

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches

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 Leader:

Rev. Jay Wittmeyer is the Executive Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Jay is an educator, organizational development consultant, and mediator with broad experience, serving conflicted churches and organizations in the U.S. and international settings. Grounded in an Anabaptist peace-building tradition and working from a Bowen family systems perspective, LMPC works to transform conflict in a healthy manner.

Registration Fee:

The regular fee is **\$99.00**. Individuals and groups can register online at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/ticketspace/>. Group rates are available for those who register and pay in full by the following deadlines:

- December 31, 2020 for the January 16, 2021 workshop
- January 29 for the February 13, 2021 workshop
- March 8 for the March 22, 2021 workshop
- March 26 for the April 10, 2021 workshop

When a group of four or more registers all together, each person receives a \$15 discount. For details please contact our office or consult the group discount coupon, which you can download at www.LMPeaceCenter.org/brochures/.

If you register for this event and are subsequently unable to attend, we would appreciate having at least 48 hours notice. Cancellations are subject to a nonrefundable administration fee of \$25.00.

If you wish to pay by check, please return the registration form found below with full payment to our office to the attention of Sheryl Slack, our Administrative Assistant.

Other Course Offerings:

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offers a variety of course offerings, from 90-minute webinars to single-day events to multi-day workshops. For more information, please visit <https://lmpeacecenter.org/events-page/>.



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Workshop Schedule

8:45-9:00	Sign-In to Zoom
9:00-10:30	Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	Self-Assessment Exercise: Understanding and Improving Your Own Style of Response to Conflict
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00-2:30	Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: How to Be Effective When People are Angry
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-4:30	Congregational Conflict: Understanding Conflict in Groups and How to Manage It

Workshop Format:

It will be conducted online via Zoom video conferencing. Registrants will attend on their computer. Zoom offers opportunity for participants to interact in break-out sessions. People from the same church will be placed in the same break-out group, so they can discuss how to apply the learnings to their church. Registrants will be expected to have a device with both a camera and a microphone to fully participate. A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants two days before the event begins. A manual will be shipped to each registrant's street address prior to the event.

For More Information:

(630) 627-0507
Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org
www.LMPeaceCenter.org

Registration Form

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches

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 _____

* **Confirmation and Zoom link will be sent by email; workshop manual will be shipped to the street address; print both addresses clearly.**

_____ Please register me/us for **Conflict Transformation Skills**. I've enclosed \$99.00 per person (rate for three or fewer individuals)
Indicate here which date you will attend: _____ Jan. 16, 2021 _____ Feb. 13, 2021
_____ March 22, 2021 _____ Apr. 10, 2021 More sessions are being planned; please check our website for updates.

_____ I have a group of four or more registering before the deadline (no group rate after preregistration deadline). I'm enclosing \$89.00 per registrant (group of 4 to 6) or \$79.00 per registrant (group of 7 or more) for a total of \$_____. I understand that to receive the group rate, I must send all individual registration forms with complete data for each person — with one check — with the "Group Discount Coupon" — to be received by LMPC **no later than the deadline**.

_____ 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**.

Questions? Email us at Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org or call our office at 630-627-0507.





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Four Opportunities to Attend via Zoom:

Saturday, January 16, 2021

or

Saturday, February 13, 2021

or

Monday, March 22, 2021

or

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Each day 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time

Sponsor: Lombard Mennonite Peace Center



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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 addressed. The *Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches* workshop teaches some basic skills that will help participants manage conflicts within their congregations in a healthier manner.

The goal of the workshop is prevention. We want participants to gain the understanding and the skills needed to prevent destructive conflicts. 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 Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is 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." This workshop is one of the ways that LMPC pursues its mission. Other popular workshops that LMPC has to offer include *Healthy Congregations*, *Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations*, and *Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective*.

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.*



Other LMPC Programs:

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* equips leaders with strategies for addressing interpersonal, small group, and congregational conflicts. Dates to be presented remotely via Zoom:

**March 1-5, May 3-7, June 21-25, August 2-6,
 October 11-15, and November 15-19, 2021**

Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process is designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders in their ministry setting. The clinic meets three times during the year for three days each time, for a total of 9 days of training.

Group A

Oct. 25-27, 2021

Feb. 14-16, 2022

May 2-4, 2022

Group B

Nov. 8-10, 2021

March 7-9, 2022

May 23-25, 2022

Online registration available soon at
<https://lmpeacecenter.org/ticketspice/>

For further information please visit www.LMPeaceCenter.org, or contact us at 630-627-0507 or Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Cor. 5:18)