



2012 – 2013 Annual Report



The CCJC Vision

*"To serve as a shining light for
restorative approaches to justice
and corrections"*

President's Message

We began this year in the life of the Church Council on Justice and Corrections celebrating our 40th anniversary. There is nothing arbitrary about the number 40 in the Hebrew Christian tradition. In the Genesis tale of the torrential rain, it was 40 days and 40 nights of high water before the face of the earth could begin to be renewed. The story tellers shape the life of its early leaders in 40 year intervals, beginning with Moses: 40 years in a privileged life before a revenge killing forever altered his life; 40 years as a fugitive in Midian and a final 40 as an unlikely leader trying to move a motley crew of refugees from oppression to freedom.

Eli, the last of Israel's judges, judged for 40 years; then Saul, David and Solomon each ruled for 40 years. In the ancient prophetic tradition, Ninevah was given a grace period of 40 days and nights before the reluctant prophet Jonah came to town to give them hell and promise them heaven on earth. Israel's disheartened prophet, Elijah, was on a forty day fast in the desert bemoaning his dwindling number of colleagues before he was called back into action with a renewed sense of hope.

In placing Jesus in his 1st century Jewish context, the gospel storytellers place him in the wilderness for 40 days and nights before he emerges with a clear sense of identity. From the wilderness, a radical sense of purpose returned him to the Galilee with a passion to build a beloved community for its most vulnerable and broken members.

In the stories of our faith, 40 ushers us into prime time: to be apprehended afresh by the divine, to be interrupted and rerouted, to learn from the past and to be about a new thing. At 40, we are old enough to know who we are and still young enough to do something about it!

CCJC began celebrating its diamond anniversary reminded of the remarkable work of four decades of diverse projects, publications, research, consultations and creativity we have been part of in a national conversation about cultivating restorative

approaches to justice and corrections. Rev. Pierre Allard, the key note speaker at our anniversary celebration, challenged CCJC to persist in the particular darkness of time as a shining light for restorative practices in the work of justice making.

In this 40th year we have sought to be faithful to the light we have received from the participating denominations, staff, supporters, members and friends of CCJC. We have conducted restorative justice workshops, created opportunities for education with our story telling quilt, participated in conversations with those providing religious and spiritual care in some of our correctional facilities, championed Restorative Justice week and supported Victims Awareness Week with a meaningful Ottawa based event and provided valuable resources on our website.

We are grateful for the passion and diligence that our Executive Director, Janet Handy, brings to the work of the council. We have also been very well served by the work of Schuyler Playford as Research and Communications Co-ordinator. We recently welcomed Kathryn Bliss to this position while Schuyler is on maternity leave. With deep regret, we accepted the resignation of Maristela Carrara as CoSA National Demonstration Project Coordinator after many years of dedicated service to CCJC and CoSA. We have been very fortunate to have had Jill Bench serving as interim during Maristela's leave and accepting this position for the balance of the term of the project following Maristela's resignation. We celebrate our staff team along with generous volunteers who give this work their skills and dedication. I am honoured to serve CCJC alongside our staff, volunteers and a complement of talented and faithful hard working board members.

Like so many mentors from the world of our primary narrative, at 40 years of age, we face new challenges. Out of a rich history, we bring our creativity, capacity for discernment and commitment to restorative practices to the long adaptive work of being faithful to

our vision. We are grateful for many conversation partners including the Government of Canada, the churches of our supporting denominations, religious communities and other non-profit organizations. In this time, we commit ourselves anew to the continuing work of

enhancing restorative and healing possibilities for victims and offenders of crime; for building healing and restorative relationships in our churches and communities.

Nancy Steeves

Executive Director's Message

2012-1013 marked our 40th year and we celebrated the long history of CCJC's spiritual and social justice activism throughout the year starting with our AGM celebration. At that celebration Pierre Allard during his keynote address called upon CCJC to re-discover and encourage churches and society to reflect upon a divine image that loves and holds a sense of justice that is restorative rather than punitive. We continued that call from Pierre by inviting readers and contributors to our new and interactive website www.ccjc.ca to reflect on various thematic justice concerns on the discussion board.

CCJC hosted critical interfaith discussions and developed a response to the **chaplaincy cuts** made by the federal government. We bring our unique faith-based perspective to the work and discussions of key coalitions as we participate in moving the compassionate justice agenda forward.

