

# Conflict in Congregations



Join your colleagues in ministry for this informative seminar. Receive guidance and encouragement on how to deal with conflict in your congregation—for just \$15.

## Two Locations Two Dates

10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Monday, January 11, 2010**  
FUMC, Houston Westchase  
Campus, Youth Assembly Room  
3663 Westcenter Dr.  
Houston, TX 77042

10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**  
Marvin UMC, Tyler  
300 W. Erwin St.  
Tyler, TX 75702

- Box lunches will be provided.
- Space is limited.
- To register, please complete the registration section and mail it with your \$15 check today.



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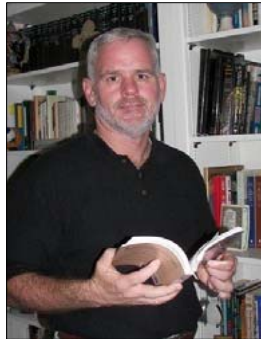
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## Are you experiencing conflict in your congregation?

Join us in Houston January 11 or in Tyler January 12, as Dr. Craig Gilliam helps us ponder these questions:

- As leaders, how do we frame conflict and anxiety so we do not fear it, but imagine it as part of growth and healthy community?
- How do we create a culture of responsiveness, not reactivity and resistance?
- What are some values, principles and insights that will help us as we minister in conflicted situations?
- How can we help our people and ourselves relate to each other in a manner congruent with what Christ teaches—an “I-Thou,” not “I-It” way toward self and others?
- How do we artfully dance with conflict and anxiety in a way that helps us and our congregations grow through and from it?

If you register and attend either session, you'll receive lunch; two articles plus one booklet on conflict; Center for Clergy Excellence conflict resolution resources; and four hours continuing education credit.



Dr. W. Craig Gilliam is the Director of the Center for Pastoral Effectiveness for the Louisiana Annual Conference, UMC; is a member of the adjunct faculty at Perkins School of Theology, SMU; and has a private practice, Gilliam & Associates, LLC. He is an ordained Elder in the UMC, and serves as an educator, facilitator and consultant.

For more than 12 years Craig has ministered in this field working with different kinds of organizations. The largest part of his work is with religious communities from various traditions. His work includes: 1) Leadership Training/Coaching, 2) Conflict Intervention, 3) Visioning and 4) Community Building.

With which of these areas does he spend the majority of his time? Leadership Training/Coaching and Conflict Intervention are the areas where his skills and the greatness needs seem to meet most often.

Dr. Gilliam believes that one of the challenges of our time is helping people in congregations to marry passion with responsibility.

In *Unfolding Meaning*, physicist David Bohm sums it up best when he writes, “Tension is almost essential for harmony. It is not stillness; it is more an active stillness. If you take a musical composition, harmony is the harmony of movement, and movement of various themes which have tension between them.”

Out of the tension comes the music.



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**Register by January 5, 2010**

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