

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION IX

A Call to Transformative Justice: New Questions, New Answers!

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Dear Friends,

The ICOPA planning committee would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us in one of the most important events in the history of penal abolition. ICOPA IX will be focussing on the links between the corporate agenda and the penal system and the significance of penal abolition. Most importantly, we will be discussing the question "where do we go from here?" We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge three new keynote speakers who we feel will add new insight and excitement to the conference. Pat Clark is the National Head of justice programs for the American Friends Service Committee. Pat is a member of murder victims for reconciliation and has been active in the movement against the Special Handling Units. Uju Agomoh is the leader in the Nigerian Prison Reform Group. Uju is also the key leader in the African Network Against Torture and has obtained the release of 8000 prisoners in 1998-1999. After his grandmother was murdered, Bill Pelke led numerous 'Journey of Hope' pilgrimages across the United States for reconciliation and forgiveness. Bill is also the leader for the organization Murder Victims for Reconciliation. For a complete list of speakers, please refer to the brochure.

Enclosed in the mailing you will find a registration form, newsletter, pamphlet (outlining keynote speakers and program), and a poster, which we hope you will use to help promote the conference.

Please note the following changes:

Registration – ICOPA IX is offering an extension on the early registration and will now be accepting early registration until February 15th, 2000. We would also like to note that registration costs are in Canadian funds. Registration forms can also be found on line at the above web address.

Workshops – We are still accepting workshop proposals until February 15, 2000. The guidelines can be found on the Internet at www.interlog.com/~ritten/icopa.html. If you do not have access to the Internet please contact our office.

Childcare – We are beginning to make arrangements for childcare. We must know if you will be bringing a child or children to the conference by March 31st, 2000 in order to make proper arrangements.

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Billets needed – If you are local to Toronto and would like to billet people from out of town please contact our office. We would like to acknowledge that billets would be for the duration of the conference (5 days). If you or someone you know would be interested we would greatly appreciate your assistance. There are many people coming from outside of the country and in order to keep their costs to a minimal, we would like to be able to offer them free accommodation. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed – For those interested there are still many opportunities for you to get involved in volunteering before or at the conference. For low-income individuals who would like to attend the conference at a reduced rate, volunteering may be an option.

Interpretation – We will be offering interpretation into both Spanish and French. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like this service, as we must know in advance to ensure the proper equipment.

E-mail- To reduce mailing costs please forward us your e-mail address to ritten@interlog.com.

Regional ICOPA Meeting – We will be holding our third regional planning meeting on March 4th, 2000. During this meeting we will be able to update you on the planning of ICOPA and ask for your participation in the final details. We have greatly appreciated the regional members input and participation and would welcome you to join us once again. Please RSVP to the office as soon as possible.

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections is hosting a conference from May 5th-7th, 2000. The conference is entitled "*Living Justice: Choices in Brokenness and Community*" and will be held at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. The conference will focus on What does crime have to do with our faith? How should the church respond? What does God say? For more information please contact Stephanie Coward, The Church Council on Justice and Corrections, 507 Bank St., Ottawa, ON, K2P 1Z5, Tel: (613) 563-1688, Fax: (613) 237-6129, ccjc@web.net

We look forward to seeing you at ICOPA. Until then take care.

In Strength and Solidarity,



Giselle Dias
ICOPA Coordinator

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

International Conference On Penal Abolition IX
"A Call to Transformative Justice, New Questions - New Answers"
May 10th to 13th, 2000. Toronto, ON., CANADA.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____
Address: _____ Apartment: _____
City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____
Country: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____

Any special personal needs (diet, accessibility, language/signing, medical, etc.): _____

****Please note, in accordance with national and local health legislation, all conference venues will be smoke-free (i.e., NO SMOKING ALLOWED in rooms, only outside!)**

Indicate below registration payments (to be made **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** by surface mail, **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME ADDRESS, ETC!**)

(Registration Fees include daily snacks and lunches):

a) Early Registration Fee Payments (before January 15, 2000):

Agency \$200 _____ Individual \$120 _____ Unwaged \$40 _____

b) Late Registration Fee Payments(after January 15th, 2000):

Agency \$220 _____ Individual \$150 _____ Unwaged \$40 _____

c) Single day rates also available:

\$60 (agency) \$40 (individual) \$10 (unwaged)

If daily, please indicate dates: _____

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

We also welcome supporting donations (tax deductible in Canada).

Please make cheques payable to Rittenhouse, and forward by mail as soon as possible to confirm registration. Workshop registration will follow.

*Accommodation Options Available Upon Request.

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