We also maintain contact with inmates and continue to call for the staying of the death penalty sentencing of a Canadian citizen jailed in the United States.

We produced parish materials for distribution and led restorative justice workshops in Ottawa and Winnipeg. We delivered over nine different workshops and keynote addresses to numerous colleagues, at roundtables, with secular community groups and interfaith gatherings on topics such as forgiveness, resilience, restorative justice and building a compassionate justice system. We continue to raise public awareness of the issues affecting both offenders and victims.

It is up to each one of us to stand behind the conviction of our beliefs and to look for ways to strengthen our collective voice. We thank you for your support over the past year as we challenge the negative spirits of vengeance and retribution as society's collective response to pain and suffering from violence and crime.

You have helped us to keep alive the call for compassionate, restorative justice measures in our penal institutions, in our communities and in our public education forums as a means to achieve healing and a restorative world. We have been honoured to represent you in this important work.

Janet Handy

CCJC Staff:

Janet Handy, M.Ed, M.Div., Executive Director
Schuyler Playford (*Currently on Parental Leave*)
Research and Communications Coordinator
Kathryn Bliss, M.A. Crim. (RCC, maternity leave contract)
Contract Staff : Sandie Lessard, Finance

CoSA National Demonstration Project Staff:

Jill Bench, National Coordinator
Ann Morneau, CoSA Project Associate
Maggie McPhail, CoSA Project Administrative Assistant

Thank you for all the hard work this past year by our incredible staff team!

CCJC's 40th Anniversary

We marked 40 years of the Church Council on Justice and Corrections with a celebration during CCJC's AGM on September 27th. The celebration included a keynote address and speeches by people with a special connection to the Church Council's work over the past four decades. The event also featured a silent auction of quilts created by ex-inmates in Quebec's Néo-DEP program, donated by the Shantz family. The evening concluded with the official launch of CCJC's new website: the many new features on www.ccjc.ca open the door for the next 40 years of our engagement with member denominations and the general public, as CCJC continues to serve as a shining light for the promotion of restorative approaches toward justice and corrections.

The speakers at our 40th anniversary celebration represented voices from CCJC's past. Each reflected on a different element or era of the Church Council's work. Norma McCord shared stories from CCJC's founding and early days in the 1970s. She offered reflections from the unique perspective CCJC's first President, Norma's late husband David McCord. CCJC's former communications staff member Rick Prashaw shared highlights from CCJC's work in the 1990s, when Rick and his colleagues worked on community engagement initiatives, policy consultations, and other projects. Stephanie Coward, who collaborated with CCJC on several projects including the play *Crime on Broadway* and the Martha and Howard characters, spoke about CCJC's efforts to re-shape thinking about justice through the use of theatre and other forms of artistic expressions. Guests also heard from Jane Griffiths about CCJC's involvement in the creation of the Collaborative Justice Program. Jane is a former CCJC Board member and Past-President of the CJP, having helped develop and foster the program from its early days as a Church Council project. We heard how the program, which was created to illustrate how restorative justice can be effective

as a response to serious crime, and now operates independently in Ottawa and continues to illustrate the potential of RJ to complement the criminal justice system in Canada.



Pierre Allard at CCJC's 40th Anniversary celebration in September 2012. *Click the image above to link to an audio recording of Pierre's keynote address and a slideshow from the celebration.*

The keynote address at CCJC's 40th anniversary celebration was delivered by Rev. Dr. Pierre Allard. In his address, Pierre explored the Biblical and theological roots of our understanding of justice and reflected on the history of corrections in Canada throughout CCJC's 40 years of work. Pierre reminded guests of the Church Council's vision "to serve as a shining light for restorative approaches to justice. He challenged CCJC to enter once again into a deep discussion with our churches in Canada, to help probe the meaning of justice in light of our faith tradition, and to continue to "be that light".

Our new [online discussion forum](#) continues to host a question inspired by Pierre's challenge. As CCJC continues to mark its 40th year of work and we prepare to explore and answer Pierre's call to "be that light", we hope that you will join us in seeking restorative, hope-filled, faith-inspired responses to the crime and justice challenges we face in our communities across Canada.

Schuyler Playford



National Project Manager's Report

Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA)

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC) is the umbrella organization holding the Contribution Agreement with the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) of Public Safety Canada (PSC) for the funding of the CoSA evaluation. This evaluation will assess the effectiveness of the CoSA corrections program in lowering the rate of recidivism of high risk sexual offenders.

Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) is a community-based reintegration program for sex offenders grounded in restorative justice principles. Individuals taking part in the program are referred to as "core members" who have been released at the end of their entire sentence or who have been released under long term supervision.

The goal of CoSA is to substantially reduce the risk of further victimization of community members by assisting, supporting and holding core members accountable in their effort to reintegrate into the wider community. There are currently 16 CoSA sites located across Canada, with 14 of these sites participating in the national evaluation of CoSA.

In 2012-13, we completed the fourth year of this project during which time we began collecting

information and data for Phase II of the Evaluation Project.

As of April, 2013, CoSA:

- Was working with 735 volunteers located in the 14 CoSA sites;
- Volunteers had given more than 3,952 hours of their time to working with core members in support groups known as Circles;
- Had 176 active Circles, with more than 566 individuals being served by CoSA last year.

Please refer to the charts in Annex A for current core member demographics.

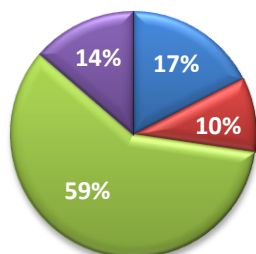
In November 2012, CCJC hosted the annual CoSA Gathering in Toronto. This five day event provided an opportunity for the staff of the sites participating in the national Evaluation to come together and hear, in some depth, the data collection activities taking place in the coming year and their involvement in these activities. As well, progress was made in the process of creating a national, incorporated CoSA organisation.

During the past year Maristela Carrara tendered her resignation and Jill Bench was hired as the National Coordinator for the duration of the project.

Jill Bench

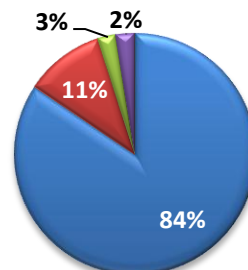
**CoSA Core Members -
Age Groups (NCPC Project)**

■ 18-34.9 ■ 35-39.9
■ 40-59.9 ■ 60 or Older



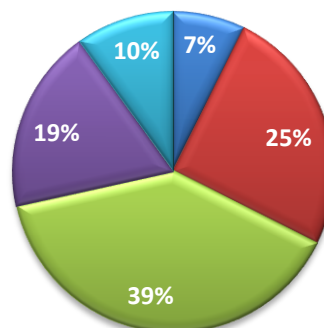
**CoSA Core Members -
Aboriginal Population Served
(NCPC Project)**

■ Non-Aboriginal ■ First Nation
■ Métis ■ Inuit



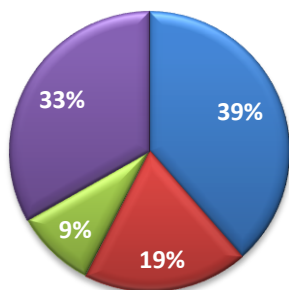
CoSA Core Members - History of Offending (NCPC Project)

- No prior charges or convictions of any kind
- Previous charges or convictions for non-sexual offences
- Previous charges or convictions for sexual offences of any kind
- Previous charges or convictions for sexual crimes EXCLUSIVELY involving children under the age of 12
- Previous charges or convictions for sexual crimes involving EXCLUSIVELY adult victims (over the age of 18)



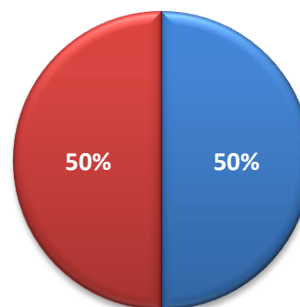
CoSA Core Members - Substance Abuse Issues (NCPC Project)

- No known drug or alcohol problems
- ONLY Alcohol abuse problems



Current NCPC Core Members: Post-WED 810 and LTSO

- Post-WED 810 Order or no orders
- Post WED Long Term Supervision Order (LTSO)



Staff and volunteers from CoSA sites across Canada gathered in October 2012 to discuss project research findings, collaborate, and solidify relationships from site to site.



Public Outreach

A central role for CCJC is to engage communities in discussion about justice and corrections. Through the 2012-13 fiscal year, CCJC continues to work towards this goal through a number of outreach and educational activities.

