Conflict Resolution Gathering Preparation

Goal of the meeting: to come to a place of resolution in the conflicts that are holding back Trinity Church.

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Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9

Be in prayer beforehand.

• Specifically ask God to prepare your heart to participate. Ask God to give you understanding and to show you your part in the conflict. Ask God to help you understand the other person's point of view and perspective. Ask God to give you His supernatural love for those you are in conflict with.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

• Ask God to help you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be dispassionate in the conversation, and to lay down your passion or emotion in order to engage the conversation in calmness and through a spirit of peace.

In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry... Ephesians 4:26

Pray for resolution and peace to the conflict you feel.

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• Pray for the person(s) you are in conflict with. Pray for them by name. Pray for God to love them and bless them. Pray for them to fulfill God's purpose for them in this world.

...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

• Pray for the unity of the body of Christ in your church and for the church as a whole to be all that God intends in the community.

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

• Pray for others to see this conflict settled and to glorify God as a result.

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Colossians 3:13