



**Northern Illinois Conference**  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**ROCKFORD/DEKALB  
CLERGY WORKSHOP**

A group of stylized human figures in white and yellow, arranged in a circle, set against a light gray background.

**LISTEN.**

# "Protecting our Mission in Polarized Times"

A collection of white and light gray 3D blocks and cubes scattered on a light gray surface.

**SPEAK.**

2020 has been a year like no other in our nation. We have been bombarded with COVID-19, rampant racial discord, unprecedented political divide, and significant mistrust of the "other." These same challenges plague our beloved United Methodist Church.

Braver Angels workshops teach skills for listening and speaking in today's polarized environment and create the experience of bringing together conservatives and liberals for a structured conversation that promotes understanding and relationship, searches for common ground, and maps differences accurately rather than based on stereotype.

**Register at [umcnic.org/calendar/rockforddekalb-clergy-workshop](https://umcnic.org/calendar/rockforddekalb-clergy-workshop)**

**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 24  
9 AM TO 12 NOON**

A stylized illustration of two human figures standing on a path that leads up a hill. The path is made of dark gray blocks, and the hillside is light gray.

**UNIFY.**