

The 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference of the  
International Institute for Restorative Practices

# CALL FOR PRESENTERS & ADVANCE NOTICE

Bethlehem 2009

## Restoring Community in a Disconnected World part 2



IIRP Graduate School

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA

October 21–23, 2009

Pre-conference Training Oct 19–20

Hotel Bethlehem | Central Moravian Church | IIRP Campus

**We invite you to attend our 2009 World Conference.  
Submit a presentation proposal by March 30.**

**Restoring community in a disconnected world.** We are living in an unprecedented social experiment. Never have so many lived so far from extended family or outside of traditional communities, where adults serve as collective parents for neighborhood children. Never have so many marriages ended in divided families, or so many elderly been relegated to unfamiliar surroundings. These developments have reduced our social capital — the relationships that bind us together and create a sense of community. We must find ways to deal with this profound loss of social connectedness and the resulting loss of civility, diminished behavioral boundaries and increased crime. Restorative practices can perform a critical role by helping to restore community and foster relationships in an increasingly disconnected world.

(Find out more about restorative practices at [iirp.org/whatisirp](http://iirp.org/whatisirp).)

**An interdisciplinary conference.** This conference will provide an international perspective on restorative practices theory and practice in a variety of settings, including education, social welfare, criminal justice, community development and workplaces. Restorative practitioners from around the world will share their knowledge and achievements and find encouragement, support and advice.

**Who should attend.** Social workers, teachers, school administrators, probation officers, police, researchers, community volunteers, criminologists, counselors, peacemakers, academicians, judges, public planners, corrections officers and others.

**A participatory experience.** Most IIRP conference presenters are not professional speakers. Aside from a few featured speakers (see sidebar) and videos, our conferences are created by you and others like you who have submitted proposals to present in 50-minute breakout sessions. We encourage you to share your experiences and knowledge. No formal papers are required. Presenters receive a reduced registration rate.

**Go to [iirp.org/beth09](http://iirp.org/beth09) or use form on reverse.**

### Featured Speakers

**Howard Zehr**, restorative justice pioneer and author of the influential *Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice*, will present a talk entitled “The Call of Restorative Justice: Tapping and Sustaining the Moral Energy.”



**Wilma Derksen** will describe a victim advocate’s approach to restorative justice.

**Frank Fruchtel** will discuss the use of family group conferencing in Germany.

**Jennifer Llewelyn** will report on Nova Scotia’s provincial restorative justice initiative.

**Estelle MacDonald** will talk about the progress of Hull, UK, in building a restorative city.

**A panel of educators from West Philadelphia High School, including Principal Saliyah Cruz**, will discuss the use of restorative practices in an urban American school.

**CALL FOR PRESENTERS**



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**Submit your proposal for a 50-minute session by March 30, 2009** online at [iirp.org/beth09](http://iirp.org/beth09) — or send this completed form, via postal service, to IIRP, PO Box 229, Bethlehem, PA 18016-0229, USA, or fax to 1-610-807-0423. Include the following:

- (1) **a brief biography, including relevant information about your work, for each presenter** (50–75 words each, in paragraph form), to be published in the conference program book. Bios longer than 75 words will be edited for length.
- (2) **a brief summary of your session** (100–150 words, in paragraph form), to be published in the conference program book. When writing your summary, please consider that conference participants will be determining their breakout session choices based largely on session summaries. Summaries longer than 150 words will be edited for length.

For items 1 and 2, please specify the locales of programs and organizations mentioned and define any abbreviations or acronyms.

- (3) **answers to the following questions** (1–2 paragraphs each):
  - (a) Who is the prospective audience for your proposed session?
  - (b) How does your session relate to restorative practices?
- (4) **copies of this form for co-presenters' contact information**, specifying the primary contact.

**Please note:** Applicants will be notified by May 15, 2009. Presenters are expected to register for the three-day conference by June 26, 2009, at the special reduced rate of US \$290 (regular rate US \$350). Presenters are responsible for their own travel and lodging. Two presenters for each presentation can register for the conference at the reduced rate. Additional co-presenters must pay the full registration fee.

**Please print clearly:**

**Session Title** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please keep to 10–15 words or less. Your session title should both be descriptive and spark participants' interest.)

**Presenter's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  Primary Contact

**Job Title/Role** \_\_\_\_\_ **Agency/Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Audiovisual Equipment**

We will provide the following in all breakout rooms:

- » Digital video projector
- » Projection screen
- » Multimedia/computer speakers
- » Whiteboard or flipchart with markers

*You must bring your own computer for PowerPoint presentations.*

**Optional AV Requests**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **DVD player**  
Do not select if you will use your computer to show a DVD.  
DVD region coding must be Region 0/All or Region 1—USA/Canada.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Overhead projector** for transparencies/acetates