

Harnessing the wind  
for new directions...



*The Church Council on Justice and Corrections*  
Annual Report 2007

# President's Report

CCJC has been monitoring the criminal justice situation on behalf of faith communities for over 35 years. CCJC is a national and bilingual organization founded by 11 Christian denominations in Canada. Its membership includes multi-faith groups, individual and community partners. CCJC is well known as a non-governmental organization in the criminal justice field, nationally and internationally, for its work since 1974 to bring to public attention the need for more socially responsible approaches to crime and justice. Council activities have included promoting educational conferences, supporting local community restorative justice projects, analyzing public policy, and partnering with the arts community in public education about justice.

United by common values of our religious heritage, CCJC operates independently of any one of our founding bodies and welcomes multi-faith or secular minded participation. Membership is open to like-minded individuals and organizations who want to join us as we strive to bring about change in the way Canada handles the issue of crime and punishment and the healing that needs to be done when individuals and communities are damaged by criminal activity – and that healing concerns victims, offenders and the community..

This is the focus of CCJC: to foster healing justice for people in our communities who are struggling with crime, its cause and effects, and the repercussions of how our legal system, justice system, and social generally deal with crime.

We do not expect our legal system alone to be able to do this for us. The job of justice is also a community responsibility, reaching far beyond what any law or justice system of the State can accomplish. Long years of experience have taught us, however, that how the State carries out its responsibilities - the laws that it enacts, the financial resources that it allocates, the public statements that it makes - can either assist community efforts, OR undo community initiatives by giving the problems of crime a twist for the worst...it will either assist efforts, based on sound evidence, to transform attitudes and criminal justice practices OR perpetuate prejudices and misunderstandings of the true realities of crime.

In this past year there has been a significant shift in public policy with the introduction of new legislation (C9 and C10) and the recent enactment of Tackling Violent Crime Act (Bill C2). In addition there is great concern about the shift in policy regarding clemency.

Our conviction is that more incarceration will not reduce crime rates, assist victims of crime or prevent crime; nor will it strengthen public safety, community health, healing and well-being. Other options, however, can better achieve these results. This opinion is based on our knowledge of the justice system, expert opinion and impressive research evidence.

Issues of social justice are at stake. Undoubtedly the next election call will be accompanied by an urgent appeal to put more people in prison for longer periods of time, and other expensive "safety" measures. This will happen, unless faith communities and other Canadians speak out about the implications of such decisions. It is crucial, therefore, that members of faith communities become informed about these issues and be prepared to engage in public dialogue.

It is my hope that the stories and projects in this report will encourage and inspire reflection, engagement and action on criminal justice policy and concerns at this most critical point in our journey as a people concerned with justice and shalom for all.

This past year we welcomed three new church members representing our founding denominations: David Olding, The Anglican Church, Richard von Briesen, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Caitlin Bancroft, The Salvation Army. We said goodbye to: Andrew Jensen, The United Church of Canada, Lori Jensen, The Presbyterian Church of Canada. We wish to thank Lori and Andrew for their work while with us

I wish to thank...

...Lorraine Berzins for her persistent commitment, critical analysis and insight, and creative approach to the work of engaging us all in a deeper conversation about justice

...our Board members who have given so much of their time, energy, wisdom and passion to the work of CCJC.

...Maristela Carrara, our Coordinator, whose organizational and administrative skills, dedication, inspirational leadership, and patience have guided us all to solid ground.

...Sandie Lessard, our bookkeeper, who has been very generous with her time and knowledge, always available to answer questions and problem solve and who has done an excellent job in maintaining accurate and up to date financial records allowing for the timely production of monthly financial reports

...Stephanie Long and Megan Backus, two gifted university students, who have brought to our work their interest, enthusiasm and concern for criminal justice issues and restorative approaches.

...Kimberly Mann and Tiffani Murray with the Collaborative Justice Program and Amber Montgomery, with the Adult Justice Committee who continue to offer restorative justice in the Ottawa Courthouse.

