Annual Conference 2026 events with Dr. Betty Pries

Betty is the CEO of Credence & Co. and is highly regarded as a Conflict, Change, and Leadership Specialist.

As CEO, Betty spends her time working with clients, as well as writing and speaking about organizational health, teamwork, and leadership.

Betty has a PhD from the Free University Amsterdam on the topic of conflict transformation. She is a Chartered Mediator with the ADR Institute of Canada and a member of the ADR Institute of Ontario.

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Dr. Pries will sign her book "*The Space Between Us: Conversations about Transforming Conflict*

Tuesday, June 30
12:45 – 1:45 (tentative)

Discipleship and Leadership Formation Dinner

Monday, June 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Leadership from the Inside Out: Nurturing our Identity as Children of God

A quote by William O'Brien is as follows: "The success of an intervention depends on the interior condition of the intervenor." If this statement is true, then the implications for faith leaders and peacebuilders are profound. What do we mean by our interior condition and how does our interior condition influence the work we do? Dr. Pries will offer a robust understanding of our personhood in relationship with one another, proposing a metaphor of selfhood as a vehicle for understanding and transforming ourselves, our relationships, our spirituality, and the conflicts we seek to heal.

Equipping Session

Monday, June 29th at 8:30 p.m.

Transforming Polarized Conversations

Transforming polarized conversations is challenging especially when we miss the wisdom that polarized perspectives are longing to reveal. This session considers the dynamics of polarization while proposing strategies and spiritual principles for transforming deeply entrenched differences. (.1 CEU)

Clergywomen's Breakfast

Tuesday morning, June 30 at 7:00 a.m.

Clergywomen as Change Agents amidst Conflict's Transformation

Differences are normal even essential for healthy human interactions and for listening carefully for God's leading. Disagreeing well becomes challenging when clashing values thrust congregations and societies into discord. Dr. Pries will focus on celebrating the unique gifts women bring as change agents - particularly in traditionally patriarchal male-dominated spaces – while equipping women leaders as they navigate complex congregational and social dynamics, finding their solid ground amidst conflict's transformation.

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