

# Restorative Justice Conference

## Theme: "Building the Restorative Community"

This conference is for professionals and lay people who are working to build their communities. Narrative accounts, analysis and practical solutions will be offered by a variety of practitioners.

**When:** October 25 & 26, 2002

**Where:** Seminary (Corner of Chestnut and Butler) adjacent to Fresno Pacific University

**Cost:** \$65.00 before Oct. 11, 2002  
\$80.00 after Oct. 11, 2002

*(Refreshments and Saturday lunch included)*

### Keynote Speaker:

**Dan Van Ness** is executive director of the International Centre for Justice and Reconciliation, a program of Prison Fellowship International. He has been active in criminal justice issues for over 30 years, as a lawyer, advocate, writer and teacher.

Dan lived in and practiced poverty law for six years on the West Side of Chicago in the late 1970s. In 1981 he moved to Washington DC to work with Prison Fellowship Ministries, a faith-based organization working with prisoners, ex-prisoners, victims and their families. While there, he established and directed its criminal justice reform affiliate, Justice Fellowship. During his 11 years with Justice Fellowship, he organized lobbying activities on sentencing reform and victim rights issues, researched and wrote on restorative justice and helped start a victim assistance organization.

### Co-Sponsored by:

- VORP of the Central Valley
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# Conference Agenda

## Friday, October 25

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments  
8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions  
9:00 a.m. Keynote Address: "Building the Restorative Community - Moving Toward Wholeness"  
*Dan Van Ness*
- 10:15 a.m. Break  
10:35 a.m. Plenary Session: "Building the California Restorative Justice Community"  
*A profile of California Victim/Offender programs by California program leaders*
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch  
1:15 p.m. Workshops: Building the Restorative Justice Community · Building the Restorative School · Building the Restorative Faith Community · Building the Restorative Civic Community, etc.
- 2:45 p.m. Break  
3:15 p.m. Plenary Session: "Building the Restorative Civic Community"  
*The Fresno Model and the Story of One School*
- 4:30 p.m. Plenary Session: Building the Restorative Community: Day End Conversation and Reflections  
5:00 p.m. Dinner Break
- 7:00 p.m. - Restoring a Nation: Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa  
9:00 p.m. *Film: "Long Night's Journey into Day - South Africa's Search for Truth & Reconciliation" - Four stories of persons involved in the healing of South Africa.*

## Saturday, October 26

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments  
9:00 a.m. Plenary Session: "Building the International Restorative Justice Community"  
*Dan Van Ness*
- 10:15 a.m. Break  
10:35 a.m. Plenary Session: Building the Restorative Faith Community: Lessons from Indonesia  
*Duane Ruth-Heffelbower - Recently on assignment in Indonesia*
- 11:45 a.m. Conference Luncheon  
*Luncheon Speaker - (To be announced)*
- 1:30 p.m. Workshops (repeat from Friday afternoon)  
2:45 p.m. Break  
3:15 p.m. Plenary Panel and Participant Conversation. "Building the Restorative Community: Learnings From the Past - Challenges for the Future"
- 4:15 p.m. Adjournment

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# 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 and aspects of social services and law enforcement. Restorative Justice is also for parents, clergy and especially teachers.

**When:** October 24, 2002

**Where:** Seminary adjacent to Fresno Pacific University

**Time:** 8:00-3:30 PM

**Cost:** \$35.00 (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

### Trainers:

**Ron Claassen, M.A., M.Div.**, is the Director of the Center for Peacemaking and a member of the faculty at Fresno Pacific University Graduate School. 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.

**Doug Noll - Attorney / Peacemaker**

**Charlotte Tilkes - Offender Programs Manager  
Fresno County Sheriff's Dept.**

**Phil Kader - Fresno County Probation Department  
Barbara Dodds - Victim Services/ Probation Dept.**

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- Pre-conference Training Only
- Conference Only
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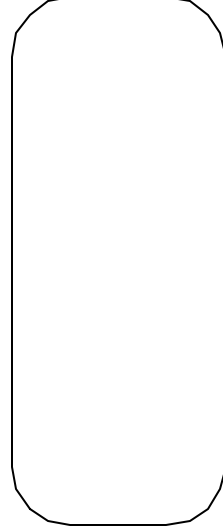
# Restorative Justice

- **Restorative Justice builds community by providing a constructive framework to guide our responses to crime, conflict, offensive behavior, violations and injustices.**
- **Restorative Justice is needed in our homes, schools, workplaces, churches and criminal justice system.**
- **Restorative Justice values all people.**
- **Restorative Justice seeks to repair damages, (re)establish dignity and (re)integrate all who were harmed and alienated.**  
*-Ron Claassen*
- **This conference will explore the broad application of Restorative Justice principles to community life.**  
*-Duane Ruth-Heffelbower*



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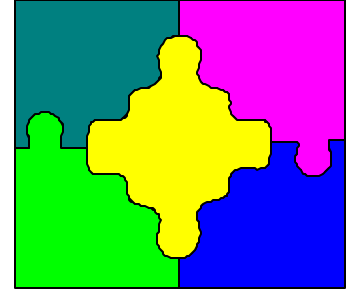
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