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Books Available from LMPC:

Conflict Transformation Skills, Church Management, Family Systems Theory, Peacemaking Theology, Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

Conflict Transformation Skills:

Augsburger, David. ***Conflict Mediation Across Cultures: Pathways and Patterns***. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992. Pp. 310. \$27.00.

Focuses on the unique methods individual cultures use in resolving conflict – on the frequent need to modify our own assumptions about right and wrong ways of dealing with conflict when in another culture.

Augsburger, David. ***Helping People Forgive***. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996. Pp. 180. \$30.00.

The complicated issues of Christian forgiveness and reconciliation and their real-world applications are explored from a variety of theological and theoretical perspectives.

Bartel, Barry C. ***Let's Talk: Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation***. Newton, KS: Faith and Life Press, 1999. Pp. 80. \$16.00.

An excellent resource for senior high school and adult Christian education classes, this workbook's ten chapters outline basic communication and conflict transformation skills. Includes a guide for leaders.

Fisher, Roger and Ury, William. ***Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In***. New York, NY: Penguin Books, 2011. Pp. 204. \$18.00.

A straightforward, universally applicable method for negotiating personal and professional disputes without getting taken – and without getting nasty. Outlines the theory of interest-based bargaining.

Kraybill, Ronald S., Evans, R. and Frazer Evans, A. ***Peace Skills: Manual for Community Mediators***. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass Inc., 2001. Pp. 137. \$26.00.

The book provides a foundation for a training workshop in conflict transformation, as well as offering additional reading for participants of such workshops. Beginning with the basics of conflict transformation, the core of the manual presents the various stages in the mediation process with clarity and some depth.

Lederach, John Paul. ***Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians***. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 2014. Pp. 190. \$15.00.

The author shares insight from years of work in international mediation and deep spiritual reflection on the task of reconciliation. From personal experiences and the biblical story, he finds God seeking reconciliation throughout history.

Lederach, John Paul. ***The Little Book of Conflict Transformation***. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 2003. Pp. 74. \$6.00.

A clearly articulated statement that offers a hopeful and workable approach, laying out the vision for conflict transformation, as opposed to conflict resolution.

Mock, Ron, editor. ***The Roleplay Book: 41 Hypothetical Situations***. Akron, PA: Mennonite Conciliation Service, 1997. Pp. 123. \$18.00.

The Roleplay Book is a resource for trainers in mediation and other forms of conflict transformation. It provides a valuable resource for graduates of LMPC's *Mediation Skills Training Institute* who want to keep their skills finely tuned.

Schrock-Shenk, Carolyn and Ressler, Lawrence, editors. ***Making Peace With Conflict: Practical Skills for Conflict Transformation***. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1999. Pp. 198. \$15.00.

A practical guide to understanding and transforming conflict based on biblical and Anabaptist principles. Over twenty noted authors shaped by many experiences and cultures tell of lessons taught by walking conflict's holy ground. Includes a chapter on *Conflict in Congregations* co-authored by Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director.

Smith, Kathleen S. ***Stilling the Storm: Worship and Congregational Leadership in Difficult Times***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2006. Pp. 229. \$23.00.

A book for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the ways that worship intertwines with the life and health of a congregation explores the issue of worship in the context of three main types of difficulty congregations can face: times of crisis, transition, and conflict.

Church Management:

Hudson, Jill M. ***Evaluating Ministry: Principles and Processes for Clergy and Congregations***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 74. \$18.00.

Describes successful evaluation models, focusing on the need for pastoral *and* congregational evaluations.

Mead, Loren B. ***A Change of Pastors: And How It Affects Change in the Congregation***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 100. \$17.00.

A revised and updated edition of *Critical Moment in Ministry: A Change of Pastors*, which suggests that the time of transition from one pastoral leader to the next pastor affords a unique opportunity for change of the congregation itself, not just of its pastor.

Oswald, Roy M. ***New Beginnings: A Pastorate Start Up Workbook***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 82. \$18.00.

Focuses on issues for pastors in new settings: role clarity, getting along with people, taking care of self, etc.

White, Edward A. ***Saying Goodbye: A Time of Growth for Congregations and Pastors***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 114. \$18.00.

Stories and learnings from pastors in every stage of separation from a congregation, whether caused by a new call, a change of vocation, retirement, conflict, or the death of a church.

Family Systems Theory:

Boers, Arthur R. ***Never Call Them Jerks: Healthy Responses to Difficult Behavior***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 147. \$20.00

Presents an insightful and balanced view to the question of how to deal with difficult behavior in congregations.

Bowen, Murray. ***Family Therapy in Clinical Practice***. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson Inc., 1985. Pp. 566. \$77.00.

Encompassing the breadth and depth of Dr. Murray Bowen's contributions to the field of family therapy, this compilation of Dr. Bowen's published articles gathers the development of his thinking into one volume.

Bregman, Ona Cohn and Charles M. White. ***Bringing Systems Thinking to Life: Expanding the Horizons for Bowen Family Systems Theory***. New York: Routledge and Taylor & Francis, 2011. Pp. 392. \$39.95.