Restorative Justice Week: The promotion of Restorative Justice (RJ) is a primary concern for the CCJC, and we regularly participate in the national Restorative Justice Week. The theme for RJ Week this year (November 14-20 2012) was 'Diverse Needs. This theme inspired us to look at the ways in which restorative justice can begin to address the needs of those individuals and communities impacted by crime. Our Ottawa event was presented in collaboration with the Ottawa Restorative Justice Network (ORJN). Our executive director offered a reflection at the beginning of the event which featured a presentation by Katy Hutchison, whose story of Bob explored one victim's journey with Restorative Justice. Katy shared her story, as the family member of a homicide victim, offering a victim's perspective on restorative justice. In keeping with CCJC's tradition of creating public resource materials promoting and exploring restorative justice, CCJC developed a workshop to provide an opportunity for everyday Canadians – in parishes and community centres – to learn about restorative circles by playing a role in one. This year the workshop was offered by volunteers in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Ottawa.

Public Education: In October 2012 CCJC launched our new website (www.ccjc.ca), as part of the renewal undertaken to mark our 40th year of work. As part of this renewal we added a new members' area to our website and opened a discussion forum in an effort to enhance dialogue with the organization. Each month a new reflection question is

posted to generate discussion among our membership. Our new website offers a wonderful communication tool in our efforts to reach out to the wider community and engage them in new ways of thinking about justice and corrections.

[CCJC's E-bulletin, SAGE](#) continues to gather the voices of our partners and individuals faithful to the CCJC call for compassionate justice. Each of the four issues this year provided opportunities to learn or reflect on many important issues related to our struggle to achieve a more compassionate justice system. Our summer 2012 issue focused on restorative nature of reintegration efforts. The fall 2012 issue looked at Restorative Circles, and various efforts being put forth to allow the restorative process to help those impacted by crime. Our Winter 2012 edition called upon our readers to look at images of God and how they relate to the concepts of justice that guide our practice.

Over the years, CCJC has used the universal language of art to raise questions about what justice looks like in our society. For CCJC, art has been a powerful tool used to engage the public to consider how we, as communities, ought to respond to the harms caused by crime. One of the most successful tools to date has been the [Justice Storytelling Quilt](#). The quilt is an interactive, multi-media, bilingual piece created by multi-media artist Meagan O'Shea. The quilt consists of 40 squares, each created by a victim of crime or an incarcerated offender. Again this year the Justice Story-telling Quilt has been travelling the country helping to humanize the effects of crime and the path to justice.

Public Presentations: CCJC staff and volunteers have presented numerous workshops and presentations this year covering a wide range of topics. Some of these included the following:

Our Executive Director:

1. *Ottawa Interfaith Council, Ottawa City Hall:*
Keynote address: Restorative Justice and Resilience
2. *First Baptist Church, Ottawa:*
Stuart Iversin Lectures: Restorative Justice
3. *Employee Assistance Programs, Ottawa Branch:*
Workshop: Forgiveness;
EAP AGM Keynote Speaker: Resilience
4. *NAACJ/ PSC/ CSC: Joint Roundtable, Ottawa:*
Speaker: Developing the Components of a Compassionate Justice System
5. *Transforming Communities, Ottawa:*
Presentation: Child Abuse and Resilience
Workshop: Resilience: the Art of Survival and community involvement

Our Research and Communications

Coordinator:

6. *Grade 8 class: **Restorative Justice as a ways to resolve conflicts***
7. *Abbotsford Seniors Centre: **CCJC and its role in Justice and Corrections***

Our Board Members:

8. *Winnipeg/ Ottawa/ British Columbia Workshop: **“Audrey’s Flowers” – a workshop developed and presented by CCJC on teaching communities about Restorative Justice Practice.***

Kathryn Bliss

Victims Pastoral Care Committee

With the current consultations on the creation of a Victims Bill of Rights here in Canada, victims needs have again become a prominent part of public conversations about justice. CCJC, through the work of the Victims Pastoral Care Committee, has focused its attention on addressing the *spiritual* needs of victims, something that is often overlooked. In 2011, the renewed Victims’ Pastoral Care Committee, consisting of CCJC staff as well as local and nationally-based volunteers, built upon the CCJC’s past work by producing parish materials and a resource guide on pastoral care programs across Canada.