# Restorative Justice Week

In 2007 CCJC worked with its membership in the production of materials for Restorative Justice Week as part of our ongoing collaboration with Correctional Service of Canada (CSC). Through the valuable input of representatives of the Mennonite Central Committee, Catholic Church, United Church, Quakers, and the Christian Reformed Church, CCJC produced an inter-faith leaflet with questions and answers about Restorative Justice. We also provided a vast array of worship resources that were posted on CSC's website. These materials were widely promoted through our mailing list, as were the events that took place during RJ Week 2007 throughout Canada.

One of the successful events that took place during RJ Week in 2007 was an Ottawa town-hall forum organized by the Restorative Justice Network of Ottawa, whose chair is Kimberly Mann of the Collaborative Justice Program. The event was moderated by CBC's Rita Celli, who interviewed Ottawa Police Chief Vern White as he spoke about Restorative Justice to about 100 attendants.

CCJC conducted a survey in the beginning of November to obtain feedback on the materials provided and to find other ways to encourage local churches to promote restorative justice during Restorative Justice Week. As part of our response to our findings, CCJC and CSC are planning to have a workshop kit and speakers available to churches who wish to hold a special event in their community in 2008.



# Administration & Finances

It seems like 2007 was a year of challenge and also of recognition for CCJC's perseverance. We worked hard to re-organize our structure in a way that allowed our staff to properly respond to the expectations of members and funders. As a result, our financial situation has improved, allowing us to breathe and think more creatively about our role in the communities we touch.

With the hiring of a new coordinator, our interim coordinators Kimberly Mann and Tiffani Murray were able to dedicate themselves 100% to the Collaborative Justice Program. The hard work of Kim and Tiffani re-organizing our projects and finances significantly facilitated the adaptation of Maristela, our new coordinator. By the summer we were able to resume publication of "The Well", our electronic newsletter, and still deliver on all our projects and contracts. We were also able to take on new opportunities, like the coordination of the first National Gathering of Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA). Lorraine Berzins moved from a staff position to do contract work for CCJC, which gave her freedom to tend to personal matters while still being very connected to CCJC. We were also fortunate to contract with Stephanie Long, a PhD candidate at the University of Ottawa, as our new research assistant.



Financially, we have now moved to a position where there is a bit more room to consider better ways to advance our vision of healing justice. Our appeal campaign in November was successful in two important fronts: in its financial response - for which we are very grateful to all donors; and in attracting new members whose offer to volunteer time and expertise is invaluable to CCJC. We thank all of you who kept committed to our work throughout the years, and also the new members and supporters that responded to our appeal in 2007. We were also fortunate to be the contract holder for the first National CoSA Gathering, and we are now hoping to continue our partnership with CoSA programs pending the approval of a new project that will allow their sustainability and evaluation for a period of 3-5 years.

# Coordinator's Report

My first year at CCJC, 2007 was definitely a year of good surprises and lots of learning! As I write this report, a few days after my first official anniversary here, I cannot disregard the great pleasure it is to work with the wonderful people that are part of our staff, membership and Board – not mentioning all the partnering organizations that add flavour to what we do daily. Many of the projects we worked on this year were aimed at strengthening our ties to our membership and partnering organizations. We have focused on three main goals: serving our constituency, prophetic community education and witnessing on public policy.

**Serving our constituency:** Already in the first months following my official start, and as part of our AGM 2007, we worked with the Mennonite Central Committee on a Victims Symposium that attracted about 50 participants from victims groups, government agencies, and church representatives. As a response to the outcomes of this Symposium, CCJC started developing a project that will resource and train pastoral care team members at the local and diocesan level to provide support to individuals harmed by crime within their church communities. Also, Dr. Ross Hastings, of the Institute for the Prevention of Crime, led a session at the AGM on crime prevention through social development. A small group has formed to explore a “new investment logic” that would address the issues brought to light.

