Facilitating Difficult Conversations

Conflict, controversy, and hard conversations are inevitable in the life of the church. They are normal. But can they actually be a positive force? This workshop is designed to help you explore the possibilities and strengthen your skills in guiding your church through difficult conversations.

**Topics Include:**

- How to normalize conflict — giving permission for healthy disagreement
- Being clear about your purpose and desired outcome
- Providing structure to lower anxiety and give a sense of safety
- The role of facilitator — who is the best person?
- Setting ground rules
- Dealing with difficult people

The workshops are intended for both clergy and laity. We recommend that you get a team together from your church to attend or come by yourself – whatever works best.

Come be a part of a leadership session to learn how to Facilitate Difficult Conversations within your church!

**All sessions will be held on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

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Register today to reserve your space. **Registration deadline is the Monday prior to Saturday’s scheduled event.**

Send no money—it’s **free!** - but we do need names so we have adequate space for everyone.

Church Name: ___________________________ Pastors Attending: ___________________________

Laity Attending: ___________________________

We will attend the session at: ___________________________

Email your registration to officeadmin@greatplainsumc.org or mail it to:

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