

2nd National Conference on Restorative Justice
“Mainstreaming Restorative Justice: Empowering Communities, Restoring Responsibility”

May 13-15, 2008
University of Texas at San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

Call for Proposals – Discussions, Program Overviews or Academic Papers
“Restorative Justice Faith-Based Practices Track”

We invite you to participate in the 2nd National Conference on Restorative Justice held on the campus of The University of Texas at San Antonio within close proximity to the San Antonio International Airport. Historic San Antonio offers a blend of charm, vibrancy and color through its fusion of cultures, magical River Walk below street level, and its popular attractions and festivals. The conference will bring together academicians, educators, community leaders, politicians, practitioners, judges, policymakers, faith leaders and concerned citizens to explore the application of restorative justice principles and practices within communities to meet local needs. Featured speakers for the conference will include some of the leading scholars and practitioners in the field –Dan Van Ness, Paul McCold, Janine Geske, Robert Yazzie, Michael Hadley, Kathleen Daly, Mark Umbreit, Gordon Bazemore and Jennifer Llewellyn.

This is a unique opportunity to meet and learn from leading researchers, educators and practitioners of restorative justice. Detailed information may be obtained at www.restorativejusticenow.org.

Practitioners, educators and scholars from any field are welcome to submit a proposal for a 15-20 minute presentation on a themed panel. Presentations should be related to one of the following themes. Presentations may focus on non-academic discussions, program overviews, or academic papers. The themes are broadly defined below:

- Faith-Based Wholistic Transformational Practices
- Faith-Based Programs for the Incarcerated and their Families
- Faith-Based Initiatives with Professionals in the Criminal Justice System
- Faith-Based Initiatives with Victims

Specific panels will be developed based on those proposals selected for presentation at the conference.

Proposal submissions must include the following information: author(s) or presenters, contact information (mail, phone, e-mail address), working title, and an abstract of 150 words or less. Proposals must be submitted electronically to Tomi Lee Grover, PhD, Coordinator of the Faith-Based Practices Track for the National Conference on Restorative Justice. Send them to tomi.grover@bgct.org she can also be reached by phone for further explanation 214-887-5428

Key Dates:

Proposals must be submitted by:	December 15, 2008 (<i>Extended to Jan. 15, 2009</i>)
Notifications of Acceptance:	February 1, 2009
Submission of Working Papers:	April 15, 2009

All conference papers must be submitted as “working papers” by April 15, 2008 so that they may be provided to panel chairs. Working papers may be published in a proceedings document or other outlet. Authors retain the right to publish these or variations of working papers in other outlets.