

THE PEACE AND JUSTICE INSTITUTE PRESENTS

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT SKILLS-FINDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH IN CHURCH CONFLICT

January 15, 2009
St. Charles Pastoral Center
Romeoville, IL
9:00am—3:00pm

Participants will be introduced to the nature and role of conflict, conflict in the biblical story, and the potential of conflict to bring renewal. Individual styles of dealing with conflict will be explained as well as interpersonal peacemaking skills. A primary focus for the workshop will be to understand and manage conflict within the parish community.

"Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race..."
Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971

REV. RICHARD BLACKBURN

Richard Blackburn serves as Executive Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC), located in the western suburbs of Chicago. He is also an ordained minister in the Mennonite church. Prior to his calling to the peace center ministry, Richard taught Art History at Trinity College, Goshen College, and Northern Illinois University. More recently he has taught conflict transformation and mediation skills at Southern Methodist University-in-Legacy, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and Goshen College, as a component of his work with LMPC.

Richard has led hundreds of workshops on conflict transformation and mediation skills; he has also had broad experience as a mediator and consultant, working primarily with conflicted churches, both at the congregational and judicatory level. The congregational intervention model he developed represents a transformational model of mediation placed within the context of Bowen family systems theory. In conjunction with his responsibilities with the peace center, Richard serves as an adjunct faculty member for the Center for Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management at Southern Methodist University. He is also a member of the Association for Conflict Resolution and a variety of other professional organizations in the field of dispute resolution.

Visit LMPeaceCenter.org to learn more about Rev. Richard Blackburn.



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