

# 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:

The facilitator of this workshop, Dr. Devon Miller, is the Assistant Director of the LMPC. Devon, trained in peace studies and cultural anthropology, is also a pastor, adjunct professor, and restorative justice facilitator. Grounded in an Anabaptist peace-building tradition, LMPC works to transform conflict in a healthy manner.

## Registration Fee:

The regular fee is **\$99.00**. When a group of four or more registers all together, each person receives a \$15 discount. Individuals and groups can register via our website at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/all-events/>.

If you prefer 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.

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.

## 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 single-day event, for which a group discount is also available, is our *Healthy Congregations* (February 26, April 2, June 4, August 27, and October 1 ~ all dates fall on Saturdays).

For more information about these or any other LMPC event, please visit <https://LMPeaceCenter.org/all-events/>.

*All this is from God, who ... has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18*

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ January 29, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ March 26, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ May 7, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ September 24, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ November 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 begins.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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/](https://www.LMPeaceCenter.org/all-events/)



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## Workshop Schedule

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| 8:45-9:00   | Sign-In to Zoom   |
| 9:00-10:30  | <b>Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict</b><br><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:

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  
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Five Sessions in 2022:

Saturday, January 29

or

Saturday, March 26

or

Saturday, May 7

or

Saturday, September 24

or

Saturday, November 5

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

Most events will be conducted remotely via Zoom; however, the session on Sep. 24 only will be held in person at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix, AZ.



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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 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 dates for 2022-2023 are as follows (registrants expected to attend all nine days of training):

### Group A

Oct. 24-26, 2022

Feb. 13-15, 2023

April 24-26, 2023

### Group B

Nov. 7-9, 2022

Feb 27-March 1, 2023

May 15-17, 2023

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

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