

What recent participants on this course have said:

An excellent introduction to the skills necessary to transform conflict in the local church.

Revd Jason Taylor, CofE Team Vicar, Hull

Enables a shift in perspective on conflict and on yourself.

Revd Mary Taylor, Baptist Minister, Wakefield, West Yorkshire

An excellent opportunity to explore issues of conflict transformation in a safe and affirming environment.

Revd Andrew Webb, Methodist Minister, Kendal, Cumbria

Come and be transformed to help transform conflict situations. Know yourself better – to better know others.

Revd Sue Henderson, URC Minister, Sanderstead, Surrey

An intensive and accessible engagement with all issues surrounding conflict.

Revd Michael Broadley, CofE Team Vicar, Horsham, West Sussex

If you have any conflict, then you need this course.

Linda Morris, Baptist lay leader, Paignton, Devon

It has given me the tools and awareness to help me pay attention to God and be open to being used to transform conflict.

Revd Selina Garner, Curate, Great Wilbraham, Cambridgeshire

Comprehensive and fun!

Revd Martin Thorpe, Vicar and Training Officer, Warrington, Cheshire

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A Foundation Course for Leaders

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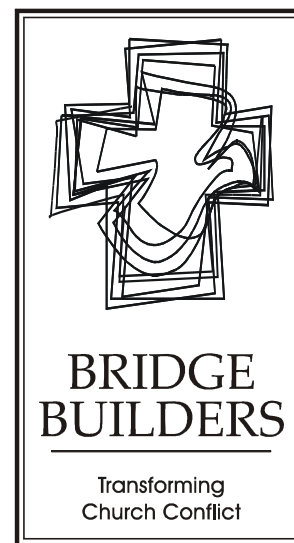
Bawtry Hall, Bawtry, South Yorkshire

led by Bridge Builders

Conflict is normal and inevitable – but Christians often feel ill-prepared to handle conflict in the church. *Transforming Church Conflict: A Foundation Course for Leaders* is a new training course intended for those in leadership positions in the church, and also for other Christians who want to deal better with conflict. Attend this training course if you want to:

- Develop new skills for handling conflict
- Give time to personal growth as part of a worshipping community
- Be part of a movement that is changing the culture of the church
- Help put the church's energy to more creative use

This five-day course is focussed on conflict in church settings, and serves as the foundation for further Bridge Builders courses. Held residentially, it builds on our experience of leading similar training since 1996. The course aims to raise self-awareness, to deepen understanding of conflict and to teach methods for transforming conflict. Spaces are limited and early booking is recommended as our courses are regularly over-subscribed. Course participants will be invited to join our Bridge Builders' Network, of Christians around Britain involved in transforming church conflict.



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18–23 October 2009, Bawtry Hall, Bawtry, South Yorkshire
Begins Sunday evening, ends 4:30pm Friday

The course includes teaching, group work and guided practice. Active and practical in focus, the sessions provide hands-on skills training and use role-plays based on the kinds of conflicts encountered in the church. Each day includes times of prayer and worship. *The course is intensive and includes some evening sessions; we strongly recommend avoiding any other commitments during the week.*

Presenters

The course will be led by Colin Patterson, along with one of Bridge Builders' associate trainers. Colin is assistant director of Bridge Builders, and an Anglican priest. He has worked as a training officer for the Diocese of Durham, is an experienced adult educator and is author of the Grove booklet *How to Learn Through Conflict*.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course we expect that you will have:

- Developed greater awareness about your own communication style and its impact on others
- Reflected on Biblical resources related to conflict
- Enhanced your skills for communicating effectively in times of conflict
- Practised and learnt skills to facilitate meetings
- Learnt ways of building consensus and working with resistance in groups
- Developed your ability to analyse conflict and to identify what intervention may be appropriate, such as mediation
- Considered ways to nurture a culture of creative engagement with conflict
- Reflected on the type of leadership needed in times of conflict
- Discovered ways that conflict can offer opportunities for growth

Meals and Accommodation

The course is residential with accommodation provided from Sunday evening to Thursday evening, and with meals provided each day from Sunday evening until Friday lunch time, of breakfast, lunch and evening meal, in single room accommodation at Bawtry Hall, Bawtry, South Yorkshire, DN10 6JH, near Doncaster (see www.bawtryhall.co.uk).

Cost, Application and Cancellation

The standard cost for the course is £750. Precedence is given to applicants sponsored by their church or organisation, and who may use the training for its benefit, or to enhance their own ministry. If you are on a very low income, then please contact us to see whether a bursary may be available. A training manual and a style profile are included in the fee.

Spaces are limited to a maximum of 24, so do apply early, as our courses are regularly over-subscribed. To apply, return the enclosed application form with a cheque for £100 payable to *Bridge Builders*. The balance of the fee is due eight weeks before the start of the course (i.e. by 24 August 2009). Once accepted, the £100 deposit is a non-refundable. The full fee is owed if a place is cancelled within six weeks of the course start date (i.e. from 7 September 2009 onwards).

Course Timings

Sunday 18 October: arrival from 5:00pm for dinner at 6:30pm

Monday 19 and Thursday 22 October 9:00am–6:00pm

Tues 20 and Wed 21 October 9:00am–1:00pm, 3:30–6:00pm, 7:30–9:00pm

Friday 23 October: 9:00am–4:30pm