## **Differences Matter**



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Alice Mann, Senior Consultant, the Alban Institute

"William Kondrath presents an approach to community transformation that values feelings, imagination, and relationship employing relational theory as a new paradigm to understanding what the real stumbling blocks are to community transformation.

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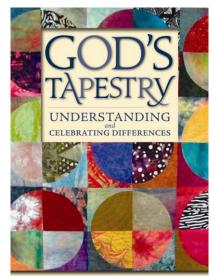


## **Board Retreats**

Congregational Workshops

**Clergy Retreats** 

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Transformation through Appreciating Differences

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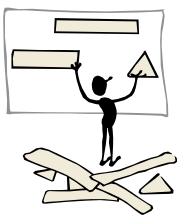


### Appreciating Differences Adds Value

People are often afraid of differences. Yet from the beginning God created us male and female. Two difficulties arise when we try to understand and celebrate differences: emotions may overwhelm or confuse us and power variables affect how we interact across differences. We can learn to overcome these difficulties and add value to our congregations and organizations. Workshops and retreats are tailored for your circumstances and history.

#### Themes

- Guidelines for Recognizing and Valuing Differences
- Understanding Power and Differences
- Affective Competence: The Role of Feelings in Individual and Community Transformation
- **4** Imagination in Transformation
- Relational Theory as a Way of Valuing Differences
- Transforming the Way Women and Men Work Together
- Change Theory and the Rhythms of Transformation



#### Board Retreats & Congregational Workshops

Designs can include one-day, two-day, or overnight. On-going consultation and executive coaching are also available.

#### **Clergy Retreats**

Work with planning committee to coordinate worship with topics. For larger groups, an additional trainer is recommended.

### **Executive Coaching**

Enhance leadership skills for ongoing personal and community transformation.

To discuss possible designs for a workshop or retreat, call Bill Kondrath at 781-793-9770.

Workshops and retreats are highly interactive so participants are engaged and learning is deep, enduring, and transferable to multiple contexts.