

Some Resources and Models for Conflict Transformation

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Canada

A Justice that Heals and Restores

A Justice that Heals and Restores is a resource booklet about the principles of restorative justice with suggestions for worship, workshops and bible studies that parishes can use during Advent and Lent. The resource is a joint project of the Restorative Justice Working Group of the Diocese of Toronto, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections and the EcoJustice Committee. It arises out a resolution adopted by the Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod to affirm the principles of restorative justice which focus on healing and restoration and take seriously the needs of victims, offenders, and communities.

A Justice that Heals and Restores is a project of the Decade to Overcome Violence.

www.anglican.ca/partnerships/EcoJustice

Remembering the Children

Remembering the Children was a March 2008 multicity tour by Aboriginal and church leaders to promote the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on residential schools, which was officially launched on June 1, 2008. The website provides important and detailed background on the issues, the tour, and the partners.

www.rememberingthechildren.ca

England

- **Anglican Pacifist Fellowship**

Established in 1937, APF now has some 1,400 members in over 40 countries, as well as a sister organization, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, in the United States of America. APF founded the Week of Prayer for World Peace, is a member of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations and of the International Peace Bureau.

www.anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk

- **Conciliation Resources**

Conciliation Resources (CR) is an international nongovernmental organization registered in the UK as a charity. CR works mainly in the Caucasus, Uganda and West Africa in partnership with local and international civil society organizations and governments. CR also publishes *Accord: an international review of peace initiatives*, and is involved in projects in Colombia, Fiji and the Philippines.

www.c-r.org

- **Coventry International Centre for Reconciliation**

The International Centre for Reconciliation (ICR) at Coventry Cathedral is one of the world's oldest religious-based centres for reconciliation. It was established following the destruction of Coventry Cathedral in 1940, after which the provost made a commitment not to revenge, but to reconciliation with Britain's enemies. Since then, ICR's work for peace has expanded into some of the world's worst areas of conflict. Much of the Centre's early work was in the former Communist bloc, broadening to focus on conflicts involving the three major monotheistic faiths. Today, ICR is committed to reconciliation in various situations of violent conflict, some related to religious dispute and others fueled by different factors. In addition to its short-term reconciliation work, ICR coordinates the Community of the Cross of Nails, an international network of over 150 organizations in 60 countries committed to reconciliation.

www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

- **St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace**

In April 1993, the medieval church of St. Ethelburga's was devastated by an IRA bomb. Now, St. Ethelburga's Centre is a unique meeting space in the heart of the City of London devoted to promoting understanding of the relationship between faith and conflict. It offers talks, workshops, and training about reconciliation and peace-making. It explores religious difference together in The Tent, and celebrates religious and cultural diversity through music and poetry.

www.stethelburgas.org

Ireland

The Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation

This organization is devoted to peacebuilding and reconciliation in Ireland, North and South, Britain and beyond. It facilitates dialogues and creates peace education resources. The centre was founded in 1974 as a response to violent conflict in Ireland, and in light of a conviction that non-violent solutions must be pursued to encourage reconciliation within and between communities.

www.glencree.ie

Israel/Palestine

Kids4Peace

In response to concerns about the future of children in Israel and Palestine, especially in light of the escalation of tensions between the two communities in the Holy Land, the Diocese of Jerusalem has set in motion a “Kids4Peace” Special Program, with focus on “education for peace”. This program includes meetings between Israeli and Palestinian families from both sides of the cultural and political divide. Children aged 10-12, from Jewish, Christian and Muslim families, are introduced to each other, and engaged in fun and artistic activities. “Kids4 Peace” is non-denominational, non-political and non-partisan. All participants – staff, families and children – share a commitment to peace, and a belief that an educational experience of tolerance and respect for cultural and religious diversity should begin with the very young, and reach out to invite adults as well into mature ways of coexistence.

www.j-diocese.org/Interfaith_Ministries

Northern Ireland

Corrymeela Community

Founded in 1965, Corrymeela’s objective has always been, and continues to be, promoting reconciliation and peace-building through the healing of social, religious and political divisions in Northern Ireland. Corrymeela’s vision of Christian community and reconciliation has been expressed through a commitment to encounter, interaction and positive relationships throughout Northern Ireland and beyond.

The Corrymeela Community currently has 150 members and more than 5,000 friends and supporters throughout the world. Many Corrymeela members are active in a wide variety of peace and reconciliation activity and some have created their own training agencies involved in conflict transformation work. Each year more than 6,000 people take part in programs at the Corrymeela Ballycastle Centre in Belfast.

www.corrymeela.org

More Resources and Models for Conflict Transformation

The Anglican Peace and Justice Network is seeking examples of justice and peacemaking efforts to recommend to provinces throughout the Communion. These will be posted on the APJN section of the Anglican Communion website: www.anglicancommunion.org.