We are proud to have completed production of the Quilt DVD “Stitched Together”, a copy of which will soon be available through the Public Safety Canada Library. “Stitched Together” was presented at the Second International Restorative Justice Congress in Jamaica in 2008. We were also pleased to resume publication of our electronic newsletter, The Well, in the summer. The Well is now distributed to our networks and supporters quarterly every March, July and November.

Towards the end of 2007, CCJC worked in collaboration with managers of “Circles of Support and Accountability” (CoSA) - offender reintegration support groups - from across Canada to hold the first gathering of CoSA programs in the beginning of 2008. This gathering was an opportunity to exchange information, experiences, lessons learned, and to discuss the development and the future directions for CoSA in Canada. CCJC acted as sponsor, coordinator and supporter of the organizing committee for this event. We were able to secure funding from Correctional Service of Canada and Public Safety Canada and will report on the many positive outcomes of this gathering in our 2008 report.

**Prophetic community education:** CCJC was pleased to present a workshop - on the application of restorative justice principles at sentencing - during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Restorative Justice

Conference in Toronto. Meagan Stephen’s paper “Lessons from the Frontlines” formed the evidence base for this insightful workshop that showed that although restorative justice principles were incorporated into legislation, there are still important steps to be taken to bring theory into practice.

We have also developed a proposal with artist cj fleury to undertake phase two of the project “Towards a New Public Conversation about What Justice Is...”. The proposal, entitled “Plato’s Panhandlers”, consists of a series of workshops that will reach out to people who are involved in panhandling activity on Ottawa streets. This is a follow-up to “Taking it to the Streets”, a project organized by fellow agencies to assess fear of crime in downtown Ottawa. “Taking it to the Streets” revealed a generalized discomfort around panhandlers and the problems of drugs. Organizers and members of the Panhandler Union raised protest that they in fact are at high risk themselves and have several concerns of their own about safety on the streets. This initiative is part of our strategy to promote approaches to Crime Prevention that assist more effectively the communities that are at highest risk. “Plato’s Panhandlers”, already approved and now funded by the Ontario Art’s Council, will be reported in 2008.

**Witnessing on public policy:** 2007 was a year of many changes as Canada moves into a “tougher on crime” agenda. CCJC actively participated in consultations and presentations, providing some insight into the real consequences of increasing rates of incarceration. Our briefs and presentations are available through our website, and include submissions to the Correctional Review Panel (Sampson’s Panel), briefs to the Parliamentary Committee on Bill C-2 – Tackling Violent Crime Act - and a presentation to the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights on Bill C-2. We were also invited for a consultative meeting with the Department of Justice on pre-trial detention of youth under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) and submitted considerations on the proposed changes to the YCJA. In addition, we participated in a brainstorming meeting with Olivia Chow (NDP MP) and like-minded organizations to discuss a national strategy that addresses, among other issues, youth crime prevention. We were distraught to learn of Canada’s shift in policy to start condoning the execution of Canadians by the jurisdictions of other countries considered to be democratic towards the end of the year, and continue monitoring how this new policy develops despite the many pleas, including CCJC’s, that were sent to our Prime Minister.

You will find more details on other projects, such as Restorative Justice Week, throughout this report. We hope you enjoy the read and get as excited as we are about the seeds we have been planting!

# A Victim's Symposium

## Neighbours Helping Neighbours

*Understanding the personal harm of crime and learning how to support the journey to resiliency*

On May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007, some fifty participants gathered at Saint Paul University in Ottawa for this symposium, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee Canada in collaboration with the CCJC. Representing a cross-section of faith leaders, church community members, community development animators, victims' advocates, victim support workers and policy makers, as well as some who have been touched by crime themselves, they were drawn to experience the leadership of Wilma Derksen around:



"People can change dramatically in positive ways as a result of encountering devastating events. This personal development occurs in the context of suffering and significant psychological struggle. It emerges from the struggle to cope, not from the trauma itself. And yet the trauma is the catalyst, the seismic event that shakes the foundations of one's life, and demands a response." The Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime published an article written by Lorraine Berzins about this symposium in the May issue of the newsletter "National Justice Network Update".

