



***Our Mission:***

*To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.*

## Workshop: Leadership and Anxiety in the Church

Dear Teaching Elders, Pastors, Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Chaplains:

I write to lift up two opportunities that may be useful and informative for you and others involved in ministries in which you serve. What follows are brochures that invite registration for a one day program on Wednesday June 28 and a week long program from October 2-6. Both are being conducted by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center and both will be held at FPC Lakeland. These are open registration to any and all who would like to attend. I encourage you to consider it. And I encourage you to engage others in your ministry circles to attend.

The Commission on Church Vitality will be sponsoring partial scholarships for the October event, as well.

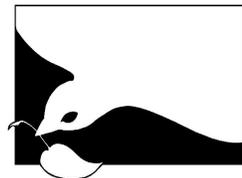
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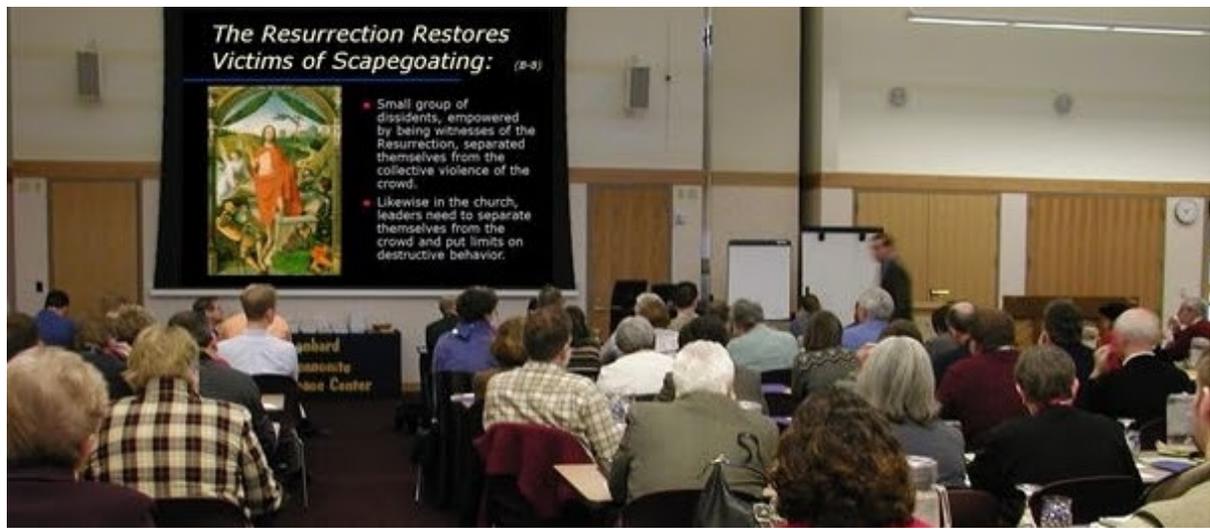
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Radical change is possible, whether on the road to Damascus or in your own church, but it does take commitment. Be an agent for positive change in your congregation, and sign up today for Leadership and Anxiety in the Church (see below).

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## **Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church  
175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive  
Lakeland, FL (near Tampa)**

We live in an age of increased anxiety, which impacts church systems and leaders. Family systems theory offers a way of understanding congregational dynamics and anxiety. This seminar looks at the challenge presented by the rising levels of anxiety being experienced in churches today, as well as the role that self-differentiated leadership can play in calming such anxiety. Topics include:

- Examining the roots of anxiety
- Distinguishing between acute anxiety and chronic anxiety
- Gaining insight into how the scapegoating process impacts church conflict
- Understanding emotional triangles and the importance of maintaining non-anxious presence
- Seeing self-differentiated leadership as a key to overcoming the impact of anxiety
- Enhancing your role as a leader in the church

Download a [brochure](#) with further information and a registration form. Individuals can also register [online](#).

The workshop can have a greater impact if a group of lay leaders and pastors

attend the workshop together. There is a discount for groups of four or more from the same congregation. Click [here](#) to download the group coupon.

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Interested in developing mediation skills  
to address conflict in your church, home, or workplace?  
Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will be offering the:

**Mediation Skills Training Institute  
for Church Leaders**

October 2-6, 2017

Lakeland, FL

Previous participants have called this the best training event they have ever attended--come find out what they have already discovered!

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