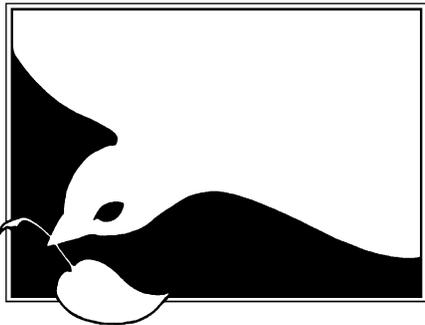


This workshop will help you understand . . .

- 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 help participants 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.”

To learn more about LMPC resources see:
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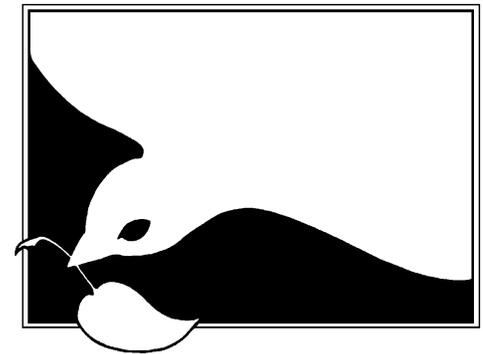
August 23-24, 2019

Friday: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

St. James Episcopal Church

405 East Main Street, Batavia, NY



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Who Will Benefit:

The workshop is designed for:

- Judicatory leaders, pastors, lay leaders.
- Anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace, or the community.

Workshop Location:

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Workshop Leader:

Richard Blackburn is Executive Director of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) in Lombard, IL. Richard is a trainer and mediator, with broad experience in serving as a consultant to conflicted churches. He has participated in Dr. Edwin Friedman's *Postgraduate Clergy Seminar in Family Emotional Process* and the *Postgraduate Program in Family Systems Theory and Its Applications* at the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family in Washington, D.C.

Registration:

The registration fee is \$99 per person (includes manual and lunch) if registered by **August 2, 2019**. Add \$10 per person if registering after that date. Registration may be submitted by mailing the form to Colleen O'Connor, St. Mark, 1 East Main St., LeRoy, NY 14482 or by calling 585-813-2066. There is a \$40 credit per person for members of the Diocese of WNY.

Once registered, you will receive a style profile questionnaire in preparation for the workshop. This will need to be submitted to St. Mark's by **August 15, 2019**.

Workshop Schedule:

Friday, August 23, 2019

- 6:30-7:00 Registration
- 7:00-8:30 *Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict*
- Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict*
- 8:30-8:45 Break
- 8:45-9:30 *Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict*

Saturday, August 24, 2019

- 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

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And mail it to Colleen O'Connor,
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or call in your registration to
Colleen at 585-813-2066.

Make your check payable to:
Genesee Region Deanery

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

____ Yes! Please register me/us for the
Conflict in the Church workshop.

____ I'm enclosing \$____ for one person
(includes manuals and lunch).

