

# *Struggling with conflict*



## Get life-changing help to deal with conflict in 2015

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# Why would you come to PeaceWise training?

Dear friend,

**You and I struggle with conflict – often multiple times a day! Yet how many times do we turn to the deep and practical wisdom of the Bible as the basis for working out how to respond?**

PeaceWise training equips you to handle conflict constructively, redemptively and using proven strategies, which have brought resolution and restoration to countless disputes and relationships.

## **In this training, you will:**

- learn a simple but powerful framework for responding to conflict in your life (and, for the higher level trainings, learn how to help others deal with conflict in their lives)
- discover gracious ways to deal with difficult people
- be trained in how to give a truly effective apology and what genuine forgiveness looks like in practice
- see the incredible witness potential of building a culture of peace in your community – whether church, school, workplace or otherwise
- be inspired by the practical wisdom of the Bible and the power of the gospel to bring hope and change in the face of conflict.

**By doing this training, you can become a better parent, minister, teacher, leader, change-agent, neighbour or friend – because we all need to learn these biblically based life-skills as we face conflict through our lives.**

And why not bring a group along, so that you can help build a culture of peace right where you are?

I warmly encourage you to come and be inspired by this life-changing training.

With God's blessing,



Bruce Burgess  
National Director



PeaceWise exists to provide practical help and real hope to a conflict weary world. We help individuals, organisations and communities learn life-changing biblical peacemaking principles and build cultures of peace.

We teach personal peacemaking and conflict resolution skills, act as conciliators in real conflict situations and share the reconciling power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All our teaching has a strong biblical foundation, and we seek to be instruments of God's love in all that we do.

***“Every Christian everywhere should do this training!”*** Past course participant





# PeaceWise 2015 training program

As all training builds upon earlier principles, PeaceWise training must be undertaken in the following sequence:  
Personal peacemaking > Conflict coaching > Mediation > Advanced mediation

## Canberra Lead trainer: Wendy Konemann

Hughes Baptist Church, Hughes 8:30am to 5pm

DATES	COURSE DETAILS
Mon 25 May	Personal Peacemaking
Tues 26 & Wed 27 May	Conflict Coaching

## Sydney Lead trainer: Bruce Burgess

Salvation Army Congress Hall, Sydney City 8:30am to 5pm

DATES	COURSE DETAILS
Mon 1 June	Personal Peacemaking
Tues 2 & Wed 2 June	Conflict Coaching
Thurs 4 & Fri 5 June	Mediation
Mon 7 to Wed 9 Sept	Advanced Mediation

## Brisbane Lead trainer: Elenne Ford

Royal Geographical Society of Qld, Milton 8:30am to 5pm

DATES	COURSE DETAILS
Mon 15 June	Personal Peacemaking
Tues 16 & Wed 17 June	Conflict Coaching
Thurs 18 & Fri 19 June	Mediation

## Adelaide Lead trainer: Steve Frost

Adelaide College of Ministries, Klemzig 8:30am to 5pm

DATES	COURSE DETAILS
Mon 10 August	Personal Peacemaking
Tues 11 & Wed 12 August	Conflict Coaching
Thurs 13 & Fri 14 August	Mediation

## Darwin Lead trainer: Elenne Ford

Darwin Baptist Church, Ludmilla 8:30am to 5pm

DATES	COURSE DETAILS
Sat 15 August	Personal Peacemaking
Mon 17 & Tues 18 August	Conflict Coaching
Wed 19 & Thurs 20 August	Mediation

## Perth Lead trainer: Ted Kober

Woodvale Baptist Church, Woodvale 8:30am to 5pm

DATES	COURSE DETAILS
Mon 24 August	Personal Peacemaking
Tues 25 & Wed 26 August	Conflict Coaching
Thurs 27 & Fri 28 August	Mediation

## Melbourne Lead trainer: Ted Kober

New Hope Baptist Church, Blackburn North 8:30am to 5pm

DATES	COURSE DETAILS
Mon 31 August	Personal Peacemaking
Tues 1 & Wed 2 Sept	Conflict Coaching
Thurs 3 & Fri 4 Sept	Mediation

## What's included?

- morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- all course materials (apart from a copy of *The Peacemaker* - required for all levels above Personal peacemaking)
- certificate of attendance

For persons such as those in full-time pastoral ministry, teachers, counsellors and lawyers, if the content of the training is relevant to your professional development or continuing accreditation or education requirements, you may claim one 'unit' for each hour of attendance, subject to the rules of the relevant program.

## And what are the costs?

SESSION	Days of training	Training level	Early bird group	Early bird individual	Regular group	Regular delegate	Concession delegate
Personal peacemaking	1	Core principles	\$132	\$152	\$152	\$172	\$86
Conflict coaching	2	Foundational skills	\$314	\$354	\$354	\$394	\$197
Mediation	2	Foundational skills	\$374	\$414	\$414	\$454	\$227
Advanced mediation	3	Advanced	\$478	\$538	\$538	\$598	\$299

\* Concession rate is for full-time students and concession cardholders.

## Early-bird and group discounts

For early-bird discounts, you need to register and pay at least 2 months before the date of the training you are registering for. Group discounts only apply for groups of 5 or more **regular** delegates who book together as one group at the same time.

# PeaceWise trainer profiles



BRUCE BURGESS

Bruce Burgess is the National Director of PeaceWise and is Australia's first Certified Christian Conciliator™. He holds degrees in Arts, Law, Christian Studies and Theology. Bruce's peacemaking work has led him to become involved in teaching and working with schools, workplace disputes, church and para-church based conflict, and victim-offender cases. He has also served as a consultant and trainer for the Baptist Union of NSW and ACT and the interdenominational ministry organisation, Christian Growth Ministries, and is a visiting lecturer for Morling College in the area of Christians and conflict.



