Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders

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

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

Cited by another attendee as "absolutely a must for <u>any</u> church... <u>every</u> 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 coordinated *Mediation Skills Training Institute* events, several others have hosted an institute. In recent years, they've included:

- 2017 Kentucky Annual Conference, UMC 32 attended
- 2017 Northeast Georgia Presbytery, PC(USA) 25 attended
- 2016 Northeast Synod, PC(USA) 42 attended
- 2015 Oklahoma Conference, UMC 61 attended
- 2015 Southwest California Synod, ELCA 32 attended
- 2015 New England Synod, ELCA 40 attended
- 2014 Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA 39 attended
- 2014 Presbytery of Northern Plains, PC(USA) 24 attended
- 2014 Detroit Annual Conference, UMC 46 attended
- 2014 Presbytery of Arkansas, PC(USA) 32 attended
- 2013 Presbytery of Hudson River, PC(USA) 21 attended
- 2012 Presbytery of Carlisle, PC(USA) 31 attended
- 2012 Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA 24 attended
- 2012 American Baptist Churches of Nebraska 32 attended.
- 2011 American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains 32 attended.
- 2010 Albany Synod, Reformed Church in America 30 attended
- 2009 Synod of Mid-America, Presbyterian Church (USA) 31 attended
- 2009 South Carolina Annual Conference, United Methodist Church 32 attended
- 2008 Episcopal Province of New England 36 attended
- 2008 Central/Southern Illinois Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 29 attended
- 2008 North Central New York Annual Conference, United Methodist Church 55 attended
- 2008 Presbytery of New York City, Presbyterian Church (USA) 42 attended
- 2007 Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (USA) 30 attended
- 2007 Synod of the Southwest, Presbyterian Church (USA) 44 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, United Methodist Church 41 attended
- 2005 Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, Presbyterian Church (USA) 34 attended
- 2005 Kansas West and Kansas East Annual Conferences, United Methodist Church 47 attended
- 2005 Troy Annual Conference, United Methodist Church 30 attended
- 2004 Albany Synod, Reformed Church in America 34 attended
- 2004 Presbytery of Great Rivers, Presbyterian Church (USA) 26 attended
- 2004 Texas Annual Conference, United Methodist Church 21 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
 geographically accessible than sending them to one of the Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders
 coordinated each year by LMPC in various cities around the country.

If you would like to explore the idea of hosting a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders, call LMPC at 630-627-0507.

