Moving Toward Wholeness - National Victims of Crime Awareness Week 2013

Speakers:

Janet Handy is the Executive Director of The Church Council on Justice and Corrections. She holds a Masters of Divinity focusing on Pastoral Care and Social Justice Ministry and a Masters of Education focusing on Applied Developmental Psychology of Adolescents and Children. She has spent her career, first as a Anglican priest and then in secular roles, working with both victims and professionals on the issues of child physical and sexual assault and peer supported survivor recovery through enhanced resilience. She has provided pastoral care and counselling to those who have experienced violence and who come from all groupings and conditions in life, including children, teens and adults, males and females, those incarcerated, those with mental health issues, professionals and non-professionals. Jan is formerly an Executive Director for The Gatehouse, a Child Abuse Investigation Site in Toronto and more recently the Sexual Assault Support Services for Women for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, in Cornwall. She is the primary author of Enhancing Resilience in Adults, a peer support training manual developed for The Gatehouse and whose principles of social reconnection are now used extensively in other programs. Jan also served on the Advisory Panel for Phase 2: Healing and Reconciliation, of the Cornwall Public Inquiry into allegations of the sexual abuse of teenage boys on probation and parole.

Kate Johnson is chaplain to Pittsburgh Institution. She is also a member of the Ontario College of Social Workers. After graduation from the Social Work program at Lakehead University, Kate practiced Social Work for several years. Her formative professional experiences were primarily in the Young Offender system and in child and adolescent mental health settings. Kate found she could not ignore the strong link between childhood victimization, mental health issues and juvenile offending. She then obtained a Masters of Divinity from Queen's Theological College with a concentration in Restorative Justice. Her strongest leaning has always been to foster reconciliation between marginalized peoples and the wider community with a particular interest in how forgiveness and reconciliation can bring healing for people with traumatic backgrounds. At the request of the inmate population at Pittsburgh Institution, Kate leads a “Victim Impact program,” which teaches offenders about the widespread ripple effects of offending and seeks to assist the men in developing both personal insight and victim empathy. The program acknowledges that while unresolved trauma contributes to offending, that trauma is neither an excuse nor a justification for crime. The program’s emphasis is on offender accountability and acceptance of harms done as motivation for desistance of crime and (for the lucky few) as preparation for victim-offender dialogue.

David Shantz is an ordained minister with the Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada. He has also been a Protestant Chaplain with Correctional Service Canada for 25 years. David has coordinated restorative justice activities for offenders and victims in several federal institutions and has taught seminars in Kerala, India and in Rwanda, East Africa. David has coauthored a book called A Little Manual of Restorative Justices, published by Public Safety Canada. He and his wife Susannah are involved in restorative justice activities in the community. He strongly believes that the process of restorative justice begins by creating a safe and secure setting in which offenders and victims come together and find healing.

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Since the abduction and murder of daughter Candace in 1984, Wilma Derksen has had an impact on victims, offenders and on the community by telling her story, facilitating support group of survivors of homicide, organizing dialogues between victims and inmates in prison, providing trainings as well as giving lectures, participating in panel discussions and presenting her insights to the justice system, and addressing victims’ needs at restorative justice conferences throughout Canada and the United States. In 1991 Wilma published Have you seen Candace?, the story of her journey of grief, loss and trauma following her daughter’s murder. She has also written Confronting the Horror: the aftermath of violence. This book is the result of her personal experiences and learning from people who have been impacted by murder and violent crime – the victim’s journey through the fifteen elements of homicide and other serious crime. Wilma now resides with her husband in Winnipeg.
Registration Fee: $25

Pre-registration through PayPal is recommended.

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*Admission to the play Forgiven, Forgotten included with registration.

**Agenda**

Wednesday April 24
8:30am-9:00am Gather and Register
9:00am-9:30am Welcome
9:30am-10:20am Keynote Speaker: Wilma Derksen
10:30am-12:30pm Concurrent Workshops: Preparing victims, offenders and the community for the spiritual journey toward restorative justice / Encounter Circles
12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH
1:30pm-3:30pm Concurrent Workshops: Preparing victims, offenders and the community for the spiritual journey toward restorative justice / Encounter Circles
3:30pm-4:00pm Closing

The play Forgiven, Forgotten to follow at 7:00pm that evening.

* Lunch will be provided. Please bring your own coffee.

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This year CCJC welcomes Wilma Derksen as our keynote speaker to launch our NVCAW event Moving Toward Wholeness: Preparing victims, offenders and communities for restorative processes on Wednesday, April 24th at the Bronson Centre. Following Wilma’s presentation, three speakers will present workshops twice during the day on preparing victims, offenders and communities for restorative processes. Each workshop will be followed by facilitated encounter circles for each area of interest. Participants will be able to choose two of the three workshops and circles to attend. Lunch will be served from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

We often speak about the restorative process encounter itself but we do not often speak about how we prepare victims, offenders and communities to consider and engage in the restorative process. These workshops will discuss the role that victims, offenders and communities play in the process of restoration and how we prepare each group for the process itself.

**Presented by the Victims’ Pastoral Care Committee Of The Church Council on Justice and Corrections**

**Keynote Speaker: Wilma Derksen**

**Workshops & Discussion**

**Bronson Centre**

211 Bronson Ave.

Ottawa, ON K1S 2L1

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Laurent Champagne
Past President of The Church Council on Justice and Corrections

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The Church Council on Justice and Corrections serves as a shining light for restorative approaches to justice and corrections.