ELENNE FORD

Elenne Ford is the Queensland Director of PeaceWise and is also a practising barrister-at-law. In 2002, Elenne undertook secular mediation training as well as mediation training with Peacemaker Ministries and has recently become a Certified Christian Conciliator™ with Peacemaker Ministries. Elenne has been involved in mediating various church, organisational and marriage conflicts both in Australia and in the United States and has provided extensive biblical peacemaking training to churches and Christian schools around Australia.



STEVE FROST

Steve Frost has been helping people in conflict for twenty years, working as a lawyer, mediator, conflict coach and trainer. He is the founder of Horizons Community Legal Centre, a charity that helps families with entrenched high conflict and domestic violence resolve disputes. As part of this work, Steve pioneered the delivery of legal assistance to families undertaking mediation through Family Relationship Centres in NSW. Steve is a graduate and current Board member of Morling College and delights in helping people learn how to navigate conflict in a manner consistent with Christian faith.



TED KOBER

Ted Kober is founder and president of Ambassadors of Reconciliation, an internationally renowned peacemaking ministry. Speaking to church leaders from six continents, Ted presents seminars on biblical peacemaking, providing in-service education for educational faculties, training denominational leaders, pastors and other church leaders in reconciliation ministries, and leading board governance workshops. As a Certified Christian Conciliator™, Ted provides consulting for business, church and school leaders and serves on reconciliation panels in a wide variety of cases.



WENDY KONEMANN

Wendy Konemann is the NSW Director of PeaceWise and is also a practising Christian counsellor specialising in marriage counselling, conflict coaching and mediations. Wendy undertook the PeaceWise training in 2011 and is in the process of becoming a Certified Christian Conciliator™ with Peacemaker Ministries. Wendy has mediated organisational and marriage conflicts both in Australia and in the United States and has provided biblical peacemaking training to churches and Christian schools around Australia. She has been a conference speaker at events in Australia and the United States.

*“So refreshing to be in the company of facilitators who are passionate, demonstrating deep faith and communicating with head and heart”*  
Julian, past course participant

*“The love of God flowed through you today, changing the lives of many.”*  
Past course participant

*“Great adult learning strategies, interactive, varied, visual, creative and personal”*  
Catherine, past course participant



# What will you learn in each course?

## Personal peacemaking

### Level: Core principles

The first step in becoming a peacemaker is to learn how to respond to conflict biblically and reconcile relationships in your own life. This seminar will help you learn to address conflict in your own life and to breathe grace into difficult situations. You will also learn to respond to conflict in a way that will glorify God, serve others and help you become more like Christ.

This level of training is relevant for all Christians, and will help you develop a culture of peace in your church, school, workplace, ministry, family or community.

## Conflict coaching

### Level: Foundational skills

Foundational skills training provides the training you will need to effectively help people with most conflicts. The purpose of the conflict coaching training is to equip you to help others resolve conflict and reconcile relationships without your direct involvement in the conflict. This training will teach you how to provide encouragement, godly advice, prayer, support and informal instruction in basic peacemaking to an individual who is struggling with a conflict. You use conflict coaching skills any time you offer advice or your opinion to a friend, family member or neighbour on how to respond to a conflict.

## Mediation

### Level: Foundational skills

Mediation training is the second part of the Foundational skills training. Through the mediation portion of the training, you will learn skills and processes for reconciling two or more people who cannot resolve a conflict on their own. This training is provided by experienced conciliators and gives special attention to communication and problem-solving skills that are needed for effective mediation. It also addresses some of the problems that are more frequently encountered during mediation.

## Advanced mediation

### Level: Advanced

This training is designed to develop your mediation skills in more difficult conflicts that may have more parties and issues, with more intensity and complexity. Time is devoted to dealing with common 'what next?!' dilemmas and the role plays in this training involve extended opportunity to develop your mediation skills using the distinctively biblically-based framework that distinguishes this training from secular approaches.

This training is credited by Peacemaker Ministries as a component of its Certified Christian Conciliator Program, which is a professional conciliator accreditation program that requires acceptance by application, and then extensive practical experience, on-going education and client and mentor evaluation.

*“Very engaging and passionate, honest and encouraging. I definitely leave with greater hope and a renewed perspective on conflict – thank you.”* Past course participant



Register online at  
[peacewise.org.au](http://peacewise.org.au)

## More about PeaceWise...

PeaceWise Ltd is a cross-denominational not for profit ministry established in 2007. PeaceWise is a registered charity with the ATO.

We are a Christian, national, cross-denominational, not for profit ministry which has representatives and works across Australia.

We are all people who have seen first-hand what happens when conflict escalates and results in hearings before courts and tribunals. We have also seen the amazing positive changes in lives and relationships that can occur when people allow God to work in their hearts in how they deal with conflict. We have seen confessions that were never thought possible, expressions of love and forgiveness that seemed beyond hope, and relationships restored that seemed broken beyond repair.

We believe that biblical peacemaking is the most hope-filled, practical and profound approach to dealing with conflict

available to people, and it is the sharing and equipping of people to use these principles that is at the heart of what PeaceWise is about. We are advocates for deeply Christian conflict resolution – addressing both the material issues AND the relationship issues as well.

Whilst our ministry is primarily directed at assisting Christians to approach conflict from a biblical perspective, we have seen the impact of the ministry of PeaceWise in the broader community as people see “the love that we have one for another” being practised and not just preached.

Please visit our website where you'll find a wealth of helpful information and answers to many frequently asked questions.

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*“It was great to see so clearly that the Gospel was driving every aspect of the course”*  
Mark, past course participant

