Let’s Circle Up

Restorative Justice Value Statements

1. We are all connected to one another.
2. We are all different from one another.
3. We are called to care for and respect one another.
4. The past, present, and future influence and shape our lives.
5. We are called to live in ways that are life-giving to others and ourselves.
6. We are called to be humble and aware of our limitations.
7. We all have needs that require attention.
8. We are called to “do no harm” to others and ourselves.
9. We all need to be included in working through our own problems.
10. We are responsible for our actions that harm others.


Restorative Justice Principles

1. “Crime” or wrongdoing is a violation of people and of interpersonal relationships.
2. Violations create obligations.
3. The central obligation is to put right the wrongs, i.e., to repair the harms caused by wrongdoing.

From Howard Zehr, The Little Book of Restorative Justice, p. 29.

Guiding Questions of Restorative Justice

1. Who has been harmed?
2. What are their needs?
3. Whose obligation is it to address these needs?
4. Who has a stake in this situation?
5. What are the causes?
6. What is the appropriate process to involve stakeholders in an effort to put things right and address underlying causes?

From Howard Zehr, The Little Book of Restorative Justice, p. 15.