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With more than 30 years of pastoral experience, John provides a shepherding influence on parties in conflict. With degrees from Fort Wayne Bible College (B.A. 1987) and Covenant Theological Seminary (M.Div. 1998) he has led churches in Illinois and Missouri. He currently serves as the Executive Pastor of Discipleship at First Free Church in St. Louis MO. In this role he provides teaching, training, and leadership to multiple ministries, including lay counseling and mediation.

Through Level Path Ministries, he provides conflict coaching and mediation. Areas of focus include workplace, marital, divorce, non-profit organizational, church, family, and elder care related conflicts.

He also provides pastoral counseling that helps individuals, couples, and families facing a wide range of personal, emotional, spiritual or relational issues. He has extensive experience working with pastors, missionaries, and others in vocational ministry.

Mediation Training

- Mediation Training, Peacemaker Ministries, 2004
- Conflict Coaching Training, Peacemaker Ministries, 2005
- Reconciling Marital Conflict, Peacemaker Ministries, 2007
- Reconciling Church Conflict, Peacemaker Ministries, 2009
- Completed 40 hours of family and civil mediation training pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rules 17 and 88 (2011)

Professional Affiliations

- Certified Christian Conciliator with the Institute of Christian Conciliation
- Board Certified Pastoral Counselor with the International Board of Christian Counselors
- Member of the Association of Missouri Mediators
- Board of Directors of the Association of Missouri Mediators
- Ordained in the Evangelical Free Church of America
- Certified to administer and interpret the Taylor –Johnson Temperament Analysis
- Certified to administer and interpret the PREPARE/ENRICH Marital Assessment

Teaching and Presentations

John has provided training and presentations to churches, retreats, conferences, and seminars including:

- Responding to Conflict webinar
- Workplace Conflict Resolution
- Introduction to Reconciling Marital Conflict
- Forgiveness and Relational Reconciliation in the Mediation Process

- The Pastor-Mediator
- Conflict Coaching and Mediation
- Apology in the Mediation Process
- Reconciling Marital Conflict
- Mediation Relational Issues in Marriage
- Understanding Issues, Positions, and Interests
- Grief in the Mediation Process

John lives with his wife, Sarah, in St. Louis where he enjoys hiking, camping, and fishing. They have three children.