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## **Conflict Transformation Skills For Global Citizens: Peacemaking in the Home, the Community, and the World**

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offers unique workshops to churches, schools, and community groups. One of LMPC's programs available to groups is a workshop in conflict transformation suitable for church retreat days, weekend community workshops, or as part of a weekly adult education series. This workshop would also be appropriate for schools interested in global education to consider for a faculty in-service program or retreat.

The eight hour workshop can be adapted to suit the hosting group's available days and times. However, one possible outline for a workshop beginning Friday evening and lasting through Saturday would be:

### **Friday**

7:00 – 9:00 – **Introduction: The Nature and Role of Conflict**

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

### **Saturday**

9:00-10:30 – **Interpersonal Conflict: Negotiating Win-Win Solutions**

10:30-10:45 – Break

10:45-12:00 – **Organizational Conflict: Managing Conflict in Groups**

12:00-1:00 – Lunch

1:00-2:30 – **Community Conflict: Negotiation and Mediation in the Public Arena**

2:30-2:45 – Break

2:45-4:00 – **International Conflict: Negotiation and the Quest for Security**

Other topics that can be addressed, depending on the nature and desires of the hosting group, include: **Conflict Transformation Skills for the Family, Conflict Transformation Skills for the Classroom, An Introduction to Mediating Conflict Between Individuals**, and others.

The facilitator for such a program would be either Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director, Victoria Wilcox, Assistant Director, or Bob Williamson, who serves with LMPC in an Adjunct Faculty role. LMPC staff have broad experience in mediating a wide variety of interpersonal and organizational disputes, in addition to training people in conflict transformation skills. In addition to their long involvement in issues related to Christian peacemaking, their training in family systems theory makes them uniquely qualified to lead conflict transformation workshops. Finally, in order to continue the educational process after the workshop, LMPC books on conflict transformation and other Christian peacemaking concerns can be made available to participants.

**Groups interested in exploring the possibility of hosting a workshop can contact the  
Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at the above address or phone number.**