

Restorative Justice Conference

To what extent can Restorative Justice practice help transform the way we do justice and heal the social fabric of our communities? Top practitioners in the field will look at the current state of this question providing analyses of problems and prospects, and narratives of hope.

When: June 1 & 2, 2001

Where: Assembly Room • Seminary adjacent to Fresno Pacific University

*Cost: \$75.00 before May 17th
\$90.00 after May 17th*

Credit: Undergraduate, Graduate or Continuing Education Credit available (call for additional information)

Speakers:

Allan MacRae has been the Youth Justice Coordinator in Wellington, New Zealand since 1994. He has facilitated over 800 Family Group Conferences. MacRae worked with Police Youth Aid and is co-receiver of the Supreme KPMG National Award (2000) for developing an innovative approach to reduce youth offending. This practice is to be adopted throughout New Zealand.

Rosemary Rowlands is a member of the wolf clan in Whitehorse, Yukon. She is the founder of the Kwanlin Dun Project (one of the earliest, most comprehensive Community Justice programs in the Yukon). Rowlands is a part-time Policy Analyst for the Territorial Government and is a Justice of the Peace for the Yukon Territorial courts. She is a certified mediator, trainer and facilitator.

Howard Zehr is Professor of Sociology and Restorative Justice in the Conflict Transformation Program at Eastern Mennonite University. He is the author of many books, including **Changing Lenses**, a foundational work in the growing restorative justice movement. Zehr lectures and consults internationally on restorative justice and VORP, and is considered "the grandfather of restorative justice."

Jim Consedine has been a Catholic Priest for over 20 years. He is the author of the book **Restorative Justice: Healing the Effects of Crime**. In 1999 he was the keynote speaker for the world conference of prison chaplains held in Mexico City. Consedine is known internationally for his speaking and writing.

Conference Agenda


Friday, June 1st

- 7:45am Registration and Refreshments
- 8:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 Plenary Address: "Restorative Justice - the State of the Field"
Howard Zehr
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Plenary Address: "The New Zealand Model of Family Group Conferencing"
Allan MacRae
- 11:30 Luncheon in Ashley Auditorium with Jim Consedine: "Restorative Justice: Healing the Effects of Crime" (*Open to the public • Lunch \$10.00 • Preregistration required by May 25, 2001*)
- 1:00 Workshops: "Systemic Change through Restorative Justice" in Schools, Probation, Department of Social Services, Churches, VORP
- 2:45 Break
- 3:15 Plenary Address: "A Systemic Shift to Embrace Healing, Relationship Building and Holistic Processes"
Rosemary Rowlands
- 4:15 Closing Panel: "Restorative Justice Framework-Fresno"
- 5:00 Adjourn

Saturday, June 2nd

- 8:30am Registration and Refreshments
- 9:00 Plenary Address: "Restorative Justice: Rooted in the Community"
Allan MacRae
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Plenary Address: "Journey to Belonging"
Howard Zehr
- 11:30 Conference Luncheon in Ashley Auditorium (*included in conference fee*)
Plenary Address: "Stories from the Yukon"
Rosemary Rowlands
- 1:45 Workshops
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Concluding Panel
Howard Zehr, Rosemary Rowlands, Allan MacRae, Ron Claassen, Elaine Enns
- 4:30 Adjourn

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 **REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE.** To register by phone, call the Center for Peacemaking during business hours (559) 455-5840 or toll free (800) 909-8677. To register by mail, please send in the registration form and payment to: Restorative Justice Project • 1717 S. Chestnut Ave. • Fresno, CA 93702

Restorative Justice Pre-Conference Training

Restorative Justice has an important and hopeful message for how we can respond constructively to hurts and violations throughout our society. Restorative Justice methods and practices are still emerging. Early evaluation indicates that the victim, offender and their communities prefer Restorative Justice.

Who should come?

Restorative Justice is for everyone who has responsibility for working with people where one feels they have been injured by the other. This certainly includes all aspects of the criminal justice system as well as aspects of social services and law enforcement. Restorative Justice is also for parents, clergy and especially teachers.

When: May 31, 2001

*Where: Wiebe Ed. Center, Rm. 218
Fresno Pacific University*

Time: 8:00-4:00pm

Cost: \$50.00 (Lunch Included)

Topics:

- What is Restorative Justice?
- Restorative & Retributive Justice: Comparisons and Contrasts
- Principles of Restorative Justice
- A Peacemaking Model
- Victim/Offender Mediation and Community Justice Conferencing-Demonstration
- Restorative Justice in schools, homes, workplaces, congregations, etc.
- Evaluation Tools
- Personal perspectives from Fresno County Sheriff and Probation Departments, Private Attorney/Peacemaker

Trainers:

Ron Claassen, M.A., M.Div. is the Co-director of the Center for Peacemaking and a member of the faculty at Fresno Pacific University. He has been a teacher, pastor, consultant, trainer and mediator in church, business, school and victim-offender settings. Claassen is also the founder of Fresno's VORP of the Central Valley.

Elaine Enns, M.A., Th. is a mediator, educator and trainer in the fields of conflict transformation and restorative justice, providing services for victims and offenders, families, churches, schools, and organizations. She is director of the Restorative Justice Project (at FPU) and also program director of Los Angeles VORP.