*CCJC intends to promote similar events in the future. For more information about our work and about a new website on Wilma Derksen's ongoing work on resilience, contact us.*



**Funding Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS)** – The Collaborative Justice Program continues to receive funding for one full time caseworker from the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Youth case referrals come from both the Boys and Girls Club (pre-charge cases) and from the Crown Attorney's office (post-charge cases). We have arranged with the Youth Team Lead Crown to screen youth files once a week to note which ones to consider referring. We are awaiting results of the MCYS evaluation.

**Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) – Adult Justice Committees diversion funding** – We have been working with this funding for less serious adult cases since March 2007 and expect it to continue into the next fiscal year, however we have not received confirmation of this. We hired Amber Montgomery, as a Caseworker in March 2007; we knew Amber from her Ottawa University placement with CJP. We have also trained 21 volunteers to assist with the casework and at this time, we still have 14 volunteers working with us. We gained a new office across from courtroom #12 which Kimberly and a student occupy. Amber and Tiffani occupy the old office outside courtroom #4. We continue to be challenged by this different casework model and in our new dependence on volunteers. We expect to interview and train more volunteers to assist with this work.

**Donations** – We received approximately \$28,000 in donations during the 2007 calendar year. We have continued to use this income to fund serious adult casework. Tiffani and Kimberly can manage a few serious cases at one time. Due to the new diversion programs in the courthouse, recently donations have been greatly reduced.

**Staffing** – Since March 2007, Kimberly works 4 days per week while Tiffani and Amber work full time hours. Since September 2007 and until April 2008, we are pleased to have Chantal Morisset, a 4th year Criminology student from Ottawa University, with us for her Ottawa University internship (2 days per week).

**Community Involvement** – CJP continues to take a lead in the Restorative Justice Network of Ottawa as Kimberly remains the Chairperson. Monthly newsletter e-mails are being sent to email members of the Network (130 people) while the active committee continues to plan local events.

Kimberly continues to be an active member on the Ottawa Youth Justice Services Network, while Tiffani represents CJP with the Community Adult Justice Network

# Parliamentary Bills

**Putting more money into prisons will NOT make Canadians safer:  
Let's talk about a new investment strategy!**

CCJC continued in 2007 to monitor the crime policy legislative agenda on behalf of faith communities. We voiced our concerns in briefs to House of Commons and Senate committees. The ups and downs of this process have been regularly reported in *The Well*, and the full text of our presentations can be read on our website. What we have experienced can be described as two steps forward, ten steps back. New motions returned some of the harshness of provisions that had been successfully challenged, and in the end, an omnibus bill (C-2, the Tackling Violent Crime Act) passed without amendments, containing many provisions that had been widely critiqued. For an analysis of why this happened despite the educated misgivings of many of our decision-makers, see *The Well*, March 2008.

Our criminal justice system is already very destructive in several respects, because of its punitive and adversarial features. CCJC believes that these new laws are going to worsen those very features, with no evidence that they can contribute to a reduction in crime. We know now that prison sentences do not give us value for money, whereas there are other options that do. But we have just witnessed a federal budget allocating significant new monies for such poor investments, and at the expense of adequate sums for early childhood care, education, affordable housing, poverty reduction strategies, health and social services for the most vulnerable.

We are witnessing a major shift in Canada's criminal justice priorities, a shift supported by all the major political parties. We believe that this makes this a pivotal juncture for social policy in Canada; a bad prison situation is about to get worse if we do not call for more accountability for the lack of results of spending our tax dollars in this way. This will not happen without more informed opinion in our churches and neighborhoods about the issues of social justice that are at stake.

