

Dialogue for Peaceful Change Training

September 16 - 19, 2024

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 23, 2024

This training opportunity is in collaboration with Baltimore and New Castle Presbytery With gratitude to the financial support from MCC, MRT, and CDC of National Capital Presbytery!

Why this particular training is for you? There is a perceived and experienced rise in church leadership exhaustion. In church leadership and ministry, we need the tools to thrive with change. Communities of care are noticing that there can be two supportive practices to move through this exhaustion and isolation. One practice is to deepen personal relationships with colleagues who are on similar professional and congregational journeys. A second practice is to strengthen one's response to change and the anxiety of change that tends to lead to exhaustion. We recognize this particular training to be a helpful bucket of tools in leading through change and conflict.

Dialogue for Peaceful Change is a step-by-step training to support practices out of conflict and into restorative relationships.

Lay and clergy leaders trained in conflict management are a valuable asset to their congregations and throughout your communities. This training will be facilitated by *Dialogue for Peaceful Change*.

Schedule generally is Monday – Thursday 9am to 5pm with two tea breaks and a one-hour lunch each day. Lunch is provided each day.

Typically, there are 12 to 16 participants in this training which gives a chance to truly connect and work on opportunities within our own contexts.

We invite you to consider these questions in discerning to participate in this training:

- 1. What are the ways you navigate conflict in your congregational or community settings now?
- 2. What would you want to gain from this training?

Cost for NCP members: Ordained Clergy (with continuing education money) are invited to contribute \$350; Members of our congregations are invited to contribute \$250. If interested in overnight options, we have secured a fixed rate in a nearby hotel.

* Contributions to Unified Mission and can be made <u>here</u>. Scholarships are available. Contact Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, <u>tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org</u> with questions.