Select Bibliography of Key Restorative Justice Works

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[NOTE: I have asterisked (*) and annotated some of the really important works.]


   The best anthology to date. “The main aim of this book is to bring together a selection of extracts from the most important and influential contributions to the restorative justice literature and its emergent philosophy, accompanying these with an informative commentary providing context and explanation where necessary. The book includes work by both well known proponents of restorative justice, and work by some of the key critics of the restorative justice movement, along with work from a number of writers not directly involved in either advocacy or critique of restorative justice, but whose work is crucial to an understanding of it.” See: https://books.google.ca/books/about/A_restorative_justice_reader.html?id=TZXaAAAAMAAJ&redir_esc=y

Beyond Institutions (I & II), David Cayley, Ideas, CBC Radio Works, Box 500, Station A, Toronto Ont., M5W 1E6, 1994 (audio tapes and transcript).


   The best theology to date on Restorative Justice. See also Compassionate Justice below.

Building Community Justice Partnerships: Community Peacemaking Circles, Barry D. Stuart, Aboriginal Justice Section, Department of Justice, Ottawa, 1997; phone: (613)941-4105.

Can Prisons Work? The Prisoner as Object and Subject in Modern Corrections, Stephen Duguid, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 2000.


   The classic on Restorative Justice. Written by a Mennonite Christian, with a Christian perspective.

The first theological book published, pointing in a Restorative Justice direction.

If you want the two finest theological treatments in English, this and Marshall’s previous Beyond Retribution (see above) are what to read. The finest German publication is Siegfried Meurer’s Das Recht im Dienst der Versöhnung und des Friedens (see below).

*Contemporary Justice Review: Issues in Criminal, Social, and Restorative Justice (Journal: beginning in 1998), Dennis Sullivan, Editor, Institute for Economic and Restorative Justice, PO Box 262, Vorheesville, NY, 12186, USA; e-mail: gezellig@global2000.net; Routledge Publishers.
Consistently high quality articles and reviews in the only journal dedicated to criminal, social and restorative justice.

Convictions on Trial, Max Allen, Ideas, CBC Radio Works, Box 500, Station A, Toronto Ont., M5W 1E6, 1994 (audio tapes and transcript).


A classic on how the Criminal Justice Systems of Western democracies model after totalitarian régimes.


The finest New Testament theological study in German.


Family Conferencing and Juvenile Justice: The Way Forward or Misplaced Optimism?, Christine Alder and Joy Wundersitz, Australia Institute of Criminology, Canberra, 1994.


NOTE: The body was created in 1971 as the Law Reform Commission of Canada and was disbanded in 1992. The body was reestablished as the Law Commission of Canada in 1996. On September 26, 2006, the Conservative government announced it was cutting the LCC’s funding. [So short-sighted!]

Law Commission of Canada - Wikipedia

A superb collection of papers on Restorative Justice and the victim.

Offering crucial insights that lead to a more adequate understanding of the relation between God’s grace and human freedom, Beste’s important theory reconfigures our visions of God and humanity and alters our perceptions of what it means to truly love one’s neighbor.

Explores the subject of biblical law, which is foundational for understanding Western civilization and the history of Western law.

An outstanding theological treatment of Restorative Justice, in particular with reference to the “satisfaction theory” of the atonement, and its consequent “cultural affect”.

A powerful story of faith and forgiveness, that gave rise to the Canada-wide “Victims’ Voice”, producer of the Pathways periodical, edited by Wilma Derksen (see below).

Journey of Hope... From Violence to Healing, Bill Pelke, Xlibris Corporation, Anchorage, 2003. A remarkable story of healing and mission in response to the violent murder of the author’s grandmother. Sister Helen Prejean writes: Not all will identify with the religious zeal that fires Bill Pelke, but we all know passion when we meet it, and we can all pray to be consumed by such a lofty passion that frees us from ego and self-serving. This is a refreshing adventure story. Fasten your seat belt. You’re in for quite a ride.”

Justice as Sanctuary, David Cayley, Ideas, CBC Radio Works, Box 500, Station A, Toronto Ont., M5W 1E6, 1997 (audio tapes and transcript). Excellent interviews with Herman Bianchi, grandfather of Restorative Justice. See: Justice as Sanctuary.


Justice Reflections: Worldwide Papers Linking Christian Ideas with Matters of Justice, Editor, The Reverend Canon Alan R. Dice, 2 Temple Garden, Lincoln LNP 1NP, United Kingdom; Fax: ++44 (0)1522-514831; E-mail: justicerefections@hotmail.com; www.justicerefections.org.uk/ Each issue contains about half a dozen articles by writers from around the world on justice issues. “It is an ecumenical collection of theological papers incorporating ethical, pastoral and restorative themes in the domain of justice. It aims to support everyone around the world who works alongside offenders.


