference, United Methodist Church — 55 attended

The idea of hosting a *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* would be relevant for Annual Conferences 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 Conference-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.