



# Bridge Builders

## Transforming church conflict

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## **CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH: PRACTICAL HELP FOR CHURCH LEADERS**

A workshop led by Bridge Builders  
For the Shaftesbury Society and the Diocese of London  
Friday 8 December 2006, London Diocesan House, Pimlico

9:30am

*Arrivals*

9:45am

*Opening Worship*

### **10:00-11:30am Session 1 – Our Experience of Conflict**

Explores initial perceptions of conflict in the church, and our own experience of conflict in our families and in ministry. Includes large group spectrum exercises.

11:30-11:45am

*Break*

### **11:45am-1:00pm Session 2 – Conflict Patterns and Conflict Styles**

Looks at constructive and destructive conflict patterns in the church, and a range of strategies to change the culture in a constructive direction. Considers five different styles used in approaching conflict, and our different preferences.

1:00-2:00pm

*Lunch*

### **2:00-3:00pm Session 3 – A Process for Working at Interpersonal Conflict**

Offers a process for working at interpersonal conflict with another, and has participants develop a plan for themselves for a situation they are facing.

3:00-3:15pm

*Break*

### **3:15-4:15pm Session 4 – Conflict Escalation & Levels of Church Conflict**

Looks at how conflict escalates and considers a framework for identifying the different levels of intensity of conflict in a church group, and the different intervention approaches that are appropriate.

4:15-4:30pm

*Participant evaluations and closing worship*

4:30pm

*Close*

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