*Pathways: A Journal of Hope and Healing for Victims of Violent Crime*, Wilma Derksen, Editor, Victims’ Voice, Mennonite Central Committee Canada, bimonthly publication (now ended) (Circulation Secretary, *Pathways*, 134 Plaza Dr., Winnipeg MB, R3T 5K9, Phone: (204)261-6381; Fax: (204)269-9875; e-mail: pathways@mennonitecc.ca) No longer produced. Outstanding content. Ask for back issues, if possible.


*Restorative Justice: Ideas, Values, Debates*, Gerry Johnstone, Willan Publishing, Devon, 2002. “Despite the attention it has attracted the phenomenon of restorative justice is little understood, and there is often confusion as to what is meant by it. The main aim of this book is to meet the need for a clear and accessible introduction to the ideas and values underlying restorative justice, and to the debates which are taking place around it.” Excellent.

*Restorative Justice: Bibliographies*, Mennonite Central Committee US, Office of Criminal Justice, 21 South 12th Street, PO Box 500, Akron Pennsylvania, USA 17501-0500; Phone: (717)859-3889; Fax: (717)859-3875.

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Law Commission of Canada - Wikipedia

Comprehensive.

A superb Canadian contribution that gives the theory, the practice, and the practical “how-to” of Restorative Justice.

From a Christian (Roman Catholic) perspective. Excellent.

Reading the book is a journey in itself. The authors offer us not only an alternative to criminal justice – a transformation of criminal justice – but furnish each one of us with the possibility of a transformation in our own lives.” – Prof. Richard Quinney (Criminology as Peacemaking)


Restorative Justice Journal, Bernie DeCastro, Editor, Restorative Justice Ministry Network, P.O. Box 819, Ocala, Florida, USA, 34478; Phone: (352)369-5055; Toll Free: (888)256-6895; Fax: (352)351-8213; WEB: www.rjmn.net; e-mail: Bernie@rjmn.net


From a Christian perspective. Very practical and challenging.


Rittenhouse Pamphlet Series (11 different pamphlets), Ruth Morris, Rittenhouse, A New Vision, 736 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2R4; Phone: (416)538-6900; (416)630-7581.


“Mark Lewis Taylor’s Executed God reads as a radical Christian manifesto.”, says reviewer Richard C. Goode. He calls for the way of the cross as “theatre of counterterror”, part of the “age-old adversarial lineage [of] Christianity’s revolutionary tradition.”


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A disturbing book, compelling and irrefutable.

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Excellent collection of essays that present a peacemaking as opposed to a warmaking model of justice.

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The book encapsulates an Overview, the Principles, the Practices, and the option of Restorative Justice – all in 71 pages!


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Good theological work here, though no reference to Howard Zehr’s *Changing Lenses*, nor to Christopher Marshall’s *Beyond Retribution*.

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An outstanding collection of essays on the topic, covering most of the major world spiritualities.


To Hurt or to Heal, David Cayley, Ideas, CBC Radio Works, Box 500, Station A, Toronto Ont., M5W 1E6, 2000 (audio tapes and transcript).


*Update/À jour*, Church Council on Justice and Corrections, quarterly newsletter ([https://ccjc.ca/](https://ccjc.ca/))
Excellent newsletter by a trailblazing agency.
*Best studies on “But does it work?” issues.

*Several outstanding essays by academics on victims and restorative justice.

VORP Organizing: A Foundation in the Church, Ron Claassen and Howard Zehr with Duane Ruth-Heffelbower, Mennonite Central Committee US, Office of Criminal Justice, 1989.

*Video Resources:

Glimmer of Hope, National Film Board, PO Box 6100, Station Centreville, Montréal, PQ, H3C 3H5; Phone: (800)267-7710; 52 minutes.  
*Incredible story of one family’s encountering the two men who raped and murdered their daughter/sister.

Restorative Justice: Making Things Right, Mennonite Central Committee, 21 South 12th Street, PO Box 500, Akron PA, 17501-0500; Phone: (717)859-3889; Fax: (717)859-1151; 22 minutes.  
*Excellent for Sunday School classes, etc.

Restorative Justice, U.S. Dept. of Justice (videoconference); two hours.  
*First ever North American videoconference.

Restoring Justice, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY, 40202; Phone: (800)524-2612; Fax: (502)569-8030; 50 minutes.  
*In four sections. Excellent content.

*Websites:

Justice Reflections – Worldwide Papers Linking Christian Ideas With Matters of Justice:  
http://www.justicereflections.org.uk/

Restorative Justice Consortium: http://www.restorativejustice.org.uk/

Restorative Justice Online: http://www.restorativejustice.org/

Sixth International Conference on Restorative Justice (papers):  
http://www.sfu.ca/cfrj/cresources.html

The Centre for Restorative Justice: http://www.sfu.ca/cfrj/index.html


Restorative Justice Links: https://waynenorthey.com/justice/