



## HSRM Renewal School of Ministry

**Term Offered:** Spring 2022 (March-April)

**Course:** “NAVIGATING CONFLICT”

**Course Times/Dates:** 1.5 hour Zoom meetings for six weeks, beginning Tuesday March 22 for 6 consecutive Sundays ending Tuesday, April 26. Classes will meet live on Zoom at 8 pm ET/7:00pm CT/6:00pm MT/ 5:00 pm PT.

**Course Content:** Conflict is part of life. Well-handled conflict is a blessing. Biblically handled conflict releases the power of God for unity.

**The six topics in the term include:**

1. Understanding Misunderstanding, the Source of Most Conflict
2. Minimizing the Perception of Change at the Point of Contention
3. Fighting Fair While Working to Discern the Truth
4. Recovering from Conflict, the Role of Ambassador
5. Ungodly Conflict, the Unhealthy Intrusion of Culture
6. Button Free Living, a Winsome Life in an Irrational World

**Recommended reading:** To properly be part of discussions about biblical examples of conflict, you will benefit from reading Scriptures with the surrounding contexts. Acts 15 and the John Mark incident, Galatians 2 when Paul confronted Peter along with passages related to the Council at Jerusalem for additional information, Numbers 14 for the spies, the sections of Nehemiah where he faces opposition from naysayers, and the portions of 1 Corinthians working through the moral failure in chapter 5 and the nature of corporate life in chapters 11-14. By all means, include other related text as you see fit!

**Costs:** There is a \$10 fee to cover costs for taking courses in the Renewal School of Ministry. Please enroll for the course/s on our website: [www.hsrn.org](http://www.hsrn.org) . Thank you!

**Instructor:** This course will be taught by Rev. Steve Malson. He graduated from The Graduate School of Christian Ministries in Huntington, IN with a Master of Christian Ministry. He served for 18 years as pastor of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Fowlerville, Michigan then for 17 years as pastor of Mason Community Church (American Baptist Church) in Mason, Michigan. He served on various leadership and oversight boards through the years. After an 18 month transitional ministry at Crossroads Community Church in Stockbridge, MI, he is presently working as an Intentional Interim Ministry at Alpha Baptist Church in Livonia, MI.  
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**Requirements for Credit:** To receive credit for the course students will need to:

- Attend every live Zoom session
- Participate in the class discussions
- Submit a brief on one of the following biblical conflicts as if you’ve been dropped in to mediate the disagreement and you’re now giving a synopsis to your supervisor. Please review the facts and suggest your strategy for the next meeting you’ll be having with the key players. **OPTIONS:**
  1. Acts 15 (*and more*) Paul and Barnabas and their ‘discussion/decision’ about John Mark.
  2. Galatians 2 and related passages when Paul confronts Peter.
  3. Numbers 14 (*and more*) regarding the decision making about the spies’ report.
  4. Nehemiah dealing with opposition.
  5. 1 Corinthians 5 and the moral failure in the church at Corinth.
  6. 1 Corinthians 11-14 addressing practices within the church at Corinth.

One absence is permitted as long as the student makes arrangements to watch the Zoom replay