

Tension in the Pews: Handling Differences and Disagreements In Congregations

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Tension in Congregations – It's Natural!

Are tensions mounting in your congregation? Have you been through some painful conflict and wish things had gone differently? Do you foresee potential difficulties ahead in dealing with the differences in your congregation? This is a natural part of growth for any community – and congregations are no different!

Opportunity for Growth

Effectively resolving conflict can strengthen a congregation, and build a stronger spiritual community. Current and future conflict is an opportunity to grow – IF you are prepared!

Specialized Training

Fairfield Center invites you and your congregational leaders to a specialized two-part training in skills, tools, and frameworks to effectively deal with conflict and tension in our lives and in our congregations.

The training sessions are run sequentially, developing leadership skills in preventing conflict and miscommunication, and then in mediation and intervention when conflict does erupt.

September 22-23 Part 1: Prevention Strategies

November 17-18 Part 2: Intervention Strategies

Both trainings are recommended, but they can also be taken individually. The trainings are focused on Christian congregations but the course is open to all and the principles are applicable to other religious and non-religious groups.



Advancing Dialogue and Understanding

Fairfield Center is offering an exciting training focused directly on communication and conflict in congregations – sign up today!

- **Send Congregation Leaders!**
- **Increase Your Congregation's Capacity to Prevent and Handle Conflict**
- **Find Strength in a Time of Need**

Note: Custom Offerings of this training can be arranged in consultation with Fairfield Center!

Contact us today for more information!

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