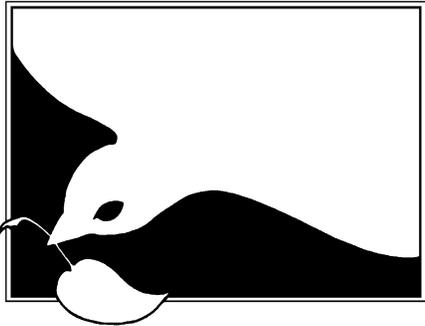


## *This workshop will help you understand . . .*

- 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.



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

## *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 dealt with. The *Conflict in the Church: Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation* workshop teaches some basic skills that will help participants manage conflicts within the congregation in a healthier manner.

The goal of the workshop is to help participants gain the understanding and the skills needed to prevent destructive conflicts in the future. 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 workshop was developed by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC), 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.”

To learn more about LMPC resources see:  
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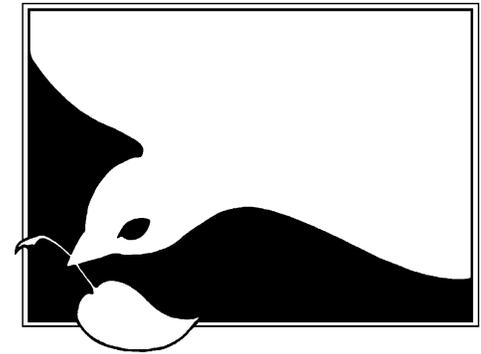
**September 21-22, 2018**

Friday: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **Presbyterian Church of Wilmington**

840 Timber Glen Drive  
Wilmington, OH 45177



Sponsored by  
*Presbytery of Cincinnati and  
Presbytery of Miami Valley*

Led by staff of  
*Lombard Mennonite Peace Center*

## Who Will Benefit:

The workshop is designed for:

- Judicatory leaders, pastors, lay leaders.
- Anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace, or the community.

## Workshop Location:

Presbyterian Church of Wilmington  
Wilmington, OH 45177

## Workshop Leader:

**Richard Blackburn** is Executive Director of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) in Lombard, IL. Richard is a trainer and mediator, with broad experience in serving as a consultant to conflicted churches. He has participated in Dr. Edwin Friedman's *Postgraduate Clergy Seminar in Family Emotional Process* and the *Postgraduate Program in Family Systems Theory and Its Applications* at the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family in Washington, D.C.

## Registration:

The registration fee is **\$45 per person** (includes manuals and lunch) if registered by **September 10, 2018**. Add \$10 per person if registering after that date. Registration may be submitted by mailing the form or dropping it off at Presbytery office, 1323 Myrtle Avenue, Cincinnati.

You will also need to pick up and fill out a style profile questionnaire from the Presbytery office in preparation for the workshop, with your scores being **emailed to [office@cpresby.org](mailto:office@cpresby.org) by Monday, September 17, 2018**.

## Workshop Schedule:

### Friday, September 21, 2018

- 6:30-7:00 Registration
- 7:00-8:30 *Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict*
- Conflict in the New Testament: Finding Renewal in Conflict*
- 8:30-8:45 Break
- 8:45-9:30 *Understanding Your Own Style of Response to Conflict*

### Saturday, September 22, 2018

- 8:30-10:00 *Discovering Your Personal Style Profile for Communication in Groups*
- Interpreting Your Personal Style Profile: Your Unique Strengths and Potential Excesses*
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:30 *Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: Negotiating Win-Win Solutions*
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-2:00 *Congregational Conflict: The Dynamics of Conflict in the Church*
- 2:00-2:15 Break
- 2:15-3:30 *Congregational Conflict: Managing Conflict in the Church*

## Registration Form

To register fill out and clip this form, then drop it off with payment at the Presbytery of Cincinnati office, 1323 Myrtle Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206.

Make your check payable to:  
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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Yes! Please register me/us for the *Conflict in the Church* workshop.

\_\_\_\_ I'm enclosing \$45 per each person (includes manuals and lunch and pre-work).

