



Bringing Polarities into Balance

Virtual Autumn Leadership Event

October 26-27, 2020

It is difficult to move forward faithfully when life seems to be reduced to one choice between opposing sides. Living in between pre-COVID and post-COVID times (called liminal space), has polarized people more than ever and continues to deepen the divide in society itself. One way forward is to learn to balance opposites in healthy ways for ourselves, our churches, and our society. This retreat will teach tools to manage polarities and open paths for the future that create a variety of choices. Leading to a faith-grounded sanity necessary for a thriving church and its surrounding communities. Living with *and* more often than *or* gives us new perspectives for the emerging future; we can move between opposites without compromising our values, while at the same time widening our scope of possibilities.

Rostered Ministers in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, Southeast Michigan Synod, and Northern Great Lakes Synod are invited to attend this two day virtual learning event featuring presentations from Lisa Withrow. This event will take place via Zoom on October 26-27, 2020.

Lisa Withrow is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, a former professor of church leadership, and currently serves as a coach and consultant for churches, non-profits, and small businesses in the areas of leadership and team development, strategic visioning, and conflict management.

Thanks to a generous gift to the Bishop's Teaching Fund from Jim and Christine Allen, we are able to offer this learning event for a \$5.00 registration fee. To attend, submit the registration form and payment by Monday, October 19, 2020. Registered participants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting the evening before the event. This event is planned to be highly participatory, making recording it unworkable.

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/3frurL7>

Schedule:

October 26: 9:30am - 4:00pm (lunch break at 12pm)

October 27: 9:30am - 3:30pm (lunch break at 12pm)

If you have additional questions, please contact communications@mittensynod.org