CCJC undertook several new initiatives in 2007 to address this, in collaboration with a variety of partners from other agencies and sectors. We began preparing the means to more effectively articulate **a new investment logic** to redirect public resources and community efforts. We formed a number of ad hoc advisory groups to assemble data and information about current criminal justice investments, their costs and poor results; and about alternate areas requiring much greater investments, that can be demonstrated to be more productively linked to community safety, health and well-being. We began the work of developing a series of information sheets for **public messaging** describing in plain language some of the key issues that can be expected to continue to come up on the legislative agenda; and a plan to engage with non-criminal justice partners to join voices in calling for a new investment strategy for justice policy in Canada.

Canada now has:

- new laws about bail that will fill more jail cells even prior to any trial;
- new laws that will put people behind bars for crimes that previously did not result in jail sentences;
- new laws that will keep people in for longer periods of time;
- new laws about repeat offenders to keep more of them in 'indefinitely' under 'Dangerous Offender' provision;
- new laws to make more sentences mandatory, removing from judges the discretion to make wise decisions through the process of discernment and judgment that we aspire to as truly human.



**Our purpose is to raise questions for discernment by reflective communities, questions that might make people think: are more prisons really good for Canada...? How do they really affect our communities, sometimes even people we know? Maybe we need to find out more about this before Canada goes farther down this road...**

# Sacred Stories, Sacred Journeys

## A Pilgrimage of the Justice Storytelling Quilt - Manitoba

The storytelling quilt (that tells the stories of victims and offenders) arrived in Winnipeg on Thursday, November 22, and was returned to Ottawa on January 31<sup>st</sup>. When I chose the above title for the itinerary, I was thinking of the quilt as a pilgrim visiting holy places. It was not long before I noticed that the pilgrim was really me; I was carrying something very holy to places made holy by the people there. Each time I pack and unpack the quilt to continue the journey, my experience is different – it is like layers within myself that are uncovered and allow me to go more deeply into the experience of the stories told and retold through the quilt.

Last summer, my husband Greg and I decided that we would take the challenge of bringing the quilt to Manitoba. We had no idea that it would be travelling to 13 venues and would be with us for two months. The quilt was hosted by a variety of groups: 2 churches, 2 Correctional Centres, 2 professional centres, 1 University, 1 for Board members of another University, 3 Drop-in Centres, 2 Diocesan Centres. The folks who saw, listened to, connected with, planned about the quilt represented a cross-section of brothers and sisters, from the most disinherited to the most recognized – street people, sex-trade workers, family members in conflict, teachers, professors (local and from the third-world), nuns, a bishop, front-line workers....etc. *That, in itself brings warmth to my heart, that the quilt brings a message that anyone who will take the time to stop and listen and reflect.*

The media has been responsive well beyond my expectation. I wrote a press release as soon as I had a few commitments from hosts for the quilt. I forwarded it to newspapers, TV stations, radio, diocesan centres, groups that I knew were connected to Restorative Justice etc. It was followed by a grand silence. In the meantime, I continued my “footwork” and telephone calls.

Sunday, November 25 – Marked the first event! A stormy blustery, cold day! And...Grey Cup day! (Can you read between the lines???)

It didn't stop us – The first group was small, but in a very uncanny way represented a cross-section of folks who would in the months to come be hosting the quilt. And... Much to my surprise, there arrived a newspaper reporter, cameras and reporters from 2 television stations. The next day, the Winnipeg Sun carried a report

and featured a picture of the quilt. CBC-TV sent a reporter with a camera the next day. He did the interview, reporting both in French and English. That same evening it was on the local news on both channels.

(Unknown to me for a number of days, City TV, who was at the Sunday event, does community event spots throughout the day every hour. Our spot was on Channel 9 for a week every hour!)

The event in Brandon (2 1/2 hours drive west of Winnipeg), was sponsored by 2 United Church groups whose churches were destroyed by fire. Arson was the cause. Members of the two congregations, one from Brandon and the other from Minnedosa gathered around the quilt, in the quest of healing and the rebuilding of their lives and that of their community.

