

Conflict as a means of Grace

A Day Apart
RETREAT

With Retreat Leader:
Bonnie Marden

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
9:30am-3:30pm

While we interpret conflict as a force that divides people, conflict actually creates a tight bond between individuals, sometimes trapping them in emotional straight-jackets and limiting their perceptions and vision. Those who we are in conflict with can wound us in ways strangers cannot but they can also become agents of our healing and reconciliation. This is conflict transformation which allows us to see the sacred in each person even when we still disagree. In this Day Apart, you will learn conflict transformation skills and raise your awareness of your own vulnerabilities and need for God's support and guidance as you learn deep listening and empathy with others. When we understand conflict as an invitation to grow closer to God and to each other, we transform conflict from a destructive force into a means of grace.

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Bonnie Marden facilitates and teaches groups to confront conflict and discover constructive energy for growth, discipleship/stewardship and healing. Her training encompasses mediation, intervention and dialogue skills which she loves teaching in experiential and interactive settings. Called to the ministry of reconciliation, she believes the restoration of our relationships with others is critical to our relationship with God. With 21 years' experience as a Parish Consultant specializing in conflict, transitions and stewardship for the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church, she also works ecumenically.

We suggest an arrival time of 9am.
Please let us know upon registration if you have dietary restrictions.