

Restorative Practice Resources for School Educators

What are Restorative Practices?

Restorative practices seek to repair harm through transformative encounters that model Jesus' reconciling way.

“**Circle process**” or “**peacemaking circles**” have been used for generations in indigenous communities to address conflict and allow communities to live in right-relationship with one another. Circles can be used in instances of harm, but also for storytelling, learning, and community building.

Victim-Offender Dialogue is a facilitated encounter that brings together the person(s) responsible for harm and the person(s) directly affected, as well as family members and support people. Together, the group explores the impacts of the harm and what needs to be done to make things right.

One Page Handouts

[ABC's of Restorative Living](#)

[Common Circle Values](#)

[Circle Dynamics: Putting Values Into Practice](#)

[Balancing Relationship Building and Problem Solving](#)

[Circle Roots](#)

[General Circle Format](#)

[Circle Guidelines](#)

[Circle Principles](#)

[Fundamental Circle Values](#)

Recommended Books and Manuals for Restorative Practices

[Paths of Renewed Encounter - A Restorative Justice Engagement Guide for Catholic Communities](#)

[Heart of Hope: A Guide for Using Peacemaking Circles to Develop Emotional Literacy, Promote Healing and Build Healthy Relationships](#) by Carolyn Boyes-Watson and Kay Pranis

[Little Book of Restorative Justice](#) by Howard Zehr

[Little Book of Circle Process](#) by Kay Pranis

[Little Book of Family Group Conferences](#) by Allan McRae & Howard Zehr

[Little Book of Restorative Justice Discipline for Schools](#) by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz and Judy H. Mullet

[Peacemaking Circles: From Community to Conflict](#) by Kay Pranis, Barry Stuart, and Mark Wedge

Tools

[Restorative Questions Card](#)

[Essential Elements for Constructing the Circle](#) by Kay Pranis

[Circle Outline & Prep Sheet - Community Building Circle](#)

[Restorative Justice Resources for Educators](#)

“There is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.” (Pope Francis “Fratelli Tutti” 225)