

Making Peace in the Household of God **Descriptions of Optional Workshops**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28: 3.30- 5.00 PM

Applying Spiritual Resources in Conflict management and Resolution **Wednesday 27, 3.30**
Dr. Bill Blackmon & team

The workshop will address these three areas:

- 1) In each conflict scenario we must ask this question of ourselves: Are there "supernatural/unknown" dynamics that must be addressed in addition to the more obvious human behaviour and psychological issues in this particular conflict situation? (Rev. Boyd Hopkins)
- 2) What is required to harness the power of Prayer in addressing both natural and supernatural factors within issues of Christian conflict? (Rev. Peta Ellis)
- 3) How does one utilize Worship and Praise as direct conflict intervention? (Rev. Robin Schmidt)

Bill Blackmon and Robin Schmidt are on the ministry team of Courts of Praise Foursquare Gospel Church, Saskatoon. Boyd Hopkins is one of the pastors of Rock of Ages Lutheran Brethren Church. Peta Ellis is a prayer leader at Courts of Praise.

Conflict and Personality Types **Wednesday 27, 3.30**
Helen Smith-McIntyre

Widespread use of such tools as the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator has raised our awareness that people really are different. Awareness of these differences can improve our communication and the effectiveness of our cooperation with others. This workshop will explore how different personality types respond to conflict.

Helen is Executive Director of Saskatoon Community Mediation Services

Intentional Interim Pastorates: Helping Churches in Transition **Wednesday 27, 3.30**
Pastor Ken Bechtel

The time between long- term pastors can be a fruitful time of preparation for new pastoral relationships and new ministry. Over the past three decades, in a variety of denominational settings, Intentional Interim ministers have been helping congregations address old pains and patterns and foster new ways. The workshop will focus on the interim period's dynamics and opportunities.

Ken Bechtel is a trained interim pastor, who has worked in an intentional interim capacity as regional conference minister and in 4 congregational settings. He is currently serving as interim co-pastor at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, Saskatoon.

THURSDAY JUNE 28: 1.30 – 3.00 PM

Aboriginal Healing Circles: one model for peacebuilding

Thursday 28, 1.30

Harry Lafond, Howard Cameron

Aboriginal people view conflict situations not in terms of winning and losing, but in terms of the healing of individuals and the community as a whole. The healing circle is a gift from native culture that is beginning to be received in the wider community. This workshop gives participants a chance to interact with a community leader who is both native and Christian in order to learn more about the healing circle approach.

Harry Lafond is a Roman Catholic educator from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation

Howard Cameron is the official Circle-keeper for Beardy's First Nation

Advanced skills for intervening in high intensity conflicts

Thursday 28, 1.30 & 3.30

Dr. David Brubaker

David will build on the foundation of Core Workshops 1 & 2 to provide further training for those whose role or calling involves them in intervening in conflicts of high intensity.

Note: This workshop has strictly limited numbers (maximum 20). It will be run twice on Thursday afternoon. Registration for this workshop is on a first-come, first-served basis at the registration desk on Tuesday 26 June.

'Living With It': how to be a force for good when conflict can't be resolved Thurs. 28, 1.30

Dr. Jim Arnold, clinical psychologist

There are some conflict situations in which, for a variety of reasons, there seems to be little room for active change. People often see only two choices: to stay and suffer or to 'vote with their feet'. Drawing on his years of practice as a clinical psychologist working with individuals, couples and families, Dr Arnold, an active lay Anglican, will explore other options.

Jim Arnold lives, practices and worships in Saskatoon

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Service of Lament and Hope

Thursday 28, 3.30

Led by Pauline Steinmann, Leo English, Jerry Buhler

Conflict can create fear and tension not only in personal and professional relationships but also in the worship life of a congregation. As the Psalms so wonderfully demonstrate, God desires that we bring all of life to God - our fears, our hopes, our anger and our joy. This service of lament and hope based on the Psalms, will provide a place to speak, sing and pray as we offer to God our hurts and our hopes.

Pauline is pastor of Wildwood Mennonite Church. Leo is a Roman Catholic Redemptorist priest working in outreach from St. Mary's Church, Saskatoon. Jerry Buhler is Conference Pastor of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

The State of Current Ecumenical Dialogues (Panel)

Thursday 28, 3.30

Rev. Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard (moderator)

A panel of experienced leaders from different denominations will give a sense of the scope and nature of current inter-denominational dialogues, describe the achievements and potential of these dialogues, discuss the implementation of the conclusions of the dialogues, and outline what the experience has taught us about the skills, approaches and orientations that are necessary for successful ecumenical dialogue. Panel participants:

Mme Adèle Brodeur, associate director of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, Montreal

*Dr. Cameron Harder, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon:
involved in implementing dialogue agreements*

*Dr. Helmut Harder, professor emeritus of Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg:
involved in Roman Catholic-Mennonite dialogue.*

*Nicholas Jesson, doctoral candidate in ecumenical theology, lecturer at St. Thomas More College,
Saskatoon, and former director of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.*