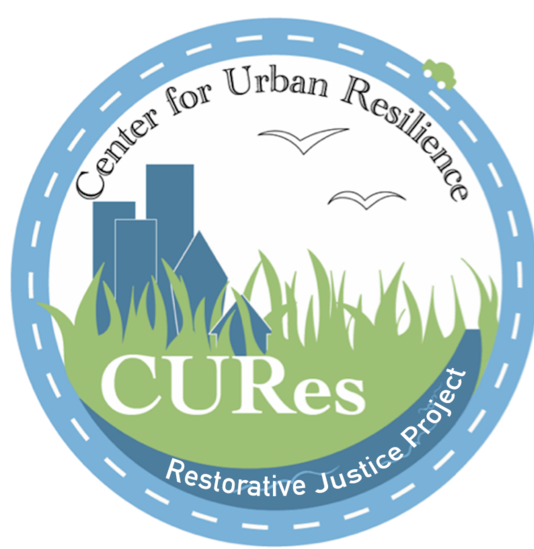


# CENTER FOR URBAN RESILIENCE

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY



## Restorative Practices Connection

Welcome RP Connector!

Thank you for your interest in deepening your work with Restorative Practices and building stronger connections. To kickstart the New Year, the Restorative Justice Project at LMU's Center for Urban Resilience is launching a newsletter just for you! These newsletters will be distributed every other month and will include talking prompts, skill-building tips, reading recommendations and more!

The best part of this newsletter is that you, as an RP Connector, will have the ability to input content ideas and suggestions!

Cheers to a New Year with Restorative Practices!

- The LMU RJ Team

## LMU RJ Project

The LMU CUREs' Restorative Justice Project has a proven track record of providing communities with Restorative Practices (RP) tools to develop and repair relationships; to create safe, inclusive schools that are conducive to learning; and to mold knowledgeable, responsible, and civically engaged citizens. However, without proper training and on-going skill-building sessions, teachers are getting the impression they there isn't a viable way to hold students accountable for their behavior and that Restorative Practices simply doesn't work.

In response, CUREs provides comprehensive training in restorative principles and practices, and ongoing professional development with school districts. Focusing largely on proactive practices such as community building circles, CUREs trains stakeholders to create a safe environment allowing for increased learning. CUREs also provides conflict resolution training services to schools that have worked towards building a robust and positive school climate.

With the support the Collins Foundation, an Anonymous Foundation, and service contracts with school partners, the RJP has trained 800+ teachers and school staff and improved the quality of education for 20,000+ Kindergarten-12 students (assuming each trainee will impact at least 25 students given average class sizes). Building upon this foundation, Loyola Marymount University is working to scale-up the RJP across Southern California and position the project for long-term sustainability.

## Center for Urban Resilience at Loyola Marymount University

The Restorative Justice Program at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) is based out of the [Center for Urban Resilience](#) (CUREs), an interdisciplinary urban ecology research institute. CUREs provides a suite of research, education, restorative justice, and urban planning services to empower communities to build resilient, vibrant, and just cities.

If you would like to receive email updates for the entire Center, sign up [here](#) or email [CUREs@lmu.edu](mailto:CUREs@lmu.edu).

## Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day is Monday, January 21. This April marks the 50th anniversary of his death.

Did you know **Stevie Wonder** wrote a [song](#) in honor of MLK?

For ideas on talking and writing prompts to start discussions around the significance of MLK Day, visit [EducationWorld.com](http://EducationWorld.com).



## Talking Prompts

For any educators looking for additional talking prompts to stimulate conversations in your classroom in your community building circles, here are some suggestions:

- What is something that made you smile today?
- If you could pick up any tool to make your day easier, what would you choose and why?
- What animal represents how you are feeling today and why
- If you could rewind your day and change one part of it, what would it be
- What is one thing you would like to compliment yourself on today
- What is one thing you hope to accomplish today
- What season describes how you are feeling today?

## Article Recommendations

- [Texas Bias Case Study](#): Skidmore college handles an incident involving triggering language with their students
- [Can Restorative Justice Help the Church Heal from Sex Abuse Scandals](#)
- [How Restorative Justice Helps Students Learn](#)



## Upcoming Events!

- The [Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice](#) is hosting a **Virtual Book Launch** for "The Little Book of Racial Healing" on January 23 from 4:30-6:00pm as part of their [Little Books Series](#). [Register here](#).
- What is your personal role as a Peacebuilder? Join global community for connection and practice with the **River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding Immersions!** Also attend sessions with Heart and Jeffrey from anywhere in the world during the [2019 Connection Series](#).

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