

FROM CONTENTION TO COLLABORATION: Renewing a Spirit of Trust in Challenging Times
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PART ONE Foundations for Context

1. Speaking Ourselves Present
2. When Trust Breaks Down
3. Ecclesial Authority and Communal Discernment
4. What is the Church? Where is the Church?
“Outside the Structures of the Church but Inside the Mission of the Church

Break-Out Groups: Share one Story of Challenge and one story of Hope
Large Group Dialog

BREAK 3-5 minutes

PART TWO

1. Ministry in the Midst of Uncertainty: Speaking Our Parishioners Present
2. Setting Trustworthy Environments to be Different Together: Decision Making
3. Being Empowered for Flexible, Creative Ministry

BREAK 3-5 minutes

4. Seven Responses to Conflict: Avoidance, Confrontation, Competition, Control, Accommodation, Compromise, Collaboration
5. Lifelong Learning for Everyone: Contextual Education
“Free us from fear to learn from each other. Give us God’s grace to be Different Together”

Break-Out Groups: Collegiality and Support: What do you need from me? What can I give to you?
Large Group Dialog

Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist Books

Church Conflict: From Contention to Collaboration (Abingdon)
Transforming Leadership (with Craig Nesson) (Fortress)
Open the Doors and See All the People (Augsburg/Fortress)
The Church as Learning Community (Abingdon)
The Difficult But Indispensable Church (Fortress)
Seventy Images of Grace in the Epistles (Wipf and Stock)

All of these books are available in print or electronically.