

Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective



Who Will Benefit:

- Pastors, Church Council / Vestry / Session members, Pastor-Parish Committees, Personnel Committees and judicatory leaders of all denominations.
- The workshop would be especially helpful if a team made up of clergy, staff, and lay leadership from a congregation would attend the event together.

Workshop Location:

Valley Presbyterian Church
6947 E McDonald Dr.
Paradise Valley, AZ

(Map to the workshop site and hotel information will be sent with confirmation of registration.)

Workshop Leader:

Richard Blackburn is Executive Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) in Lombard, IL. Richard leads a variety of workshops yearly on conflict transformation in congregational systems, and serves as a consultant to conflicted churches. He participated in Dr. Edwin Friedman's *Post Graduate Clergy Seminar in Family Emotional Process* and the Georgetown Family Center's *Post Graduate Program in Bowen Family Systems Theory and Its Applications*.

Registration Fee:

The preregistration fee is **\$89.00**. If received after **January 18, 2017**, the fee is **\$99.00**. For those who register after **January 25, 2017**, or at the door, the fee is **\$109.00**. Fee includes training manual, lunch, and refreshment breaks. Cancellations are subject to a nonrefundable administration fee of \$25.00, if LMPC receives notice of cancellation by **January 25, 2017**, otherwise no refund will be issued. For individual registrations, you can register online at www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/720852, or return the registration form found below, with payment.

Church group discounts are available. A registration discount of \$10.00 is available for the fourth and each subsequent registrant from the same congregation. To qualify for the discount, please mail all registration forms together with one single check, so LMPC receives it no later than the **January 18, 2017**, preregistration deadline. You can download a coupon at: <http://lmpeacecenter.org>

Scan here for the webpage for the group discount coupon:



For More Information:

Call LMPC at (630) 627-0507. You can also visit our web site at www.LMPeaceCenter.org

Workshop Schedule

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

- 9:00-10:15 ***The Road to Damascus: The Church and Change in an Age of Anxiety***
- *Anxiety in Action: A Congregational Case Study*
 - *Linear Cause-Effect Thinking vs. Systems Thinking*
 - *Distinguishing Between Acute Anxiety and Chronic Anxiety*
 - *Understanding the Roots of Anxiety*
 - *Societal Anxiety: Its Impact on the Church*
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 ***"They Know Not What They Do": The Scapegoat Mechanism and Church Conflict***
- *The Scapegoating Process in Church Systems: Case Studies*
 - *The Family Projection Process in Bowen Theory*
 - *The Scapegoat Mechanism in the Work of René Girard*
 - *Reflections on Christ's Passion in Art: Exposing the Scapegoat Mechanism to the Light*
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (on-site – included in registration)
- 1:00-2:30 ***The Importance of Not Being Earnest: Reversals, Playfulness, and Paradox***
- *Understanding Triangles and the Importance of Maintaining a Non-Anxious Presence*
 - *Murray Bowen and Edwin Friedman on Reversals, Playfulness, and Paradox: Video Clips of the Masters at Work*
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-4:00 ***The Road to Damascus: Lessons for Leadership in Anxious Times***
- *The Conversion of Paul in Art: Learning from Paul's Experience with Radical Change*
 - *Self-Differentiated Leadership: A Key to Overcoming the Impact of Anxiety*

Registration Form

Leadership and Anxiety in the Church — Phoenix, Arizona — February 1, 2017

To register, clip this form, make your check payable to "LMPC," and mail to:
Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, 101 W. 22nd Street, Suite 206, Lombard, Illinois 60148

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

* **Registration confirmations will be sent by email; please be sure to include at least one email address, clearly printed.**

____ Yes! Please register me/us for **Leadership and Anxiety in the Church**. I've enclosed \$89.00 per person. (Fee is \$99.00 after **January 18, 2017**; after **January 25, 2017**, the fee is \$109.00.)

____ I have a group of four or more from the same church and I'm registering before **1/18/17** (no group rate available after **1/18/17**). I'm enclosing \$267 for the first three and \$79 for the fourth and each subsequent registrant for a total of \$ _____. I understand that to receive the group rate, I must send all individual registration forms with one check — with the "Group Discount Coupon" — so LMPC receives it no later than **1/18/17**.

____ Please send me information about LMPC's *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders*.

____ Please send me information about LMPC's *Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process*.



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