Kateri Aboriginal Church invited a guest speaker who told his own story of healing after being assaulted and left for dead. For his story: [www.tylerpelke.ca](http://www.tylerpelke.ca). It underlined the message brought by the quilt. The quilt was left on display the next day.

These two events show how non-threatening and comforting the presence of the quilt is. It offers folks an opening, even, *I would say it gives permission to people to ask questions, tell their story and most of the time, becomes a means of getting in touch with their hurts, and brokenness as well as their own experience of forgiving and receiving forgiveness.*

I found this extraordinarily true with prisoners, with those who live “on the margins”, with front-line workers who deal every day with the poorest of the poor. I've seen these folks immediately connect from the heart. I've seen them waiting for the quilt with expectation and receiving it with reverence. One woman, who was a volunteer worker, confided to me, “I don't know if I will have the courage to touch it – My sister was murdered ....”

I have a feeling that the quilt will go to many other holy people and holy places. I am thankful for having the chance to be part of this journey. It brings many Blessings – with its message of compassion, love and life.

*Margot Lavoie*



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This past year was very eventful for those involved with us on the Church Council on Justice and Corrections for the province of Quebec (CEJCQ). We continued our regular visits in the Federal Prisons, with our many volunteers, and had the privilege of organizing and participating in many interesting and resourceful activities, inside and outside the prison walls. To mention just a few...

### Restorative Justice Week

**The Opening** - For the second year in a row we held the opening ceremonies at l'Oratoire St-Joseph, and this time over 4000, heard about Restorative Justice at the many services held throughout the day. The crowds consisted of not only those who attend the Oratory for their weekly mass, but present were our invited guests as well. There were victims together with offenders, prison chaplains, employees of Correctional Service of Canada, along with many of our precious volunteers. After the Sunday morning service, many people decided to stay for a time of fellowship afterward, amazed by the idea that they had just celebrated mass together and in harmony with prisoners and ex-offenders.

**The Symposium** - Many organizations collaborated together to hold for the first time, but certainly not the last, a Symposium on Restorative Justice. With approximately 300 in attendance, we had two days of bilingual conferencing with an array of panellists, speakers, kiosks, etc. each promoting the ever increasing need for a new approach to "Justice" that benefits *all* who have the misfortune of being affected by crime. However, with this 'array' of key-note speakers comes a wide variety of opinions on how to implement this new type of 'Justice'

**The Closing Forum** - Each year to conclude the week of Restorative Justice, the CEJCQ holds a Forum that includes a fellowship supper and a time of celebration with both our English & French guests. Again this evening was a success with more than 150 participants - volunteers, prisoners, ex-prisoners, victims, and representatives from the CSC and many partner organizations. For the francophone guests we had the privilege of having a composer-musician from the Ste-Anne-des-Plaines penitentiary. For the Anglophones, we watched the documentary film 'Dead Man Walking' with the testimony of

the dear 'Sister' who accompanied a prisoner up to his execution. There was not a 'dry-eye' in the place.

### Christmas Activities

**The Joliette Penitentiary for Women** - Unfortunately, due to a major snowstorm we were forced to postpone our Christmas event for two days. But that did not deter us from having the most memorable time together. The Chaplain first led the way for me, along with a handful of volunteers to visit the few women who are in Maximum. We sang Christmas Carols, told the Christmas Story, chatted, and gave them their gift bags. We then went back to the chapel to quickly prepare for the evening's festivities we planned for the rest of the women. We normally have a dozen women out at our chapel activities, but not this time. The chapel was packed!

**The Immigration Prevention Centre (IPC)** - For our fifth year in a row, we celebrated Christmas with the immigrants - men, women & children - held at the Centre (about 80 in all). Our guest musician brought his guitar and along with a pianist Christmas tunes were sung, food was served and presents were handed to each and every resident. We were extremely blessed with the donations received this year, as we were able to provide each woman with a brand new winter coat (sized to fit) and almost all of the men with either a NHL sweater or gloves. It was quite the event. Even the IPC Security guards and staff joined in the festivities with as much enthusiasm as the residents and volunteers.

