

We are pleased to introduce the theme for **Restorative Justice Week 2010: “Reflexions Past, Present and Future”**

**From November 14th to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC) in collaboration with Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) calls on Canada and the world to acknowledge and celebrate the impacts and achievements of Restorative Justice. This year, Restorative Justice Week will provide an opportunity to reflect on where we have been, where we are now and where we are going.**

In past years, themes such as “Wisdom Gained Through Experience”; “Creative Partnerships & Collaborative Action”; “Fostering a Restorative Worldview” and last years’ theme “Communities Responding to Human Needs” expressed the kind of restorative justice we are aspiring to attain. We have evolved in different ways and have come to recognize the importance of working together to make a difference. We have seen important changes throughout the years and have accomplished a great deal.

Over the past ten years, we have come together as a community in conferences, trainings and symposia, and have explored ways to use our voices for justice and true peacemaking. We are taking action and taking care of one another. The alliances and partnerships formed across Canada provided opportunities to introduce restorative justice principles, values, and initiatives to both citizens and institutions, including schools, businesses and social service providers. While our practice evolves, our values and principles remain constant; we all thrive by staying connected and growing from our experiences.

We have increased awareness of victims’ and offenders’ needs, hopeful that no one is left without care and compassion following a traumatic experience. We have learned that whole communities are responsible for providing for the needs of their members, especially after one in their midst has been hurt by crime.

CCJC has compiled a list of Restorative Justice resources of a general nature, as well as faith-based materials. For example, you will find Bible studies with a list of appropriate online resources from the CCJC and interfaith materials for other faiths from the Correctional Service of Canada. A list of online speakers / workshop facilitators has also been compiled, and we encourage you to contact either the CCJC or Correctional Service Canada for further information.

CCJC and Correctional Service Canada encourages everyone to participate, as a community, in Restorative Justice. The new materials for church and congregational use are powerful and enlightening, encouraging thought, dialogue and wonderful discussions.

To access “Reflexions, past, present, future” restorative justice resources, go to

Church Council on Justice and Corrections at [www.ccjc.ca/restorative\\_justice.html](http://www.ccjc.ca/restorative_justice.html)

Correctional Service of Canada at <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/rj/index-eng.shtml>

**Please note that 2010 materials will be available online in September 2010.**