

This workshop will help you understand . . .

- That conflict need not be bad, conflict 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.



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 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 to equip church members to participate in the current mediation process in a way that will contribute toward healing and reconciliation. Moreover, we want participants to 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.

This workshop was developed by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. For more information, visit www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches



February 27, 2010

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

Faith Lutheran Church

6000 Morriss Road
Flower Mound, Texas

Sponsored by

*Faith Lutheran Church
& the NT-NL Synod*

**Led by Pastor Jane Mar and the
Faith Mediation and Wellness Team**

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

Who Will Benefit:

The workshop is designed for:

- All members of the church
- Anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace, or the community.

Workshop Location:

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6000 Morriss Road
Flower Mound, TX

Workshop Leader:

Pastor Jane Mar serves as the Bishop Assistant, Mobility and Congregational Care for the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod. She has been trained by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center in Conflict Mediation and is a gifted presenter. This will be an interactive workshop rather than a lecture.

Registration:

To register, mail the accompanying form or drop it off at the church office. Please register by **February 19, 2010**.

Cost: \$30 individual

Group Rates and Scholarships
available contact

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Workshop Schedule:

Saturday, February 27, 2010

8:30 Registration

Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict

***Conflict in the New Testament:
Finding Renewal in Conflict***

***Self- Assessment Exercise:
Understanding Your Own Style of
Response to Conflict***

Lunch (served on-site)

***Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills:
How to be Effective When People are
Angry***

***Congregational Conflict:
Understanding Conflict in Groups and
How to Manage It***



Registration Form:

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To register, clip this form and return it to the church office with your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

Mail registration form to:
Faith Lutheran Church
6000 Morriss Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ Yes! Please register me/us for the
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