In February of 2013 we received funding for our annual Victims of Crime Awareness Week forum held in April. As the committee continues the important work of developing resources to support victims of crime, our

forum focused on offering a day long forum entitled “*Moving Towards Wholeness: Preparing Victims, Offenders, and Communities for Restorative Justice Processes*”. This year’s event took a holistic approach by looking at the needs of victims, offenders and communities. The day began with a keynote address by Wilma Derksen as well as three breakout sessions:

1. Victim Needs, facilitated by Jan Handy and Wilma Derksen
2. *Developing offender Empathy* by Kate Johnson (Chaplain at Pittsburgh Institution in Kingston) and Rick (currently an inmate at Pittsburgh)
3. The *community’s* Role in Restorative Justice Processes facilitated by David Shantz and Laurent Champagne.

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Each workshop also had a closing “encounter circle,” through which participants could share their experiences with the larger group. The day closed with a powerful play called *Forgiven/Forgotten* by Theatre of the Beat. The play echoed the themes of the day focusing on the journey of victims, offenders and communities on the path to forgiveness. Our workshop was also the focus of our

[Summer edition of SAGE](#) in order to spread the word and allow those unable to attend the event a chance to see what it was all about. Further to this, the VPC has begun the process of organizing and compiling the audio recordings from the workshop with the hope of making them available through the CCJC website in the future.



Participants gather at the Bronson Centre for the CCJC / NVCAW workshops. The event was supported by our wonderful volunteers and our special keynote speaker Wilma Derksen.

Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee was formally struck last year to guide CCJC into an annual fundraising program. The committee focused on renewal of our relationship with donors from religious communities. This effort resulted in significant re-investment from these communities to the work of CCJC. We are thankful for John DeVries, our Board Vice-President, who also ran the “Marathon for Justice” and raised funds for CCJC through run sponsorships.

This year will focus on the development of new connections with chaplains across the country through both membership and donation invitation. A separate special events committee was also struck with a

focus on developing 2 events for CCJC within the upcoming year to raise further funds.

The committee wishes to thank all those who contributed through your donations to the work of CCJC over the past year.

Laurent Champagne, Greg Dunwoody, Janet Handy

Finance Committee

The mandate of the CCJC Finance Committee is to assist the CCJC Board in fulfilling its responsibility in ensuring the financial sustainability and accountability of the organization.

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The Committee meets monthly and fulfills this function in various ways:

- It oversees the financial and control system; and the appointment of an auditor.
- It reviews the investment portfolio; the annual auditor's report; and monthly financial Statements.
- It makes recommendations for appropriate policies; the annual budget; fundraising needs

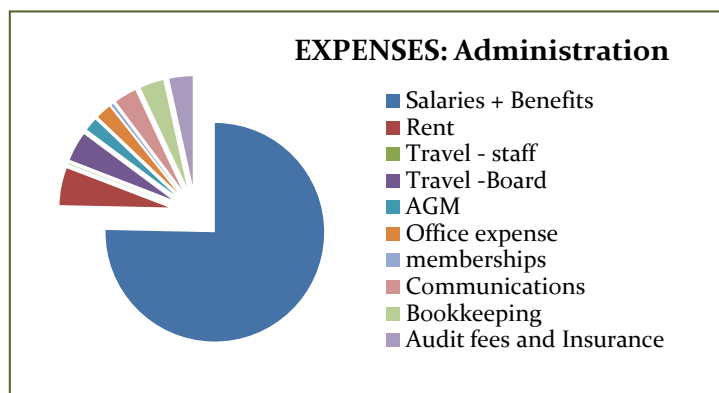
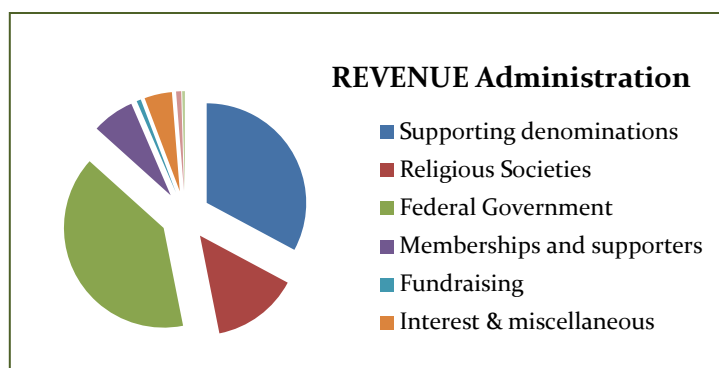
- It advises the Board on particular financial issues; reports regularly to the Board.

