

# Workshops at NCN Gathering: *Revolutionary Peacemaking*

October 8 & 9, 2022 Camp Loucon, KY

## Saturday, 4:15 – 5:45 pm (Six 90-minute workshops offered)

Topic	Leader	Description
<b>When Strangers become Family</b>	<b>Christina Dyck &amp; Brenda Ordoñez</b> (Jubilee Partners, GA)	Three long term members of Jubilee Partners community in Georgia tell of the ways that God used hospitality of immigrants and refugees to expand their families. Come prepared to learn about the challenges and blessings of hospitality and to tell your own stories of family expansion.
<b>Peacemaking Everywhere</b>	<b>Barbara Bridgewater, moderator</b> (Hope Fellowship, TX)	Don Mosley (Jubilee Partners, GA) on the power of love I have seen in my exchanges with the "enemy" in such places as Iraq, Honduras, Egypt, and North Korea. Russ May (Anthony's Plot, PA) on Active Bystander training. There will be time for participants to share their stories, perspectives, and strategies for peacemaking.
<b>Imagining Welcome:</b>	<b>Stephen &amp; Bethany Hebbard</b> (Jamestown, NC)	Using Story and Song to Cultivate Peacemaking through Hospitality
<b>Beneficial Regret: A Practice of Nonviolent Communication</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Karen Sloan-Carlton</b> (Pittsburgh, PA)	Vital to a practice of peacemaking is learning to interrupt the cycles of defensiveness, shame and attack/counterattack that escalate conflict and create gridlock. The work of Nonviolent Communication developed by Marshall Rosenberg offers us a powerful tool for this called Beneficial Regret. In this time we will practice peeling back the layers of story we tell ourselves about regrets and examine the underlying needs involved. We'll reflect individually, share with a partner, and then debrief as a group.
<b>Five Stages of Conflict Reconciliation from Genocide to Friendship?</b>	<b>David Janzen</b> (Reba Place Fellowship, IL)	Looking at a Jesus-inspired "map" of increasingly violent conflict that displays five descending stages from friendship to genocide, we will look at one communal snapshot of a conflict that moved in the opposite direction toward reconciliation in the manner of Jesus. You will be invited to look at the conflicts you are engaged in and explore next steps to move from partisanship to collaboration in a more reconciled community.
<b>You Want a Peace of Me?!</b>	<b>Rusty Bonham</b> (Springwater, Portland, OR)	Anabaptist roots and the invasive species of kingdom living in the (n)hood

**Sunday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (Seven 90-minute workshops offered)**

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<b>The Practice of Intentional Conversation</b>	<b>Joe Bowling, other members of</b> (Englewood Christian Church, IN)	The transformative power of intentional conversation within congregations. Englewood members will share their experience and invite others to share.
<b>Alliance of Front Stoops: Exploring New Models of Radical Discipleship</b>	<b>Chico &amp; Tatiana Fajardo-Heflin</b> (Ford Heights, IL)	Intentional Christian community has a problem—it seems to primarily gather the rich and powerful into a common life together while the poor and outcast stand on the outside looking in. Come learn about a new model of Christian community that prioritizes the lives and contributions of those on the margins.
<b>What Would You Do If...? Christians and Violence</b>	<b>Joel Looper</b> (Hope Fellowship, TX)	Joel Looper is author of <i>Bonhoeffer's America</i> . We've all been faced with the classic hypothetical question— what would you do if someone broke into your home and was going to kill your elderly grandmother? Participants will consider and discuss the personal use of violence by Christians in light of the scriptural witness about Jesus.
<b>A Witness to Unity in a Polarized World: Welcoming Conflict and Loving Each Other</b>	<b>Tim Otto</b> (Church of the Sojourners, CA)	What are disputable matters? Tim, who has lived for 33 years at the Church of the Sojourners through substantial seasons of conflict, is the author of <i>Oriented to Faith: Transforming the Conflict Over Gay Relationships</i> . We'll look at these questions: 1) What is the opportunity in conflict? 2) What is the distinction between "disputable matters" and essentials of the faith? 3) What are key practices for navigating conflict well?
<b>Peacemaking in our inner parts</b>	<b>Mary Lou Bonham</b> (Springwater, Portland, OR)	Integration of Immanuel Approach and Internal Family Systems
<b>La Práctica de la Paz de Cristo en Comunidad</b>	<b>Carlos Gonzalez</b> (Bruderhof, NY)	Un espacio en español para compartir unos con otros en cuanto a como Cristo nos está guiando hacia shalom en nuestras distintas comunidades (A workshop in Spanish for Spanish speakers. No translation will be provided.)
<b>Spiritual Formation for Individuals for Peacemaking</b>	<b>Evan Howard</b> (Spirituality Shoppe, CO)	How do we as individuals prepare ourselves for peacemaking? What can communities do to facilitate that formation?

**Recordings:** Leaders will ask for a volunteer to make a voice recording of each workshop on their smartphone. Recording links will be sent to Roberto Solis [roberto@englewoodcdc.com](mailto:roberto@englewoodcdc.com) [Easy Voice Recorder](#) is one app that works.