# **Bowen/Genogram Introduction/Refresher**

Monday, January 26, in the afternoon, there will be a pre-conference introduction to Bowen Family Systems and genograms both in-person and online. Those who have not previously participated in LDTFS/ACC or would like a refresher (particularly if you do not have a recently updated genogram) are encouraged to attend.

#### **Prices**

- In-person retreat participant (hotel-style lodging, 3 meals/day starting with dinner Monday) \$1775
- In-person commuter retreat participant (lunch only) \$1000
- Online retreat participant \$900
- Intro to Bowen in-person or online \$150
- Guest (lodging with participant, 3 meals/day) \$625

# Registration

Registration opens May 1, 2025 at Impeacecenter.org.

# **Questions?**

Please feel free to reach out with any questions: admin@Impeacecenter.org.

## **Speaker/Topic Suggestions**

If you have any lecturers you'd like to hear from or topics you'd like to hear about, let us know via the QR code.





# CLERGY RETREAT

A 4-day Retreat for Clergy Grounded in Bowen Systems Theory Principles

JANUARY 27-30, 2026 EPWORTH BY THE SEA RETREAT CENTER ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA

SEE YOU IN GEORGIA IN JANUARY!

#### Thank You!

Thank you for participating in Leadership Development through Family Systems (LDTFS) and/ or Advanced Clergy Clinic (ACC). Your presence at these events has enriched and enlivened them.

### **Behold A New Thing**

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is in a season of prayerful discernment and evaluation of our ministry. In this time, we have sensed God is leading us to reshape ACC. Therefore, at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 cycle, ACC will become a 4-day event: The Lombard Clergy Retreat.

## Why?

The Clergy Retreat is the outgrowth of several needs LMPC has seen in our work with clergy and churches.

- Clergy continuing education funds are becoming more limited as church finances grow tighter.
  Moving to an annual event, rather than a triannual event, helps with affordability which we hope will also enable greater participation.
- Relatedly, although The Clergy Retreat will be offered online, we believe the richness of an inperson shared experience is invaluable for clergy growth and well-being. The Clergy Retreat will be held at a retreat center which we hope will foster easier, less-expensive travel and greater opportunity for connectivity.

- The Clergy Retreat will explore the growing edges of Bowen Family Systems Theory. Two guest lecturers will speak to issues relevant to clergy and churches today. If you have a guest speaker from whom you'd like to learn or topics in which you'd be interested, scan the QR code on the back of this flyer to submit your thoughts.
- We frequently hear how important the Family of Origin (FOO) groups are to ACC participants and, therefore, The Clergy Retreat will include them as well.
- Participants will also have the opportunity to stay in touch throughout the year through short bimonthly online gatherings.

#### Where?

We plan to hold The Clergy Retreat in a warm, relaxing location each year. The inaugural event will be held on St. Simons Island, Georgia, which frequently tops lists of the most beautiful coastal destinations in the country. More specifically, we will be at Epworth By the Sea, a retreat center with hotel style lodging just steps from the beach.

# **Bring a Guest!**

We hope you'll invite colleagues to join you as retreat participants. Loved ones are also welcome to spend the week at Epworth enjoying the beautiful surroundings and activities (golf, biking, pickle ball, beach combing, and more).