

BHMC Partner Ministry



About Center for Community Peacemaking (CCP)

- Center for Community Peacemaking (formerly LAVORP (Lancaster Area Victim Offender Reconciliation Program)), a Restorative Justice program, was granted Articles of Incorporation in 1995 to “bring victims and offenders together for reconciliation and healing.” That journey of Victim-Offender Conferencing started with youth being referred by Juvenile Probation. In 2000, Youth Aid Panels started making referrals. In recent times referrals have been coming from the District Attorney’s Office, Defense Attorneys, and directly from members of the community.
- Three other programs have been added. **Making Peace** (Strategies in Conflict Resolution) offers youth an opportunity to learn skills that will help keep them from repeating their contact with the justice system and to work closely with their parents to enhance their relationships. **Peacemaking Circles** was added to offer the broader community a means of honoring each participant and allowing them to resolve conflict in a way that common values are understood which leads to more peaceful solutions. Most recently, **Circles of Support and Accountability** was created to significantly reduce the recidivism (70%, according to evidenced based research) of high risk sexual offenders.
- The above programs help to reduce recidivism and victimization, thus changing lives and helping to make our communities safer. As opportunities arise, we look forward to adding other Restorative Justice initiatives

BHMC Connection

- Members are/have been Volunteer Facilitators
- One member is on the Board of Directors

Support this Ministry

- Contribute: Mail your gift to:
53 North Duke Street, Suite 303, Lancaster, PA 17602
- Volunteer: Professionally trained facilitators, working within a flexible schedule, derive great satisfaction from assisting victims and offenders to work towards reconciliation and healing.
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