The Committee has the following members:

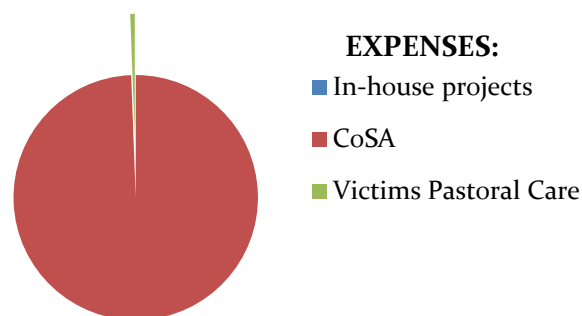
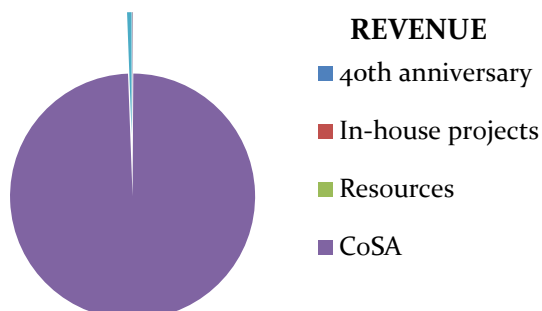
Rebecca Bromwich (Treasurer), Otto Driedger, Jan Handy (Executive Director) and Richard Haughian.

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections: 2012-2013 Financials

Revenue	Balance
Donations and grants	
Supporting denominations	37170
Religious Societies	15900
Federal Government	45061
Memberships	1835
Fundraising	799
interest	350
Miscellaneous	4726
Income from projects	1510438
	1622223
Expenses	
Projects	1509016
Administration	121038
	1630054
	(7831)



2012-2013 Project Financials



Communications Committee

Over the past year the Communications Committee has initiated and overseen the following activities: thrice annual production of SAGE Newsletter, including the posting of Pierre Allard's AGM 2012 talk on the website, and the inclusion of board generated questions for member reflection and discussion. Technical issues with the quilt have been solved and it is again available to travel for exhibit. The board resource manual was completed, approved and distributed. Two public restorative justice workshops were held in Ottawa and Winnipeg. A third was held in BC in early October 2013.

A roster of consultative professionals was developed and one meeting was held.



Participants gather in Ottawa for one of three Restorative Justice Workshops held across the country.

The committee recommended the sponsorship of Are Høidal of Halden Prison in Norway as the guest speaker for the 2013 AGM. The committee also provides discernment around other public events for CCJC sponsorship and participation.

Sarah Chandler

Personnel Committee

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections is blessed to have a team that works well together in our national office in Ottawa. Each person brings their own unique skills and abilities to the team and they appear to complement each other. The regular staff consists of Janet Handy, Jill Bench, Schuyler Playford, Ann Morneau, Maggie McPhail and Sandy Lessard.

In January 2013 the CCJC board met in Winnipeg, hosted by Greg Dunwoody. During this time, a performance appraisal was completed on the Executive Director.

Shortly after our January board meeting, Janet took several weeks for medical leave. Prior to her departure she ensured time-sensitive items were addressed. Jill and Schuyler assumed responsibilities normally done by Janet, to ensure the office ran efficiently in her absence. In January we also learned that Maristela Carrara, who had been on a leave of absence to attend to the needs of her family in Brazil, had decided to resign

from CCJC so that she could remain with her family. It was with regret that her letter of resignation was received. The board thanked Maristela for the wonderful work she has done for CCJC.

In May board members learned Schuyler was expecting her first child and would be going on parental leave starting in mid-August. A small celebration was held in her honour during our meeting. Following the board meeting, a personnel search was done to fill Schuyler's position. We were blessed to have Patrick Connors during the summer months and Kathryn Bliss, who will remain until Schuyler returns to work. Although Patrick was with us for a short time, he did a tremendous amount of work to find a venue as well as caterers for our Fall fundraising event. He also reached out to many potential sponsors, seeking their financial support of CCJC. Kathryn has been heavily involved in the communications work including preparation of the Fall Sage newsletter.

The Personnel Committee are grateful for the manner in which the staff work well together and support each other, particularly

in such a small office space. Their professionalism is commendable.

