

# 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/ticketspice/>. When a group of four or more registers all together, each person receives a \$15 discount. The discount will be applied automatically when you register on our website via TicketSpice. Online registration is available at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/all-events/> until one week before each session; after that, please contact our office to register for any remaining openings.

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. Another popular event especially appropriate for church groups is our *Healthy Congregations*, which will be offered five times in 2022. For more information, please visit <https://lmpeacecenter.org/events-page/>.

In addition to presenting workshops, the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offers mediation services to churches who struggle with internal conflict. Please contact our office for more information.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* **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. 29, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ March 26, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ May 7, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Sep. 24, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Nov. 5, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a group of four or more, and I'm enclosing \$84.00 per person for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that in order to receive the group rate, I must send payment in full along with names and contact information for each member of the group, to be received by LMPC no later than one week before the event is held.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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**.

To learn more, email us at [Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org](mailto:Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org)

To register, please call our office at 630-627-0507 or go to [www.LMPeaceCenter.org/all-events/](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org/all-events/)



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## Workshop Schedule

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

## Workshop Format:

This event will be conducted online via Zoom. Registrants will be expected to have a device with both a camera and a microphone to fully participate. A Zoom link will be sent the day before the event begins. A manual will be shipped to each registrant approximately two weeks prior to the event.

## For More Information:

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**Five Opportunities to Attend via Zoom:**

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

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**Saturday, March 26, 2022**

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**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

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**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

or

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

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



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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. Sessions scheduled for 2022:

**March 14-18, May 9-13, June 13-17,  
 August 1-5, and November 14-18, 2022**

*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 nine days. The dates for 2021-2022 are:

<i>Group A</i>	<i>Group B</i>
Oct. 25-27, 2021	Nov. 8-10, 2021
Feb. 14-16, 2022	March 7-9, 2022
May 2-4, 2022	May 23-25, 2022

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