

Living Peace

A programme of support in times of change and conflict

Our churches face change, encounter difference and can struggle to manage conflict. This impacts the health and wellbeing of many in our churches and their ministries.

Living Peace is a joint initiative between the Church of Scotland and Place for Hope to support a culture of peace and reconciliation that builds on our work together since 2009.

Through the Living Peace Programme, individuals, congregations and Presbyteries will be able to access support through mediation, facilitated conversations, coaching and a set training programme each year.

We aim to support individuals to reach their potential as peacemakers so that every kirk can be a place for hope in their community.



The Church of Scotland



In 2023, the Living Peace programme offers the following courses:



Journeying through Change and Transition

Location: online
Date: Fri 27 April
(0930 – 1300)
Places available: 16
Registration:
<https://forms.gle/uX2HV3S9vLKsreVL9>

As we see great changes occurring, both inside our churches and in society, there is a growing need to better understand how to journey well through such times of change. This course explores the phases of transition that take place within as we re-orientate ourselves to change. Develop your understanding of these phases and equip yourself with the skills to manage change and transition well.



Living Well With Differences

Location: online
Date: Wed 7, 14, 21, 28 June (0930 – 1300)
Places available: 16
Registration:
<https://forms.gle/vQPmNLnnDrbDPwnM7>

Living Well with Differences is designed for those who would like to be better equipped to recognise and respond well to differences, change and conflict in our churches. It provides an introduction to the dynamics of conflict in ourselves and in faith communities and provides tools for positively addressing conflict and helping create a safer environment for all when dealing with challenging behaviour such as bullying.

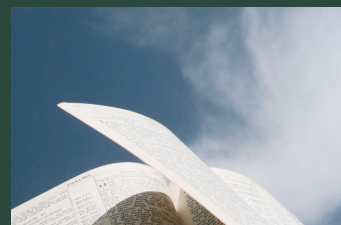


Meeting Well

Location: online
Date: Wed 30 Aug
(0930 – 1300)
Registration:
<https://forms.gle/2TuLWmAfY9Jyv7g1Z>

Location: online
Date: Wed 13 Sept
(0930 – 1300)
Registration:
<https://forms.gle/9NNndoJj9HySmpU3A>

Explore how we can make meetings more productive, effective and inclusive. Learn skills to help your meetings move forward and better accomplish their agreed aims.



Scripture, Spirituality and Conflict

Location: online
Date: Wed 20 Sept & Thurs 21 Sept
(0930 – 1300)
Places available: 16
Registration:
<https://forms.gle/UcAdneXfEXa7KwT67>

What does scripture say about conflict? Is there a 'biblical' approach to difference and disagreement? Using small group work, we weave stories of biblical insight with lived experience in this new workshop for faith leaders.



The Third Way: Nonviolence in the Current Age

Location: online
Date: Thurs 23 Nov & Fri 24 Nov (0930 – 1300)
Registration:
<https://forms.gle/3GXRcJpBrKP8y7sU8>

The Third Way: Nonviolence in the current age is a course drawing on Jesus' life and teachings that explores the spiritual practice of nonviolence in our personal lives as people of peace and then how nonviolence can be a powerful tool in our individual and collective approach to issues of violence and injustice in the world.

How do I access support?

- For more information about the Living Peace Programme, and for links to registration, please visit www.placeforhope.org.uk/support/cofs-living-peace
- To talk about the training courses, contact Carolyn Merry at: carolyn.merry@placeforhope.org.uk
- If you are seeking Coaching or Facilitated Conversation support from our team of Practitioners, please contact Natalie Barrett at: natalie.barrett@placeforhope.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you to discuss how we can support you.

"The course has been really good, one of the best I have ever attended."

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