

SECOND ANNUAL WEST MICHIGAN  
**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE**



**HOPE, HEALING, AND  
RADICAL RECONCILIATION**

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

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# 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

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**WELCOME -**

9:00 AM

**DR. TODD CIOFFI, CO-DIRECTOR CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE**

OPENING REMARKS - MICHAEL DUTHLER, JARED ORTIZ

**INTRODUCTORY VIDEO -**

9:15 AM

**CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE STUDENTS**

**OPENING SESSION -**

9:30 AM

**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**

10:15 AM

### MORNING SESSION

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**WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE? -**

10:30 AM

**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 initiative Love Mercy Do Justice.

## **THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN RECONCILIATION - FATHER DAVID KELLY**

11:15 AM

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**

12:00 PM

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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 LAGRAN**

1:30 PM

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**

2:15 PM

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**

3:00 PM

## CLOSING

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

3:10 PM

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

3:55 PM

### PRAYER VIDEO - CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE STUDENTS

4:00 PM

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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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### FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

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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