

**A Planning Workshop on**  
**Restorative Justice: Law, Religion and Conflict Transformation\***

**Sponsored by the Schools of the Boston Theological Institute**

**Friday, 26 March – Saturday, 27 March**

**Location:** Episcopal Divinity School, 99 Brattle Street; Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Friday, 26 March**

- 4:30 PM Planning Meeting for Circle Group Conveners  
6:00 Welcome  
Dinner and First Plenary Gathering: Speaker, Daniel Van Ness (Lawyer and Vice President of Prison Fellowship, International)  
*What is “Restorative Justice?”*  
9:00 Optional Documentaries: What is Restorative Justice in Particular Settings?  
1. *“Out of the Ashes: Northern Ireland’s Fragile Peace”*  
2. *“A Balkan Peace: A Bridge Too Far?”*  
3. *“Resistance, Peace-Making, Truth and Reconciliation: the Role of the church in south Africa’s Transition”*

**Saturday, 27 March**

- 7:30 Chapel open for Meditation  
8:00 Continental Breakfast available  
9:00 Second Plenary Session: *Responding to the Question of Restorative Justice*  
Tom Porter (Legal Justice System; Melick & Porter, Boston)  
Raymond Helmick, S.J. (Theology and InterReligious Dialogue; Boston College)  
10:00 Break  
10:15 First Circle Discussions. *Each group will have a Convener and Rapporteur.*  
11:30 Third Plenary Session: Reports on Circle Discussions  
12:30 Lunch, Washburn Refectory: Fourth Plenary Session  
Restorative Justice, Religion, Public Policy and Regional Conflict  
David Steele (Center for Strategic and International Studies), Regional Conflict  
Douglas Johnston (Center for Strategic and International Studies), Public Policy  
2:30 Break  
2:45 Second Circle Discussions.  
4:00 Fourth Plenary Session: Reports on Circle Group Discussions  
5:30 Dinner and Fifth Plenary Session: *Violence and Paradigms of Justification*  
Speaker Fred Smith, The Carter Center  
8:30 Optional Documentaries: What is Restorative Justice in Particular Settings?  
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\* Material Gathered from this Planning Workshop and the Circle Discussions will be used to construct the Conference in November 11-14, 1999 (Thursday-Sunday). Contact the Boston theological Institute for further information (T/617-527-4880; F/617-527-1073; Email: [bti@world.std.com](mailto:bti@world.std.com); Web: <http://bu.edu/STH/BTI>).