

Transforming Church Conflict & Creating Space for Authentic Community

What Is This?

A 2-Retreat Series on Transforming Conflict for United Methodist Clergy and Servant Leaders of the Upper New York Conference

Time & Place:

Western Series at Camp Asbury - Sponsored by the Mountain View District, Rev. Nancy Adams, DS

Session One - September 18 & 19, 2019 (W/Th)*

Session Two - October 9 & 10, 2019 (W/Th)

*All sessions
begin w/ lunch at
12:15 (W) & end
at 5pm (Th).

Eastern Series at Camp Aldersgate - Sponsored by the Northern Flow District, Rev. Mike Weeden, DS

Session One - September 25 & 26, 2019 (W/Th)*

Session Two- October 16 & 17, 2019 (W/Th)

CEUs: *There are a total of 28.5 Contact Hours available for the retreat series.*

Cost:

West: Early Registration - \$626 After August 15 - \$676*

East: Early Registration - \$562 After August 15 - \$612*

Maximum # of Participants / Series: 20

* Please contact your DS for information on any district subsidies being offered

Content: **The first session** introduces Transformative Conflict Theory, spiritual practices to ground participants in the face of conflict, and skills & strategies for responding to conflict. **The second session** reviews the theory and skills in session #1, then introduces new concepts and skills used to facilitate participation in the heated church meeting. **Methodology includes** lecture, individual reflection, discussion, concept & skill development exercises, & role plays.

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THE FACILITATORS

Jeffery C. Shepardson has worked as a Mediator and Alternative Dispute Resolution professional since 2005. His mediation experience covers a breadth of contexts, with a focus on elder and family, workplace, faith communities and local government. A skilled and effective facilitator and trainer on a local, state and national level, Jeff is a Fellow and certified mediator with the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation, New York State CDRCP Certified Trainer, and Cornell Law School Adjunct Faculty Member. Jeff is also a United Methodist Elder (HL), graduated from St. Paul School of Theology (M.Div.), and served as a local church pastor for 11 years.

John W. McNeill is a retired United Methodist Elder with 30 years of local church experience and 6 years' experience as a Campus Minister. He has been a volunteer mediator in the New York State Unified Court System's Community Dispute Resolution Centers Program since 2011. He has a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Rochester and a M.Div. from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He has served as adjunct faculty at the University of Rochester, Nazareth College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He has completed the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Mediation Skill Training Institute for Church Leaders.

MORE INFORMATION:

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