

# 7th Annual Restorative Justice Conference

## APOLOGY, PARDON AND FORGIVENESS

### Summary

“We have been in the presence of a great soul,” keynote speaker David Augsburger summarized the feelings of many of us in response to Lawrence Hart’s riveting and poignant presentation on his journey as a Cheyenne Peace Chief.

Augsburger, Hart and Lisa Rea set the tone as **keynote speakers** at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Restorative Justice Conference, February 25-26, 2000, “Apology, Pardon and Forgiveness.” Augsburger, professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Fuller Theological Seminary, examined the psychological, cultural and relational characteristics of apology, forgiveness and hate. Hart, a traditional Cheyenne Peace Chief in the Council of Forty-Four, related the long and often painful history of Cheyenne peacemaking, focusing particularly on the great Black Kettle. Hart then placed his own journey in the context of this extraordinary legacy.

Rea, a Restorative Justice Consultant, works with Prison Fellowship International testing and modifying the Sycamore Tree Project. As one of our **case studies**, Rea described the Sycamore Tree project working with inmates and victims in a Texas prison. In a second case study, Ron Claassen and Elaine Enns, Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies, Phil Kader, Fresno County Probation and Jay Griffith, Fresno VORP presented “Fresno Community Justice Conferencing.”

**Workshop leaders** from a variety of different professions and perspectives brought practical application to the theme. “Apology, Pardon and Forgiveness” was addressed from the Legal Practice, Probation Works, Schools, Church, Family and Couples Therapy, Griefwork and Restorative Justice Legislation.

More than 130 conference **participants** came from a wide spectrum of professions and interest; criminal justice officials (California Youth Authority, probation, police and sheriff departments), teachers, students and school administrators, mental health workers, clergy and lay people, and directors, staff and mediators from Community Mediation Centers and Victim Offender Reconciliation Programs.

“The conference featured a remarkable collection of individuals with weight of character that shined through,” said one participant. “I feel inspired and encouraged,” said another participant, “I realize how much more I want to understand and integrate in the area of communication, collaborative conflict resolution and authenticity.”



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- Tape #1: "Mea Culpa: The Psychology of Apology" - David Augsburg
- Tape #2: "Case Study: Restorative Justice in Prison" - Lisa Rea
- Tape #3: "The Cheyenne Way of Restorative Justice"- Lawrence Hart
- Tape #4: "Apology and Hate: Antidote for Animosity"- David Augsburg
- Tape #5: "Case Study: Fresno Community Justice Conferencing"- Panel
- Tape #6: "Concluding Panel: Apology, Pardon, Forgiveness and Restorative Justice"
- Tape #7: "Learning Forgiveness from Cheyenne Peace Chiefs" - Lawrence Hart

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