

## *Executive Director's Message*

It's hard to believe we are in our 31<sup>st</sup> year of community service, where *does* the time go? On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 your Community Chaplaincy celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and what a celebration it was (left picture below). We were so honoured to have Pierre Allard (right picture below), the original founder of Chaplaincy, with us to celebrate such a remarkable milestone. Pierre shared stories and anecdotes on the "way it all started" and compared them to the "way it is today". He stated that Chaplaincy work in Moncton has come so far and that he was so impressed with the impact Chaplaincy is having on the local and surrounding communities. He shared the importance of an organization such as Chaplaincy in the effective and efficient reintegration of ex-offenders back into the same community from which they came from. In closing, I encourage all newsletter readers and supporters to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward in serving those we serve.

God Bless

Rev. David Way



## Moncton Community Chaplaincy

### 2010/2011 Annual General Meeting

**When; Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2011, 12:00-1:00 pm, with  
Open House to follow at the Chaplaincy from 1:30-2:20**

**Where; Holy Family Church (52 Falkland Drive,  
Moncton)**

**-- Lunch Will be Served --**

**Please RSVP As Soon As Possible to**

**506-851-6384 or [monctonchaplaincy@rogers.com](mailto:monctonchaplaincy@rogers.com)**

**(Approx Numbers are Required for Food Preparation,  
Unregistered Supporters are Encouraged to Attend)**

## *Chaplaincy Prison Ministry Growing*

Your Community Chaplaincy is glad to report that Prison Ministry and Visitation is alive and well. With the addition of two new employees last year, the Chaplaincy has been able to visit inmates more often and more frequently; allowing for more release planning and support based intervention. A Judge once wrote that he kept in contact with every person he sentenced to prison. His rationale for writing or visiting inmates was simple: he didn't want his only impact on an individual to be the act of denying his or her freedom. This highly respected Judge then said, "Pastors should be as familiar with the inside of the local jails and prisons as they are the local hospitals." He observed that most people who are hospitalized have a strong support system and are surrounded by people devoted to their healing and well-being. By contrast, people housed in jails and prisons receive minimal support, and the people around them are mostly committed to confining and punishing them.



## Volunteer Opportunities Available

**Immediate openings available for one on one mentoring program, CoSA and transportation needs. If you are interested in an extremely rewarding experience please call the Chaplaincy office at 506-851-6384.**



*CoSA Conference in Victoria*

Let us ask Pastors, Ministers and lay people a practical question; "Do you know the inside of your local prisons as well as local hospitals"? Why not take what this Judge has said as a challenge to better serve and familiarize yourself with prison ministry. Take the first step necessary to enter a world often hidden from and ignored by congregations and clergy.

Hostility and prejudice toward the incarcerated are impediments to ministry. Too often the incarceration of men and women is dominated by notions of retribution, vengeance, punishment and isolation. The core values of the Christian Gospel...forgiveness...compassion...redemption...reconciliation...restorative justice run counter to the above.

Prison staff are often overworked and undervalued, and they work in a high-stress environment. They are among those who need the ministry of the church. Building trust among the staff is essential for access and effectiveness in any prison ministry. We read in Hebrews 13:3 - "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering". I encourage you to look into prison ministry and visitation as a service to God and Humanity. For further information on prison ministry call (506) 851-6384.

During November 2010, two Chaplaincy staff members had the opportunity to spend a few days in Victoria, B.C., with Circles of Support & Accountability Coordinators, Data Coordinators and Project Associates from across the country. It was a wonderful time of getting to know each other, sharing stories, and building on our commonalities. Also present were representatives from the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, the National Crime Prevention Centre, Correctional Services Canada and some visitors from the USA and Europe who are also using the CoSA model.

In spite of the unexpectedly cold weather (and the failure of the hotel's heating system), the 2010 CoSA gathering was a blessing to us and an event to remember. Our thanks go out to CCJC who gave us the chance to attend and who also organized all activities. We know that we can't do this work alone, and these times of fellowship and friendship are essential to inspire, encourage and challenge us as we walk with our Core Members and Volunteers.

