



Other Opportunities:

- Connecting congregations with local conflict resolution services
- Assisting the implementation of conflict resolution programs for the congregation and community
- Teaching interpersonal conflict resolution skills for and with children
- Hosting Intergenerational Interpersonal Peacemaking workshops for adults and children together

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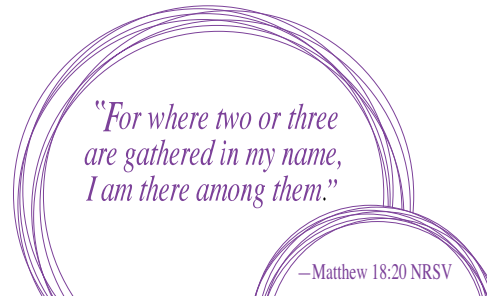
LISTENING CIRCLES

a. Listening Circles Experience

Individuals interested in exploration of a topic with a group of 5 to 7 participants for the purposes of listening and understanding others' perspectives are brought together by trained facilitators. Topics are determined in consultation with the Peacebuilding specialist. Events can be one-time sessions, introducing participants to the Listening Circle process, or multi-session experiences on the same topic. Specifics will be determined in consultation with hosting group and Peacebuilding specialist.

b. Listening Circles Process Implementation and Facilitator Training

An LC implementation process is developed specific to the needs of a defined geographic area (e.g., Mission Center). Emphasis is placed on identification of relevant LC topics, development of an implementation process applicable to the geographic area or group structure, and training of potential LC facilitators.



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Peacebuilding Ministries

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

Training

Facilitation

Conflict Resolution

Reconciliation



Community of Christ

Peacebuilding Ministries

To help people live in peaceful relationships, the following programs and services are offered.

Facilitation and Mediation

The ministries of facilitation and mediation provide a way for people to process their differences or make decisions in a constructive and productive manner. Trained, impartial mediators and facilitators create a safe environment for discussion to occur.

Where conflict or disagreement exists, trained mediators guide an established process whereby participants can confidentially and effectively address their differences.

The role of the mediators includes establishing a safe and equitable environment for the conversation, identifying and implementing appropriate guidelines, assisting participants in sharing and hearing each others' perspectives, and guiding the process.

Opportunities for the ministries of facilitation and mediation include:

- between individuals who are struggling with their differences (mediation)
- with groups for decision making on difficult issues
- in dialogue groups for understanding perspectives about potentially divisive matters

More information is available in the Peacebuilding Specialist's handbook located on the Community of Christ website or through the Peacebuilding Specialist's office.

Trainings

Interpersonal Peacebuilding

Participants discover personal styles in conflict, practice communication skills, help build understanding, and experience a cooperative decision-making process for resolving differences with others while nurturing the relationship. **No prerequisite**

15-hour course

Talk It Out

Adults learn to use the Talk It Out curriculum to teach children, kindergarten through 5th grade, the skills for peacefully resolving their disagreements.

Prerequisite: Interpersonal Peacebuilding

3-hour course

Communication Styles

High school-aged youth through adults discover their style of communicating when working with others. This workshop provides insights to each participant's communication styles in both calm and distressed situations. An assessment tool is the basis for training activities accompanied by a booklet.

3-hour course

Listening Ear

Participants are equipped to be attentive listeners when one party in a difficult situation comes to discuss his or her concerns.

Prerequisite: Interpersonal Peacebuilding

15-hour course

Meeting Facilitation

The focus of this course is on organizing and leading gatherings in a way that encourages open, productive communication and cooperative decisions that enhances meetings and discussions from Sunday school classes to business meetings.

Prerequisite: Interpersonal Peacebuilding

15-hour course

Peacebuilding Skills Refresher

This workshop is for those who have completed the Interpersonal Peacebuilding training or Listening Ear training. Participants review and practice communication skills and processes learned in those programs. Contents of this workshop are tailored to meet the needs of the group.

8-hour course

Cooperative Decision-Making

Participants learn how to organize and guide meetings to promote broad participation in consensual decision making.

Prerequisite: Completion of Interpersonal Peacebuilding, Listening Ear, and Meeting Facilitation training

24-hour course

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