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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

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We invite you to attend our 2009 World Conference.

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/whatisrp.)

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.

More information at iirp.org/beth09

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.