Sharon Dunlop

Board Representatives:

Rev. Nancy Steeves, President: The United Church of Canada; **Rebecca Bromwich, Treasurer:** Presbyterian Church in Canada

John deVries, Vice-President: Christian Reformed Churches of North America; **Sarah Chandler, Secretary:** Independent

Laurent Champagne, Past President: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Francophone community);

Greg Dunwoody, Director: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Anglophone Community)

Sharon Dunlop, Director: The Anglican Church of Canada; **Stephen Siemens, Director:** Mennonite Central Committee Canada

We wish to thank the CCJC board of Directors for all their hard work over the past year!

CEJCQ 2012-2013 Activities

The 2012-13 fiscal year has seen some major changes to work of the Church Council's Quebec branch – Conseil des églises pour la justice et la Criminologie Quebec (CEJCQ). In May, we were sad to learn of the departure of our Coordinator and Chair of the Board, Cindy Ayala. We must acknowledge the great work she has done for the CEJCQ in the last five years. Mrs. Ayala organized weekly visits with volunteer in the prisons of the greater Montreal region. With the departure of their coordinator, the CEJCQ also saw the withdrawal of its principal donor. Nevertheless, the provincial branch has maintained its key events through the work of a few dedicated volunteers: Nancy Labonté, Celine Fantini, André Charest and Marion Ferbezar.

In May 2012, the CEJCQ highlighted the efforts of volunteers working in prisons and in the community. The workshop was held under the theme "Ethics and Relational Traps." This training was provided so that volunteers had the opportunity to reflect on the positive and negative impacts of their work. Approximately 80 people attended

The launch of their new website www.cejcq.org and an annual newsletter, *Juste libres!* (Just Free!) renewed their intention to raise awareness for various restorative justice practices within the community. In September, they commemorated prisoners who died in prison. With the help of partner organization *Entrée Libre*, they hosted an evening of fellowship during which many inmates shared how they are making progress, as well as their greatest needs.

In April 2013, as part of the National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, 20 participants attended the CEJCQ introductory workshop on Krav Maga, an Israeli self-defence method, in a community Center.

The opening event of Restorative Justice Week was held November 18, at St. Joseph's Oratory. After a delicious brunch, the Ollin Transformation Theatre (OTT) offered a moving presentation. The company works with a participatory theatre improvisation technique, which is called the Playback approach. The technique aims to involve the public, where true stories serves as the basis for sketches the actors improvise.

On the occasion of the closing evening of the National Restorative Justice Week November 23 , Paul Leclerc received a certificate of recognition from the National Ron Wiebe Award to acknowledge his commitment to restorative justice. The evening continued with stories of a group of young people who made a community art event on the theme of restorative justice, and a talk from René Pétillon, an ex-prisoner, on what has helped, both personally and professionally, since he left prison. To close this week and the evening, the audience was invited to stage a "human chain". This symbol stressed the importance of the place and role of each link

in the chain. Every person embodies the spirit of restorative justice, peace, harmony and social equity. We are all essential to this great chain of human justice.

The CEJCQ acknowledges the support of many partners like the Centre for Services in Restorative Justice (CSJR), Présence Compassion, Community Chaplaincy of Montreal, the Regroupement des Artisans Communautaires (RAC), and many others. They are also grateful for the many volunteers who invest their time to volunteer in prison activities, and for restorative justice and advocacy events.

Nancy Labonté

About CCJC

Our Mission: CCJC is a national, faith-based coalition of churches and individuals that fosters crime prevention and healthy community through restorative approaches to corrections, education, advocacy, and social responsibility.

Incorporated in 1972 by eleven founding churches, our mandate is to assist those we serve to reflect on 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 change.

Our current member denominations include: the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the United Church of Canada, the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), the Mennonite Central Committee Canada and the Disciples of Christ. Several Religious Orders and Communities are also CCJC members and provide financial support for our work. We also receive funding from Public Safety Canada. We provide financial and administrative management to the CoSA National Demonstration Project.

CCJC holds affiliations, memberships and/or collaborates with secular and Government agencies working for compassionate change in the systems of justice and corrections. They are: The National Association Active in Criminal Justice (NAACJ), the Collaborative Justice Project, Ottawa Restorative Justice Network, the Coalition for Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Corrections Services Canada, and the Transforming Communities Network and ecumenical ministries involved in peace and social justice.

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