SECOND ANNUAL WEST MICHIGAN
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE

HOPE, HEALING, AND
RADICAL RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
9:00AM - 4:00PM

CALVIN COLLEGE COVENANT FINE ARTS CENTER
CONFERENCE BACKSTORY
Two years ago, students in the Calvin Prison Initiative program at the R.A. Handlon Correctional facility in Ionia, Michigan had the idea and heart to organize the first annual West Michigan Restorative Justice Conference at Hope College. They wanted, in some way, to reach out and create a space in which the public could participate in and learn about restorative justice practices.

This Second Annual West Michigan Restorative Justice Conference is a continuation of that spirit of connection and dedication to restorative justice, focused on the theme of Hope, Healing, and Radical Reconciliation.

PROGRAM
OPENING

WELCOME -
DR. TODD CIOFFI, CO-DIRECTOR CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE
OPENING REMARKS - MICHAEL DUTHLER, JARED ORTIZ

INTRODUCTORY VIDEO -
CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE STUDENTS

OPENING SESSION -
DR. NICHOLAS WOLTERSTORFF
Nicholas Wolterstorff is Noah Porter Professor Emeritus of Philosophical Theology at Yale University, Senior Research Fellow in the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia, and Honorary Professor of Australian Catholic University. He graduated from Calvin College in 1953 and received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard University in 1956. He taught philosophy at Calvin College from 1959 to 1989, and then joined the faculty of Yale Divinity School. His publications on the topic of justice include Justice: Rights and Wrongs (Princeton 2008), Justice in Love (Eerdmans 2011), and Journey Toward Justice (Baker 2013).

MORNING BREAK

MORNING SESSION

WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE? -
REV. DOMINIQUE GILLIARD
Dominique Gilliard is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church, advocate, speaker, and author. He wrote the book Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice that Restores, and is the current director of Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation for the ECC’s intitiative Love Mercy Do Justice.
THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN RECONCILIATION -
FATHER DAVID KELLY

David A. Kelly is a Catholic priest of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. He has been involved with detention and jail ministry since 1977 and has worked for Kolbe House at Assumption, a parish-based jail ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago since 1985. Kelly founded the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation, of which he is currently Executive Director, with fellow members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 2002.

LUNCH BREAK

Books written by today's speakers, and selected books on restorative justice are 20% off today in the Calvin College bookstore, located the Commons building.

During lunch, featured organizations will be at tables to talk about their organization and role in restorative justice.

AFTERNOON SESSION

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN ACTION -
STATE REP. DAVID LAGRAND

David LaGrand serves the 75th district of Michigan as a representative to the State House. He was a Kent County Prosecutor for eight years, and has practiced family and criminal law since then, also serving his community as a City Commissioner and a member of the Grand Rapids School Board. Passionate about restorative justice, LaGrand has worked for the last twenty years to implement RJ practices in our courts, schools, and legislature.

HEALING AND VICTIM ADVOCACY, A MOTHER'S STORY -
JERLINE RILEY AND DR. MICHELLE LOYD-PAIGE

Jerline Riley is a mother, advocate, and speaker. She lost her son in February 1994. Riley speaks at conferences and events about restorative justice and forgiveness and will share part of her story today. Following that, Riley will have a conversation with Dr. Michelle Loyd-Paige. Loud-Paige is the Executive Associate to the President for Diversity and Inclusion and holds and appointment of Professor of Sociology at Calvin College. She was the recipient of the Floyd Skinner Justice Award in 2015, and serves as the associate pastor at her home church, Angel Community Church, in Muskegon, Michigan.

AFTERNOON BREAK
REFLECTIONS ON ACCOUNTABILITY, REPENTANCE, AND FORGIVENESS - DR. CHARLOTTE VAN OYEN-WITVLIET

Charlotte vanOyen-Witvliet is a graduate of Calvin College and professor of psychology at Hope College. Witvliet has conducted two decades of empirical research on forgiveness and its psychological and physical side effects. She also studies accountability, humility, gratitude, hope, mental health, and flourishing. Her research has been supported by grants from The John Templeton Foundation, the Fetzer Institute, and the Templeton Religion Trust. Witvliet's publications have appeared in journals such as Psychological Science, The Journal of Positive Psychology, and the Journal of Psychology and Theology.

CLOSING REMARKS

PRAYER VIDEO - CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE STUDENTS

THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CLUB OF THE CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE THANKS THE ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS WHO OFFERED MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND HELPED PLAN AND COORDINATE THIS CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS TODAY'S GENEROUS SPONSORS AND FEATURES ORGANIZATIONS.

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70 x 7 Life Recovery
Humanity for Prisoners
Church of the Servant - Prisoner's In Christ
Restorative Justice Coalition of West Michigan
Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan
Christian Community Development Association
Re-entry Mapping - Civitas Lab