Presents the diversity and breadth of Bowen theory applications in various relationship systems across a broad spectrum of professions, disciplines, cultures, and nations; provides three chapters of never-before-published material by Dr. Bowen.

Creech, R. Robert. ***Family Systems and Congregational Life: A Map for Ministry***. Grand Rapids. MI: Baker Publishing Group, 2019. Pp. 226. \$28.00.

This scholarly yet personal integration of Bowen Family Systems Theory into life and ministry can engage readers in their own versions of working on differentiation of self. Those who are just learning about the theory, as well as seasoned advocates doing the hard yet rewarding work of living out these principles, will find refreshment and encouragement in these pages.

- Friedman, Edwin H. ***A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix***. New York: Seabury Books, 2007. Pp. 160. \$29.95.
A polished edition of the book Friedman left incomplete at his death in 1996. Edited by Margaret Treadwell and Edward Beal, it offers ideas Friedman developed after publication of this well-known *Generation to Generation*.
- Friedman, Edwin H. ***Friedman's Fables***. New York: Guilford Press, 1990. Pp. 213. \$23.00.
Analogies in story form which look at family systems concepts in an entertaining way.
- Friedman, Edwin H. ***Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue***. New York: Guilford Press, 1985. Pp. 319. \$35.00.
Provides an important family systems perspective on church dynamics. Sections focus on families within the congregation, the congregation as a system, and the clergy family.
- Friedman, Edwin H. ***The Myth of the Shiksa and Other Essays***. New York: Seabury Books, 2008. Pp. 225. \$24.95.
A collection of Friedman's essays that had been previously published in various journals or presented at various conferences, rich in wisdom and humor.
- Friedman, Edwin H. ***What Are You Going to Do With Your Life?*** New York: Seabury Books, 2009. Pp. 185. \$22.95.
A collection of writings – most previously unpublished – from the acclaimed writer, rabbi, and therapist regarding personal growth, development, and fulfillment.
- Gerson, Randy and McGoldrick, Monica and Petry, Sueli. ***Genograms: Assessment and Intervention***. New York, NY: W. W. Norton and Company, 1985. Pp. 380. \$34.00.
Widely used by both family therapists and all health care professionals, the genogram is a graphic way of organizing the mass of information gathered during a family assessment and finding patterns in the family system for more targeted treatment.
- Gilbert, Roberta M. ***Connecting with Our Children: Guiding Principles for Parents in a Troubled World***. New York, NY: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1999. Pp. 231. \$14.95.
Based on Bowen family systems theory, this book shows parents how to build healthy connections with children. Practical examples and stories illustrate familiar situations and concerns.
- Gilbert, Roberta M. ***Extraordinary Relationships: A New Way of Thinking About Human Interactions***. 2nd ed. Stephens City, VA: Leading Systems Press, 2017. Pp. 262. \$24.95.
This book is a blueprint to better relationships that tells how the principles of family systems theory can be used to enhance relationships in all arenas of life.
- Herrington, J., Creech, R., and Taylor, T. ***The Leader's Journey: Accepting the Call to Personal and Congregational Transformation***. 2016. Pp. 186. \$11.00.
Examines the functioning of churches and their leaders in light of family systems theory and biblical principles. Focuses on the challenges of *doing* – of taking principled action in the presence of relationship pressures.
- Kerr, Michael E. ***Bowen Theory's Secrets: Revealing the Hidden life of Families***. New York, NY: W. W. Norton and Company, 2019. Pp. 382. \$47.50.
This book applies the principles of Bowen theory to clinical narratives, personal systems work, and current psychological and sociological situations. This book has been described as nothing less than a “21st century masterpiece of Bowen theory and therapy.”
- Kerr, Michael E. and Bowen, Murray. ***Family Evaluation: An Approach Based on Bowen Theory***. New York, NY: W. W. Norton and Company, 1988. Pp. 400. \$45.00.
Comprehensively presents Bowen's principles for assessing families, enabling the family therapist to organize data and therapy decisions.
- Kerr, Michael E. ***One Family's Story: A Primer on Bowen Theory***. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown Family Center, 2003. Pp. 43. \$10.00.
Gives an overview of the eight basic concepts of Bowen family systems theory.

McGoldrick, Monica. ***You Can Go Home Again***. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company, 1995. Pp. 329. \$18.95.

The author explains how the use of genograms (family trees) can bring to light a family's history of suicide estrangement, alliance, or divorce, revealing intergenerational patterns that prove more than coincidental.

Miller, Jeffrey A. ***The Anxious Organization: Why Smart Companies Do Dumb Things***. Tempe, AZ: Facts on Demand Press, 2002. Pp. 219. \$19.95.

Provides an insight into workplace dynamics from a family systems perspective.

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Becoming a Healthier Pastor: Family Systems Theory and the Pastor's Own Family***. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2005. Pp. 150. \$17.00.

Provides an overview of Bowen family systems theory, while challenging pastors to do their own family of origin work, if they are to function effectively as leaders in the congregation.

