

Dealing Constructively with Conflict in the Church

A Workshop for Ministers and Church Leaders



- Learning to deal constructively and effectively with conflict
- Increasing our capacity to engage conflict maturely as a movement
- Building churches which minimise destructive conflict

Responding constructively to conflict in our church communities creates the possibility of transforming potentially destructive situations and events into opportunities for learning and growth in which no-one need necessarily 'lose', and in which the Body of Christ is built up and strengthened, rather than torn down and disempowered.

Paul's letter to the Galatians was written to a Christian community that ran the risk of destroying itself through unresolved conflict. He writes with passion and conviction, confronting those he believes are planting seeds of conflict and division. He reminds his readers that 'in Christ' they have been given freedom – freedom to love their neighbour - and then warns them, **"If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another."** [Gal 5:15]



It's not whether or not our churches have conflict that matters; it's whether or not the way we deal with conflict marks us out as followers of Jesus.



Churches of Christ in SA & NT are sponsoring a series of workshops led by **Tim Dyer** designed to increase our capacity as a movement to deal healthily and positively with conflict when it arises in our churches.

Tim is a highly regarded consultant and mentor to churches and church leaders across Australia. He has an interest in healthy congregational life and consults with churches and denominations on processes that create and support church health. He also trains and supervises denominational church consultancy teams which work with program evaluation, church governance, vision and direction, pastoral transitions, staff team reviews and in times of conflict.

7.30 - 9.30pm Friday 13th May

9.30am - 4.30pm Saturday 14th May

at Western Communities Church of Christ [formerly Mile End Church of Christ]
Cnr Henley Beach Road and Danby Street, Mile End [entrance off Danby Street].

Please direct enquiries to Greg Elsdon: gelsdon@churchesofchrist-sa.org.au

There is no charge for this Workshop – **but registration is essential.**

A light lunch will be supplied on Saturday, free of cost.

Please email your intention to attend to Lyndall Simpson-Smith by **no later than Tuesday 10th May, 2016.** lyndall@churchesofchrist-sa.org.au