

**For all Pastors, Elders, Deacons, CRE/CPs and other Servants**

## **Relational Wisdom and Biblical Peacemaking**

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**Kristen Maloney** is a retired mediator and attorney based in Oakland, California. She is a Certified Christian Conciliator and Relational Wisdom Instructor. As a conciliator, Kristen has helped churches, individuals, and Christian organizations apply relational wisdom and biblical peacemaking principles to resolving conflict and reconciling relationships. She teaches relational wisdom and peacemaking in seminars and workshops throughout the United States. Kristen also trains others to serve as coaches and mediators using a biblical peacemaking model.

Kristen recently retired from her private secular mediation practice and her role on the mediation panel for the U.S. District Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution program in San Francisco. She currently serves as a Board member for Vital Church Ministry, a non-profit organization that serves churches and church denominations that are undergoing leadership transitions. Vital Church provides diagnostic services and intentional interim pastors to help churches navigate change and revitalize ministry.

Kristen and her husband Graham have been married more than 40 years, have 2 adult children, 1 granddaughter, and a grandson due to arrive in December!

**When:** *Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm*  
*Saturday, November 18 – 9:00 to 11:30 am; 1:00 to 4:30 pm*

**Where:** *Zoom only on Thursday and Friday – Register on the links below:*

Thursday <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAuceyhqTojH9b1zBjGBMK4WrEMInVLUuCz>

Friday <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZModeqqpzsrHNPku57DxdPM2mErr08q06Em>

Saturday **In person at FirstPres, Hayward: 2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley, CA 94546**  
or <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYkd-qprj4uG9LQzPugCoxnfY04JThVBJ9L>

**Cost:** *\$100 for credit* for Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidates  
*\$40 to audit* and open to all

**Class Description:** This class will introduce and amplify two foundational courses developed by Ken Sande of Relational Wisdom 360: “Discovering Relational Wisdom” and “Relational Peacemaking”. The RW360 website defines these skill sets as follows: “**Relational Wisdom**, in essence, is the desire and ability to obey Jesus’ timeless command, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... and love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:37-39). To put it another way, relational wisdom (“RW”) is a theological paradigm that combines the gospel, the wisdom-principles of scripture and our God-given capacity for ‘emotional intelligence’ into a discipleship paradigm for developing skills that strengthen relationships and prevent conflict. **Relational Peacemaking** is a systematic theology for resolving conflict and reconciling people. This training is based on Ken Sande’s book, *The Peacemaker*, which has sold over 500,000 copies in 20 languages and is organized under four key principles (the “4 G’s”): **Glorify** God, **Get** the Log Out of Your Own Eye, **Gently** Restore and **Go** and Be Reconciled.”

This seminar will incorporate instructional teaching, as well as movie video clips to illustrate the principles and skills introduced. There will be plenty of class discussion, as well as a hands-on workshop on Saturday to practice applying the principles and skills you’ll be learning. *Please see the next page for important readings prior to class.*

**Questions:** Contact Phil Arzino, CRE/CP Manager, [cre-cpprogram@sfpby.org](mailto:cre-cpprogram@sfpby.org), 510-828-5596

## **The Holy Scripture – Sacred and Practical**

### **Further information for CRE/CP Students**

#### **Pre-Class Reading/Assignment:**

Required:

- “The Peacemaker” by Ken Sande (available from [Amazon](#))
- “The Relationally Wise Leader”, a 2-part video (total running time 2 hours), available at no charge at [www.RW-academy.org/courses](http://www.RW-academy.org/courses)
- “Relational Wisdom Pamphlet”, available at no charge at [RW360Brochure\\_REV0318.pdf](#)

Recommended:

- “Approachability: A Passport to Effective Ministry and Leadership”, and  
“Guiding People Through Conflict”.

Both are available at the CP/CRE Student Folder and are also free downloads from the RW website:

- Go to <https://rw360.org>
- Under “Resources”, select “Free Downloads”
- Scroll down to “Leadership and Pastoral Ministry

#### **Post-Class Assignment: TBD**

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