



## Restorative Justice Peace Camp

MCC young adult Peace Camps are opportunities for young adults to explore dynamics of social change, experience personal transformation and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. Spaces that offer healing, hope, and practical tools for actively building a different world are sorely needed amid the violence and disconnection present today. Young adults are tasked with forging a different course ahead—one that can bring about true healing, transformation, and repair to our communities, the Earth, and beyond.

MCC is hosting a Peace Camp focused on restorative justice in one of the country’s restorative justice centers – Chicago! From May 26-31 we will explore creative ways to create transformative change in individuals and communities.

Goals for participants:

- Understand restorative justice as a movement and lifestyle and gain tools for living out RJ practices in daily life, as individuals and in community.
- Experience RJ processes, learning concepts through embodied practice.
- Interact with experienced RJ practitioners working in Chicago, having the opportunity to witness and explore examples of RJ work on the ground.
- Wrestle with the connections between faith and justice, exploring conditions that create accountability, healing, and restoration in justice processes.
- Participate in the creative expression of justice through art, poetry, music, movement and more.

<b>MCC Restorative Justice Peace Camp in Chicago – Thematic Schedule</b>						
<i>Day</i>	<i>Sun, May 26</i>	<i>Mon, May 27</i>	<i>Tue, May 28</i>	<i>Wed, May 29</i>	<i>Thu, May 30</i>	<i>Fri, May 31</i>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Beginning together</b>	<b>Trauma and resilience</b>	<b>Identity and resistance</b>	<b>Community and healing</b>	<b>Restorative freedom</b>	<b>Peaceful Practices</b>
Morning	<b>Travel</b>	<b>The trauma experience:</b> Understanding the impact of trauma on the body, brain, beliefs and behaviors.	<b>Circles and Ciphers (C&amp;C):</b> Navigating through a world that is non-restorative. Knowing your own voice.	<b>C&amp;C:</b> Discovering how to heal in and through community.	<b>C&amp;C:</b> Creative expression of RJ through the arts.	<b>Brunch with RJ elders</b>  <b>Curiosity:</b> Embodying RJ practices in everyday interactions.
Afternoon	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	<b>Cycles of harm and cycles of healing:</b> Introduction to RJ concepts and punishment vs accountability.	<b>Identity and power:</b> Reflecting on our positionality and the intersections of oppressions.	<b>PBMR:</b> Witnessing faith in action in community.	<b>Lake Michigan hang out</b>	Travel

Evening	Community building	<b>Building resilience:</b> Discovering factors of resilience and how to grow them.	<b>Debrief and activities</b>	<b>Debrief and activities</b>	<b>Circle of support</b>	
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