



# Calvert Peace Project

Broadview Church | Peace Through Action



*Peace Through Action Event*

**“CIRCLE UP”**

*December 19, 2022*

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# Project Purpose



The Calvert Peace Project strives to increase understanding, collaboration, and community among youth and adults in Calvert County, Maryland by providing civic and social engagement activities with a focus on peace.

At the current time, our programs focus on the following areas:

- Training of youth in social and emotional skills, peaceful practices, and civic engagement.
- Training of adults in peacebuilding fundamentals and personal goals setting.
- Service projects to bring community members together for common good.
- Civic dialogues on issues of importance to the community.
- Book club, film discussion events, speaker events, and field trips on peacebuilding and peace-related subjects.
- Brief presentations on peacebuilding fundamentals.



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# Introduction

- **Restorative Justice**

Restorative Justice is both a movement to transform our communities, schools, and current justice institutions, and a philosophy of justice that is ancient and holistic. It is about more than how to resolve conflict: it is about how to live in “right relationship” with the natural world, self, and others. According to Robert Yazzie of the Navajo Peacemaker court, it is not possible “to get to a good place a bad way.” To resolve human conflicts so that all are satisfied and genuine harmony can be restored, it is necessary to use processes in which all are treated with a sense a dignity, all voices are fully heard, and all needs are taken into consideration.



# Howard Zehr on Restorative Justice

- Howard Zehr, one of the founders of the modern restorative justice movement, defines restorative justice as a process that brings together all the stakeholders when harm has occurred in order to understand which persons and relationships have been harmed, what they need to repair the harm, and whose obligation it is to repair the harm.



# Trigger Warning:

- This film deals with murder, crime, violence, loss, and grief, which may be triggering to some survivors. Please view this video at your own discretion.



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# Viewing Instructions:

- Copy + Paste the Vimeo link into your browser.
- Type in the password to access the film's content.



# Before the Film

- Personally reflect on what the following words mean to you:
- Justice
- Accountability
- Forgiveness
- Healing
- Empowerment



# During the Film

- In what ways has this film changed your attitudes towards these terms?
- Justice
- Accountability
- Forgiveness
- Healing
- Empowerment



# Invitations



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# Opening the Circle

- Shortly after the murder while police were searching for perpetrators, Janet Connors wrote in her journal, “Who are these monsters?” Then she realized that the young men who had killed her son were not monsters but human beings. She said, “If I think of them as monsters, I let them off the hook, ‘cause monsters are only doing what monsters do: monsters hurt people. When I hold them in their humanity, I hold them accountable.”



# After the Film

- **Group Discussion:**  
After viewing the film, share how the documentary may have affected your definitions of the following terms:
- **Justice**
- **Accountability**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Healing**
- **Empowerment**



# Introduction:



A round is a pass of the talking piece around the Circle. As facilitator, I will pose a question and pass it to a participant. Whoever holds the talking piece is invited to speak while the rest of us are invited to listen. The participant responds to the question and then passes the talking piece to the person on their right or the left as directed by the keeper. It is always okay for a participant to pass on a round.



# Round

- Introduce yourself and why you are here today.

**Round 1: What are one or two things that come to mind after watching the documentary?**

**Round 2: What does justice mean to you?**

**Round 3: What does it mean to hold someone in their humanity in order to hold them accountable?**



# Attitudes Focus

“Restorative justice can’t just be a set of things that we do.” [Professor Kathy] Evans says. “It has to be a framework for how we view teaching and learning.”

- “Why Restorative Justice Is About More Than Reducing Suspensions.” KQED MindShift



# Survey

1. Please provide your feedback on this event on the following survey:

[Post-Event Survey - December 19, 2022 - Film Screening & Discussion - CIRCLE UP \(office.com\)](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_g4ZwdicfUitV3YUmPwee1V9oK1_JKNOo6B7haPIYEZURTZBQkpGWDg2UodXSFlaQo1PVzVNVopQVS4u)

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# Community in Action

- **The Community Mediation Center of Calvert**

- The Community Mediation Center of Calvert offers numerous group interventions that bring together community members for dialogue and exchange of ideas to support, repair, and build relationships. Their services include community conferencing, classroom circles, dialogue circles and community conversations, support circles, and group facilitation.

- If you or someone you know would benefit from restorative circle practices, please contact the Community Mediation Center of Calvert at 1-(443)-295-7456 or via email at [calvertmediation@gmail.com](mailto:calvertmediation@gmail.com).



# Next Event: January 12, 2023

- Meeting Others: Volunteering to Foster Peace will explore the instrumental role of volunteering in sustaining peaceful communities. This event on Thursday, January 12, 2023, 7:00 pm ET is timed to coincide with the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the only federal holiday recognized as a National Day of Service.
- Enhanced by reflections from a professional with volunteer management experience, this interactive discussion will review the impact of volunteering on community relationships, share resources for local service, and survey a broad range of strategies for strengthening peace through volunteer activities. Participants will learn methods to build and maintain a culture of peace by working together on a common cause. While the term “peacebuilding” often refers to the prevention of violence and aggressive conflict, this session presents volunteerism as a vital peacebuilding practice for the ongoing promotion of harmony, order, and justice. After attending this event, participants will enrich their understanding of volunteerism’s contribution to the development of resilient social connections, inclusive institutions, and a better future for all.
- Register for this event [here](#).

# Project Contact Information

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