

Reconciliation News

News and resources of interest to practitioners and friends of the Ministry of Reconciliation of On Earth Peace

Upcoming Conflict Transformation Trainings around the US

• Ministry of Reconciliation

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October 8-9, 2007
Matthew 18 Training for Trainers for Western Plains Ministry Team
-Great Bend, KS

October 14-15, 2007
Matthew 18 Training for Trainers for Western PA Shalom Team
-Johnstown, PA

November 14-16, 2007
Appreciative Inquiry and Practitioner Consultation
-Camp Mack, Milford, IN

November 3, 2007
Peaceful Family Playshop
-Oakton Church of the Brethren, Vienna, VA

November 4, 2007
Surviving the Holidays: A Toolkit for Relationships
-Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren, Glen Arm, VA

December 8, 2007
Exploring Consensus Decision-making
-Dranesville Church of the Brethren, Herndon, VA

• Alban Institute

<http://www.alban.org/>

January 15-18, 2008
Emotional Intelligence: Becoming a Conflict Competent Leader—Santa

Fall Camp Mack Workshop

Appreciative Inquiry Workshop/Practitioner Consultation:

November 14-16, 2007

Camp Mack, Milford Indiana

Leaders: Appreciative Inquiry Workshop--Marty Farahat, MoR practitioner and professional congregational consultant. Practitioner
Consultation: Carol Waggy, MoR Practitioner and Ordained Minister and Annie Clark, MoR Coordinator

Audience: Church leaders who want to focus on positive change, pastors, facilitators, leadership teams, practitioners, Shalom Team/D &R members, district leadership

Appreciative Inquiry has been termed as “the discipline of positive change.” Traditionally the approach to working with a congregation to create change has been to look for the problem, make a diagnosis, and find a solution. The primary focus was on what was wrong or broken. By paying attention to problems, we emphasized and amplified them.

During this session, we will look at an alternative approach to planning, building consensus and managing change within congregations. We will explore working with a congregation to uncover what works for them, why it works for them, and how they can become more satisfied by appreciating and enhancing what they do well.

Participants will leave this session with the ability to guide a group through the appreciative inquiry process that allows them to:

- Appreciate the best of what is.
- Envision what might be.
- Discuss what should be.
- Innovate what will be.

Note: This workshop is designed for work with congregations planning for change that are not experiencing significant conflict.

The 2007 Practitioner Consultation follows the Appreciative Inquiry workshop. Join us for a time to learn more about each other's work, share effective tools for consulting, experience a clinic where we explore case studies brought to the workshop by participants, and consult on practitioner educational needs and the next steps for MoR in supporting practitioners. *Note: Please bring your favorite consultation tool to share with everyone, and a "blind" case study to share for the clinic.*

Schedule: Workshop and consultation begin at 7 pm Wednesday evening and end at 4 pm Friday afternoon.

Cost: \$195 per person which includes tuition, materials and lodging at Camp Mack. Commuters pay \$155 for tuition, day use fees and 3 meals.

1.0 CEU Available to Church of the Brethren Ministers.

For more information, contact [Annie Clark](#), MoR Coordinator.

To register or for more information, contact Annie Clark at annieclark@mchsi.com. Please register by October 15, 2007.

Consulting for the Future

You'll notice that this year's Camp Mack Workshop has a new twist to it. Not only are we going to be learning about Appreciative Inquiry with Marty Farahat on Wednesday evening and Thursday, we're also going to hold a consultation for practitioners on Thursday evening and Friday. Our plan is to get as many people together as we can, and share; share tools that work for us, resources we've used, case studies, information. We'll have a clinic at one point where we can bring situations that have perplexed us and ask for other practitioners' thoughts. (Details in these situations should be vague in order to protect the identity of the parties involved.) I'll be polling the group to find out what kinds of trainings would be helpful for the future, and what kind of support you need from MoR. The goal is to be able to relate to each other and harvest the wisdom of a skilled group of practitioners. Hope to see you there!

Peace,
Annie Clark
MoR Coordinator

• Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution

<http://raven.bethelks.edu/kipcor>

Gary Flory, Director

January 22-31, 2008
Practical Skills for Working with Culture, Gender and Power in Conflict
-North Newton, KS

February 12, 13, 19, 20, 2008
Practical Skills for Managing Interpersonal Conflict
-North Newton, KS

• Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

<http://www.lmpeacecenter.org/>

November 9-10, 2007
Fostering Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations
-Houston Texas

• Public Conversations Project

<http://www.publicconversations.org>

Spring 2008
Staying Grounded When on the Spot, A Facilitation Workshop
-Watertown, MA

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Resources for Family Conflict

A few years back, Leonard Felder wrote a book titled ***When Bad Relatives Happen to Good People***. A summary of his book, "Tips for Dealing with Difficult Family Members" can be found here:

http://www.fiu.edu/~oea/InsightsFall2004/online_library/articles/tips%20for%20dealing%20with%20difficult%20family%20members.htm

Clemson Extension Service offers a resource on resolving family conflict at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/docs/d001201-d001300/d001244/d001244.html>

The University of Illinois Extension Service offers a resource, as well, on intergenerational conflict.

<http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/ruralroute/AllintheFamily.doc>

In the book, ***The Peacemaker***, by Ken Sande, he cites Joshua 22:1-34 as a model of how a family (in this case, the 12 tribes of Israel) manages a conflict well, by suspending judgement, listening to the opponent, and offering to go the extra mile. You may want to check it out and analyze it. It makes a wonderful case study.

The Final Word

The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers.

~ M. Scott Peck

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