

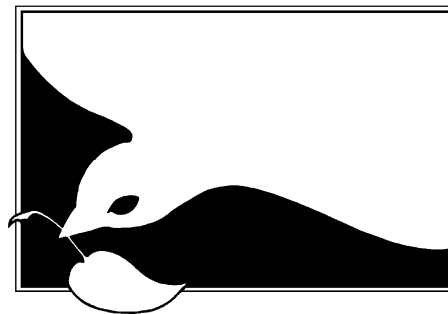
Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders

Presented by the
Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

“You should do this! It equips for a desperately needed service for congregations, individuals and others in the church.”

“An effective model of mediation because it involves both issues and feelings, viewpoints and values, head and heart.”

Comments of Presbytery Executives,
Presbyterian Church, USA



Cited by another Presbytery Executive who attended as “absolutely a must for any church... every church,” the *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* can also be **hosted by your Synod or Presbytery.**

Many Presbyteries and Synods of the Presbyterian Church, USA, have regularly sent Committee on Ministry members and others to LMPC’s *Mediation Skills Training Institute*. Lake Michigan Presbytery is one Presbytery that has made it a requirement for new Committee on Ministry members to attend the institute. One Synod has hosted an institute where each Presbytery in the Synod sent several representatives to attend. Several Presbyteries are currently considering the option of hosting an institute, with one already having confirmed an invitation for 2009.

- 2001 — Synod of the Rocky Mountains, Presbyterian Church (USA) — 42 attended
- 2004 — Presbytery of Great Rivers — 26 attended
- 2005 — Presbytery of Middle Tennessee — 34 attended
- 2006 — Synod of the Lakes and Prairies, Presbyterian Church (USA) — 14 attended
- 2007 — Mid-Kentucky Presbytery — 30 attended
- 2007 — Synod of the Southwest, Presbyterian Church (USA) — 44 attended
- 2008 — Presbytery of New York City — 42 attended

The idea of hosting a *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* would be relevant for Judicatory offices which are interested in infusing the vision for conflict transformation throughout the entire church system.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- **Training a large group of people to be available to serve on a Judicatory-wide mediation team:** to provide mediation services to churches embroiled in high intensity conflict and to provide training resources to churches interested in preventing destructive conflict.
- **Providing a valuable continuing education opportunity for your pastors** in a location that is more accessible to them than sending them to one of the *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* coordinated each year by LMPC.

If you would like to explore the idea of hosting a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders, you may call LMPC at 630-627-0507; ask for Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director.