

Conflict Resolution and Transformation within Faith Communities

Have you longed to be a part of God's beloved community of love, healing and cooperation?
Come join us as we learn how you and your congregation can become a spiritually nourishing and healing place for you and others.
Learn techniques for your own personal growth in peacemaking.

Our facilitator for both workshops is Reverend Dr. Al Fuertes, an internationally known pastor and peacemaker active in the Philippines and other countries. Currently Dr. Fuertes is a professor at George Mason University in the field of conflict analysis, resolution and transformation. You will enjoy his depth of knowledge, wisdom and gentle good humor as he actively engages you in the art of healing and reconciliation.

WORKSHOP 1: Conflict Resolution, Transformation and Peacebuilding Saturday, March 5th, 2011

Time: 10 AM to 4:30 PM

This workshop will introduce participants to an understanding of conflict, its nature and dimensions. A holistic understanding of conflict lays the groundwork for resolution and transformation of individuals and communities. Participants will be guided in knowing some of the best interventions and tools to practice peacebuilding, healing and transformation in their faith community and congregational settings.

WORKSHOP 2: Conflict, Trauma Healing and Reconciliation

Saturday, May 7th, 2011

Time: 10 AM to 4:30 PM

How do we explain the connection between conflict and trauma? What is trauma and how does trauma affect individuals and communities? What helps people survive the trauma? What does healing mean? What does reconciliation require so that divided communities will live together again? How does this affect our outreach?

This workshop is designed to allow you to develop an appreciation of human resilience and you will acquire more insight into coping mechanisms and a deeper understanding of conflict, trauma and healing. Participants will consider the difficulties people face in responding to deep personal and communal loss, pain, tragedy and suffering. The settings of protracted conflict such as communal strife, congregational tensions, organizational divides, as well as domestic violence, natural disasters and war are the contexts for these struggles that we will examine in stories or case studies.

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**Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 5649 Mount Gilead Road, Centreville, VA
20120**

Registration Fee: \$20 (per workshop) *Includes lunch and materials

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