Learning Day: Finding Peace in Unpeaceful Times

October 28, 2019
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Zionsville United Methodist Church
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Register by October 14 to Darlene.White@inumc.org.

What do capital campaigns, changing worship times or formats, dysfunctional committees, denominational change, unresolved staffing needs, lack of resources, and competing missional needs all have in common?

They create conflict.

Conflict comes to churches of all sizes, in all locations, with all kinds of different histories. Managed well, conflict can be a pathway to better church health.

You and your team are invited to join Lisa Hancock and Shannon Stringer for a day of training and strategizing focused on recognizing the signs of church strain and the steps needed to build thriving relationships for successful conflict mediation.

Lisa Hancock is a conflict resolution specialist and sought-after guest speaker whose work promotes dispute resolution, problem solving, team building, and decision making. As Director of Restorative Communications, Lisa works with a wide variety of clients. British Petroleum (BP) hired Lisa to mediate after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in Southern Louisiana. As the only mediator invited in to listen to residents and train BP contractors, Lisa’s work resulted in communication techniques and rapport building responses becoming new methods for BP contractors working with communities. Lisa’s other clients include Southern Methodist University, Birkman International, YMCA, the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, several school districts, and a variety of community organizations. Lisa’s full bio can be found at www.restorativecommunications.com.

Shannon Stringer is our Indiana Conference’s Director of Leadership Development. With more than 25 years of experience in education, ministry, and staff supervision, Shannon brings practical experience along with expertise gained through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center’s Mediation Skills Training for Church Leaders. A recipient of the Congressional Award for Excellence in Teaching, Shannon offers an application-based approach to learning. In her role within our conference, Shannon travels widely, working with both clergy and laity to promote healthy engagement with conflict for the purpose of strengthened missional ministry.