

**East District Training Day
Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:00 to 12 noon.**

First United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs, Texas

Our Plenary Speaker



Lisa Hancock, MA

Particular Skills Every Church Leader Needs in 2019

Lisa Hancock is a conflict resolution specialist and sought-after guest speaker whose work promotes dispute resolution, problem-solving, team building, and decision-making. In 2007 she received a Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution from SMU and is an adjunct professor in their dispute resolution program. Today, as Director of Restorative Communications, Lisa performs mediations, designs workshops, and conducts Peacekeeping Circles for a variety of clients.

Lisa serves on the advisory board of the Congregational Assessment Response and Transformation (CART) Team for The North Texas Conference of United Methodist Churches. In this capacity, she designs and facilitates workshops, coaches church leaders, and performs both interpersonal and church-wide mediations in order to help restore peace and promote growth.

Lisa is an active member of First United Methodist Church of Richardson, Texas and frequently facilitates staff workshops in leadership development.

Lisa will also lead a break-out workshop on how leaders can effectively manage internal church conflicts.

Workshop for Finance Committees and Trustees



Rev. Carol Montgomery

Carol is a Senior Area Representative for the Texas Methodist Foundation covering the North Texas Conference. An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Rev. Montgomery has served the North Texas Conference in congregational and campus ministries. In addition, she is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) with specialties in family systems and conflict resolution. Before coming to TMF, Carol was senior pastor at Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Garland.

Carol will facilitate a session for Chairs of Finance Committees and Trustees related to best practices and how TMF might be a resource in money matters and estate planning matters.

Workshop on Mission Outreach, New Spaces>New Faces and City Square Ministries



Andrew Fiser



Rob Spencer

Rev. Andrew Fiser is the Associate Director for Missional Outreach for the North Texas Conference. He will be joined by Rev. Rob Spencer, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, Paris. Together they will talk about various missional opportunities sponsored by the Conference, share resources to help churches engage the New Spaces/New Faces initiative, and Rob will talk about the work being done in Paris in conjunction with City Square Dallas as they are impacting the community through city partnerships.

Workshop for Chairs of Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committees



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This workshop is for Chairs of Pastor Parish Relations Committees only and will be facilitated by the District Superintendent.