

With Adults, Youth and Children

Build community and form trusting relationships.



*Prevent conflict,
Manage conflict, and
Heal broken relationships
that have been impacted
by conflict.*



Restorative practices are listening and communication skills. To become a practitioner of restorative practices is to enter into a new way of thinking. Restorative practices are ways to build relationships and manage conflict – in marriages, families, schools, congregations, neighborhoods, and work places.

The *Interfaith Restorative Practices Coalition (IRPC)* hopes that the introduction of restorative practices to members of congregations will be a beginning. There is a greater goal. By training leaders and members of congregations, it is our hope to inspire them to carry these practices beyond the walls of their places of worship and into their homes and schools and places of work.

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Introducing Restorative Practices for Congregations

Many people have heard of restorative justice. However, restorative practices have a scope much broader than the criminal justice system.

The *Interfaith Restorative Practices Coalition* (formerly the Restorative Justice Committee) desires to educate others about restorative practices and spread their implementation within congregations and in the greater Milwaukee community.

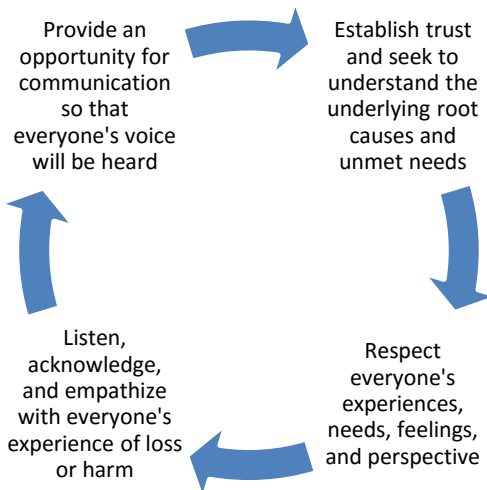
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A 3 Step Approach

Step 1 Presentations

IRPC members will speak to a congregation about restorative justice and restorative practices, describing some restorative practices and how they are used. In this way, congregations can begin to understand that restorative practices are a way of thinking and can be implemented in a variety of ways.



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Step 2 Education and Training

IRPC members will educate and train members of congregations. The presentation will include:

- 1) definition of restorative practices
- 2) support for restorative practices in the sacred scriptures of the congregation
- 3) training for members of congregations—staffs, councils, committees, faith formation programs, etc.

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Step 3 Implementation

Trained circle keepers (IRPC members who use restorative practices as volunteers and in their jobs) will guide congregants in the implementation of restorative practices to assist them in resolving conflict, processing leadership changes, managing financial challenges, and building connections within the community.

**In this way,
congregations can
help to spread
restorative practices
to the community at
large.**