

Church Leadership and Family Systems

London Mennonite Centre – 2-5 June 2009

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Tuesday – 2 June 2009

- 11:00-11:15 *Opening worship*
11:15-12:45 “Through the Impenetrable Thicket of Triangles: A Meddlesome Brother’s Adventures in Differentiation”
12:45-1:45 *Lunch*
1:45-3:00 “Bowen Family Systems Theory: The Eight Concepts I”
3:00-3:30 *Break*
3:30-4:45 “Bowen Family Systems Theory: The Eight Concepts II”
4:45-5:00 *Break*
5:00-6:30 “The Road to Damascus: The Church and Change in an Age of Anxiety”
6:30-7:30 *Dinner*

Wednesday – 3 June 2009

- 9:15-9:30 *Opening worship*
9:30-10:45 Video – Murray Bowen – “Triangles and the Scale of Differentiation” (1970)
10:45-11:15 *Break*
11:15-12:45 “The Process of Differentiation: Overcoming Resistance to Change”
12:45-1:45 *Lunch*
1:45-3:30 Family of origin group
3:30-3:45 *Break*
3:45-5:15 Family of origin group

Thursday – 4 June 2009

- 9:15-9:30 *Opening worship*
9:30-10:45 Video – Edwin Friedman – “The Current Crisis in Church Leadership” (1994)
10:45-11:15 *Break*
11:15-12:45 “Overcoming Congregational Disease: Leadership and Immunity”
12:45-1:45 *Lunch*
1:45-3:30 Congregational case study presentations
3:30-3:45 *Break*
3:45-5:15 Congregational case study presentations
5:15-6:15 *Optional informal party*

Friday – 5 June 2009

- 9:00-9:15 *Opening worship*
9:15-10:45 “For They Know Not What They Do: The Scapegoat Mechanism and Church Conflict”
10:45-11:15 *Break*
11:15-12:45 Congregational case study presentations
12:45-1:00 Closing in large group
1:00-2:00 *Lunch (optional)*