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Couples in Conflict: A Family Systems Approach to Marriage Counseling***. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010. Pp. 249. \$30.00.

A thorough and pastoral approach to Bowen family systems theory and its use in marital counseling; both practical and rich in theory.

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Creating a Healthier Church: Family Systems Theory, Leadership, and Congregational Life***. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1996. Pp. 184. \$19.00.

Offers an understanding of how congregations function emotionally, as well as practical leadership ideas.

Richardson, Ronald W. ***Polarization and the Church: Applying Bowen Family Systems Theory to Conflict and Change in Society and Congregational Life***. Create Space Independent Publishing Platform, 2012. Pp. 161. \$15.00.

Using Bowen systems theory, discusses polarization in North American society, how a community can come together to solve its problems and how leaders can bring about positive change.

Schwabe, Mary Ann and Goodline, David, editors. ***Bowen Theory and Theology: What's God Got To Do With It?*** Voyagers Publishing, 2016. Pp. 131. \$15.00.

Edited papers from a conference hosted by the Voyagers, a group of clergy that meet twice a year to work on their functioning as leaders.

Steinke, Peter L. ***A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 141. \$23.00.

The author explores the relationship between the challenges of change and our own responses to new ideas and experiences.

Steinke, Peter L. ***Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 183. \$22.00.

Suggests ways for leaders to remain calm in the face of anxiety, to be effective in difficult times.

Steinke, Peter L. ***Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 125. \$23.00.

Helpful suggestions gleaned from family systems theory for stewardship of church systems. A theologically grounded guide to optimal congregational health in the service of the church's life and mission.

Steinke, Peter L. ***How Your Church Family Works: Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2014. Pp. 146. \$22.00.

Examines the implications of family systems theory on congregational life and clergy-lay relationships.

Steinke, Peter L. ***Uproar: Calm Leadership in Anxious Times***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2019. Pp. 161. \$19.95.

Examines how mature leaders can deal with others' immaturity, reactivity, and other upsetting emotionality.

Titelman, Peter, editor. ***Differentiation of Self: Bowen Family Systems Theory Perspectives***. New York; Routledge and Taylor & Francis, 2014. Pp. 398. \$62.95.

Assembles a stellar array of essays, by some of the top Bowen theory practitioners, illuminating a key concept of systems thinking.

Walsh, Froma, editor. ***Spiritual Resources in Family Therapy***. 2nd ed. New York: The Guilford Press, 2009. Pp. 412. \$43.00.

Leading experts in family therapy and pastoral care discuss how faith beliefs and practices can foster personal and relational well-being, how religious conflict or a spiritual void can contribute to distress, and what therapists can gain from reflecting on their own spiritual journeys.

Williamson, Robert. ***Family Thoughts: Studies of the Function of Beliefs within the Family Unit***. Woodridge, IL: 2014. Pp. 76. \$10.95.

Compilation of five papers that were published in two journals explores the theory of the family developed by Dr. Murray Bowen. The papers explore how beliefs—worldview, philosophies, values, goals, principles—although emerging in an individual brain, can be regarded as a product of the family unit that have a function for the family.

Peacemaking Theology:

De León-Hartshorn, Iris, Miller Shearer, Tobin, and Shands Stoltzfus, Regina. ***Set Free: A Journey Toward Solidarity Against Racism***. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 2001. Pp. 167. \$15.00.

Using story, analysis, and scriptural reflection, *Set Free* offers a valuable resource towards dismantling racism.

Girard, René. ***I See Satan Fall Like Lightning***. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001. Pp. 199. \$24.00.

A captivating presentation of the themes found in Girard's other works – mimetic rivalry and contagion, the single victim mechanism and scapegoating – made accessible to the general reader.

Kreider, Alan, Kreider, Eleanor, and Widjaja, Paulus. ***A Culture of Peace: God's Vision for the Church***. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 2005. Pp. 205. \$10.00.

The authors suggest how to develop “peacemaking reflexes:” how churches “can learn to handle conflict well;” and how to cultivate vulnerability and humility, two essential “attitudes of peacemakers.”

Roth, John D. ***Beliefs: Mennonite Faith and Practice***. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 2002. Pp.169. \$11.00.

The author surveys core elements of Anabaptist/Mennonite perspectives on theology, ecclesiology, and discipleship. This is an honest and helpful introduction to historic Anabaptist convictions and contemporary Mennonite understandings.

Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace. The Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, 2011. Pp. 49. \$10.00.

Steadfast Hope challenges common myths and misperceptions about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, presents a compelling snapshot of the present situation on the ground, and offers a guide to the challenges that lie ahead in the quest for peace

Sexual Abuse and Misconduct:

Gaede, Beth Ann, editor. ***When a Congregation is Betrayed: Responding to Clergy Misconduct*** Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Alban Books, 2006. Pp. 254. \$32.00.

Offers a compelling collection of essays from experts who have consulted, taught, or written about clergy misconduct. Written for the pastor who must follow in the wake of prior misconduct, the book is also helpful for denominational officials and lay leaders of congregations that have experienced the misconduct of a pastor.

