Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Conflict in the Church:
Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center provides unique programs in Christian peacemaking to churches, schools, and community groups. One of LMPC's more popular programs available to groups is a workshop in conflict transformation suitable for church retreat weekends or Friday night and day-long Saturday workshops. It would be an appropriate workshop for churches which are currently experiencing conflict—or those who simply want to work at preventing destructive conflict in the future.

One possible outline for a Friday night and all-day Saturday workshop would be:

Friday:	7:00-8:15	− **Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict**
		Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict
	8:15-8:30	− Break
	8:30-9:30	− **Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict**
Saturday:	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: How to be Effective When People are Angry**
	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**

Other topics that can be addressed, depending on the nature and desires of the hosting group, include:

- **Conflict Transformation Skills for the Family**
- **Conflict Transformation Skills for the Classroom**
- **An Introduction to Mediating Interpersonal Conflict**

The facilitators for this workshop are Jay Wittmeyer, LMPC Executive Director, or Devon Miller, LMPC Assistant Director. Rev. Wittmeyer and Dr. Miller are educators, organizational development consultants, and mediators with broad experience serving conflicted churches and organizations both in the United States and in 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.

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Please contact us if your group is interested in exploring the possibility of hosting an LMPC workshop.

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