## *Introduction to Restorative Justice*

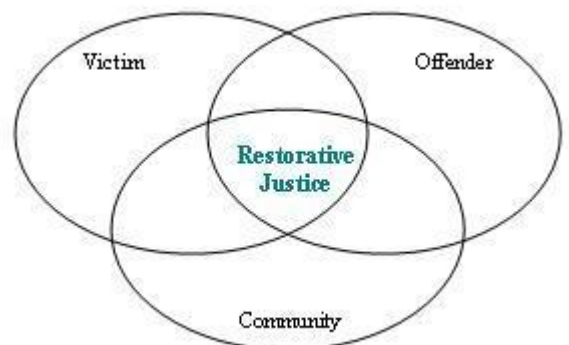
Restorative justice is a set of principles, a philosophy, and a way of life. It is how you work out conflict in communities when you have no prisons, but have to stick together to survive. The two great commandments, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind", and "Love your neighbour as yourself" are at the root of restorative justice values. Jesus calls us to obey his commandments and to love others; James reminds us that our faith must be shown in our works; in Hebrews we are told to help each other give love and do good works. Our entire Christian faith focuses on leaving our selfish selves behind, focusing on God, and letting His love for all humanity and all creation shine through us. Restorative justice principles and practices are a natural outcome of Christian faith.

Traditional criminal justice systems focus on the law that was broken and on punishing the person that broke the law. This system asks the following three questions when it is dispensing justice: What laws were broken? Who did it? What punishment do they deserve?

This means that judicial proceedings are focused entirely on the offender and on society and its laws. Victims and their concerns are pushed to the side.

Restorative justice systems, on the other hand, ask: Who has been hurt? What are their needs? Whose obligation is it to meet those needs?

From the very beginning, a restorative justice approach will ask the victims of the crime what they need, and involve them in the process of deciding what needs to happen next. A restorative process brings whole communities together to take responsibility for their members that are hurting, and to collaboratively work to resolve conflict. Community members help the offender understand how his or her actions have impacted community safety and harmony. Offenders are asked to take responsibility for their actions, and hear about how their actions have caused others harm. All decide together what actions need to be taken to meet the needs and hurts identified.



While restorative justice programs have only begun being evaluated, there are some trends that have been seen in these programs around the world. Restorative justice can and does reduce reoffending; it can increase offender empathy; victims are far more satisfied with restorative justice than traditional justice systems; victims receive far more restitution from restorative justice processes than traditional justice systems., Restorative justice also has many benefits that cannot be evaluated. How do you measure healing in a relationship? In a community? How do you measure harm reduction?

## Your Support Is Appreciated!

In an effort to improve your Community Chaplaincy and enhance programming, we are in need of a variety of items and resources as follows:

- New Windows & Roof.....\$7,500
- Projector (for presentation purposes)..... \$1,500
- Parking Lot Paving.....\$15,000
- Construction of a Handicap Accessible Bathroom \$15,000
- Coffee/Sweets/Muffins/Bread ..... Donation  
(in support of Mon-Fri drop in breakfast)
- Conference Room Furniture.....\$5,000

If you are interested in helping through fundraising for a specific project, or would like to support a need above, please do not hesitate to contact us at 506-851-6384.

### You Can Make a Difference!

Should you feel lead to support us financially, please fill out the form below and send with a cheque or money order to: Community Chaplaincy, PO Box 342, Moncton, NB, E1C 8L4 (Charitable receipts are issued for tax purposes)

#### **I Will Support The Community Chaplaincy**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Giving:

\$20.00 \$35.00 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

One Time Donation:

Here is my gift of: \_\_\_\_\_

We are very glad to introduce Mario Durette to all of our Chaplaincy supporters. Mario was born in Rimouski, QC and has been volunteering at the Chaplaincy since June 2010. Mario assists with office duties, drop in services and anything else that needs to be done at the Chaplaincy. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication Mario, it is appreciated.

### *From Our Volunteer Corner*



### "Addictions"

Historically, **Addiction** has been defined as physical and psychological dependence on psychoactive substances (for example alcohol, tobacco, heroin and other drugs) which cross the blood-brain barrier once ingested, temporarily altering the chemical milieu of the brain.

Addiction can also be viewed as a continued involvement with a substance or activity despite the negative consequences associated with it. Pleasure and enjoyment would have originally been sought, however over a period of time involvement with the substance or activity is needed to feel normal. Some psychology professionals and many laymen now define 'Addiction' as including abnormal psychological dependency on such things as gambling, food, sex, pornography, computers, internet, work, exercise, idolizing, watching TV or certain types of non-pornographic videos, spiritual obsession, self-injury and shopping.

Many Chaplaincy clients have either had or are currently experiencing Addictions. It is only through your support, prayers and involvement with Chaplaincy work that we can effect change in the lives of those suffering from this affliction. 1 Cor 6: 19-20; "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies". We encourage you to reflect on this scripture during your personal devotion and prayer time with the expectation that God will intervene in the lives of those living with an Addiction.