On June 24-27, 2007, a national conference on restorative justice will convene at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas. The conference will bring together community leaders, politicians, academics, practitioners, judges, faith leaders, and concerned citizens to promote the implementation of restorative justice practices in communities across the nation as suited to local needs. Different approaches to restorative justice will be demonstrated, with practical solutions to today’s problems emphasized.

This national conference is a joint venture between universities, restorative justice practitioners, and the faith community. Sponsors include the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Texas at San Antonio; the SoL (Source of Light) Center at University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio; the Ghost Ranch National Conference Center of Santa Fe and Abiquiu, New Mexico; and Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas. The conference planning team includes these sponsors as well as a diverse group of practitioners, academics, and faith leaders from both the interdenominational and interfaith communities.

Format of Conference

Each day major keynote addresses will provide energy and vision to all participants. Our keynoters will include Dr. Mark Umbreit, Kay Pranis, Dr. Howard Zehr, Leigh Garrett, Dr. Gordon Bazemore, and others reflecting the diversity of approaches to restorative justice.

To inform and equip participants in their respective areas of specialization or interest, the conference will feature seven program tracks with experts leading workshops and panel discussions in the following categories:

- Teaching Restorative Justice
- Practitioners of Restorative Justice
- Faith Groups and Restorative Justice
- Restorative Justice and the Political Process
- The Criminal Justice System and Restorative Justice
- Restorative Justice Collaborations between the Public and Private Sectors
- Restorative Justice in the First Person

An early-bird rate of $495 per person includes an all-access conference pass, all meals, and lodging at Schreiner University. For more information please contact the organizing partner for this conference, the SoL (Source of Light) Center at University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio. Call Jack Jackson, SoL Center Director, at (210) 732-9927. E-mail address: solcenter@upcsa.org. Mailing address: SoL Center, 300 Bushnell, San Antonio, Texas, 78212.