**The ex-prisoners** - I had the privilege of spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, accompanied by my parents and volunteers, at The New Hope House for women in reintegration. Surrounded by an abundance of food, and a turkey 'done to perfection' (all donated), we were 13 people around the table for Christmas Dinner, including 4 women who have 'done time' in prison. For some it was the first time they were celebrating this season sober and in the presence of people who truly cared for them. We were all particularly touched by a woman who noted, with tears in her eyes, how she was trying to remember the last time she had opened a Christmas present - maybe when she was a little girl (she is now 42 years of age). This is the 'real reason for the season'.

We were blessed once again with a fruitful year, and we have seen a continual increase in volunteers, partners, & communities who have been willing to put aside their differences in order to work together for a stronger, safer, happier and healthier society.

Dear CCJC donor/member,

*The Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC) believes we can only deal with crime by building a peaceful, safe and just society. We need to name and struggle with harm done to people and attend to healing for victims, offenders, their families and the larger community. We call for a commitment to non-violent conflict resolution that is both person-centered and preventative, as an aid to healing rather than blame.*

*Donor and member support has played an important role in CCJC's ability to bring communities together to foster restorative approaches to justice. Your contribution will sponsor education, advocacy and community development initiatives that foster healthier communities and crime prevention through social responsibility. To support CCJC's work, please provide your contact information, **including your e-mail if you have one**, and choose one of the two options: A. Donor, or B. Membership.*

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*You may become a Member of CCJC as an individual or an organization and thereby support the Church Council in its program initiatives. CCJC relies on its members for advice or reflection in the fields they are most familiar with.*

***CCJC members benefit from access to CCJC's growing network of regional and local faith or community justice clusters, enjoy voting rights at CCJC's Annual General Meeting and eligibility to be nominated as Board director.***

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- I am already a member of CCJC (we appreciate your updating your contact information)
- I would like to renew my membership for a period of 1 (one) year;
- I wish to become a member of CCJC.

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my Membership Fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the coming year*

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**I am interested in volunteering with CCJC (check as many as apply)**

- Research policy issues (e.g. for input into briefs on pending legislation)
- Fundraising/marketing/communications (e.g. writing, editing, developing marketing strategies, organizing special events)
- Development of educational materials and resources
- Helping to develop a regional CCJC network
- Website maintenance
- French translations of website and written materials
- Data base management
- General office/administration work (at National Office in Ottawa)
- Other interests/skills \_\_\_\_\_

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## Financial Report - 2007

Donations and grants	108,269
Project income	216,991
Other	1,329
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>326,589</b>

Operating expenses	135,817
Project expenses	190,261
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>326,078</b>

<b>NET INCOME 2007</b>	<b>511</b>
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## About us

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections was established in 1974 by the Canadian Council of Churches and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The supporting denominations appoint members from across Canada with experience and expertise in the field of criminal justice and corrections. CCJC is a national and bilingual organization.

The Council concerns itself with a broad range of issues: aboriginal justice, alternatives to punishment, community fears, death penalty, families of prisoners, family violence, law reform, long-term prisoners, parole, racism, sentencing, sexual offences, urban crime, victims of crime, violence prevention, women's concerns, youth and crime.

We strive to assist those we serve to reflect theologically about the nature of justice, to examine the impact of the present system on the lives of those it touches, and to search for pathways of redemptive change.

## Supporting denominations

The Anglican Church of Canada  
Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec  
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Christian Reformed Churches of North America  
Disciples of Christ in Canada  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada  
Mennonite Central Committee Canada  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)  
The Salvation Army in Canada  
The United Church of Canada  
Canadian Council of Churches



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1. The Justice Storytelling Quilt at Headingly Correctional Institute, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2007; 2. Tyler Pelke telling his story at Kateri Church in Winnipeg, December 16<sup>th</sup> 2007; 3. Maristela Carrara (Coordinator) and Lorraine Berzins (Community Chair of Justice).