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Dear Friends

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2015!

At Peace Promise we pray you all had a very blessed Christmas, spent with family and friends. We also pray that you and all of those around you were kept safe during the holiday period. The Christmas and summer holiday period can bring out the best and worst in people, so more than ever, living and demonstrating peacemaking as we live our own lives and work with our own relationships in a way that glorifies God and witnesses to all around us in a way that brings hope and the Gospel in action to those that are watching, is important.

For those whom we come into contact with and who are in their own relationship conflict, knowing how to coach them to respond to their conflict biblically, is in real demand. Conflict coaching is assisting others to deal with their conflict, in a way that you do not become involved in their conflict.

God chose YOU...

You have responded to God's compelling call to be a peacemaker: to glorify Him, serve others and become more Christ-like in the face of conflict and difficult situations. Matthew 5:9 says "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God." And in Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (NIV)

I urge you to practice being a personal peacemaker every day, making the most of every opportunity God gives you. Re-read your workbooks. For those of you where this is not enough and you want to be able to assist others, so that you can help them to respond in a godly way to their own conflict, then please prayerfully consider coming to Peace Promise's 2015 2 day Conflict Coaching training.

Peace Promise – our purpose...

Our purpose is to achieve the following:

- To promote a culture of peace in New Zealand communities, through God's word and the power of the Holy Spirit.



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- To facilitate, encourage and equip Christians to live in peace and deal with everyday conflict God's way.
- To teach peacemaking through workshop training sessions and other ministry outreach or education programs.
- To provide Christian peacemaking (including conflict coaching and mediation) services to the people of New Zealand.

Some of you who participated in our 2014 training events have given us great feedback and we thank you so much for this. All feedback is helpful to us so we can improve our training, help us to reach others who need to learn about peacemaking, and help those of you who have responded to God's call to become peacemakers to keep you connected, encouraged and to continue to give you little pieces of information that give you more tools for your toolkit of peacemaking. If there are things you think of that would help us to achieve any of these things in a small or big way – please let us know!

Training for 2015:

We are so very excited we can confirm we are offering the 2 day Conflict Coaching training in Auckland on the 1st and 2nd of February 2015. This will be the only 2 day Conflict Coaching that we are offering this year. We know it is very short notice for most of you, but if God wants you to be there, He will make it happen! "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21. Elenne Ford of PeaceWise in Australia has many years' experience in Christian peacemaking and we are very excited to be able offer you the Conflict Coaching training with Elenne as the Lead Trainer!

Core: 1 Day Personal Peacemaking (TBC) Sat 31st January 2015 Auckland
(Trainer: Rosemarie Brown) 9am-4.30pm (Balmoral)

Foundation: 2 day Conflict Coaching Sun/Mon 1st-2nd February 2015 (Balmoral)
(Trainers: Elenne Ford & Rosemarie Brown) 1-9pm(Sun) & 8.30am -5pm(Mon) Auck

Core: 1 Day Personal Peacemaking Friday 28th August 2015 Auckland
(Trainer: Rosemarie Brown) 1-9pm (Balmoral)

The Personal Peacemaking and Conflict Coaching training *early bird discounts are available until Friday January 16th*. The *early bird discount* for 28-Aug-15 is available until 31-Jul-15. If you or anyone you know may be interested in attending this training, please act now. Registration can be made via our website www.peacepromise.org.nz or you can email us office@peacepromise.org.nz to let us know you would like to attend.

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If you are wanting to attend the 2 day conflict coaching training and have not completed the 1 day Personal Peacemaking training – please ensure you register for the Personal Peacemaking training on the 31st of January 2015 as well.

For those who live outside of Auckland. We realise that offering training in Auckland makes it difficult for some people to be able to attend. So, Peace Promise will come to you for the 1 day Personal Peacemaking training! If you are wanting peacemaking training in your location, then please contact us and we can give you some options to consider to make this possible.

For those who would also like the Conflict Coaching training, Peace Promise is currently required to use a trainer from PeaceWise to lead the training, so the flexibility of where and when we are able to offer this 2 day training is a lot more constrained. We trust that God has a plan, and we will continue to support you as best we are able to at Peace Promise.

For training beyond Conflict Coaching. The 2 day mediation training, Peace Promise is not currently able to offer. Please contact us at Peace Promise and we can let you know the group booking we are putting together to attend the Australian training to achieve a special Peace Promise participant price. For details of what training is offered, where, you can access PeaceWise’s training brochure by following this link: <http://peacewise.org.au/free-resources/2014-training-brochure/>.

To complete further training (and be able to become a qualified peacemaker through supervised/mentored experience), you would need to complete a 3 day advanced training in either or some of mediation, reconciling marital conflict or church conflict. Note all but church conflict are offered in Australia (with Reconciling Marital Conflict usually only offered every even year) and church conflict is currently only offered in the US by Peacemaker Ministries.

Hub meetings:

Practice in Action:



Central Auckland: Monday 23rd February, 7pm-8.15pm at Ngaire Ave Bible Church
(3 Ngaire Ave, Newmarket)

If you live in Auckland, we would encourage you to attend our next hub meeting in Auckland so that you continue to practice those personal peacemaking skills you learned at your training either in 2014 or those who are about to train! Hubs are designed to keep everyone fresh in their peacemaking skills and to share experiences and learn from each other. It’s about encouraging each other, and networking and refreshing your skills with fellow peacemakers.



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Peace Promise needs your help!

Peace Promise needs people to continue to help our ministry grow throughout NZ and so we can continue to serve peacemakers who are serving others in their communities. If you have any of these gifting's and are willing to serve God in our peacemaking ministry then please contact Rosemarie at Peace Promise. We need volunteer help in the following areas:

1. A mobile answering service/receptionist. Someone who is able to carry the Peace Promise mobile with them and answer all calls. Needs computer access.
2. To be part of our prayer ministry.
3. To be part of our financial support. We are a registered charity (CC50293) and it is our hope that we are able to provide conflict resolution services to those who need it. Peace Promise has ongoing administration costs to simply exist and be able to serve the NZ community through providing Christian dispute resolution services through providing Christian Mediators and Conflict Coaches and through training. For general donations You can help these people by making tax deductible donations to Peace Promise, this can be done via our website www.peacepromise.org.nz, via Give a Little at <http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org/PeacePromise> or by making regular donations via electronic transfer. Our regular donor are "Peace Promise Partners".
4. If God is calling you to be a part of the voluntary administration of Peace Promise in some way, please contact Rosemarie to let her know what gifts you are willing to share and your availability.

Is God asking you to help the ministry of Peace Promise in any of these areas? Please get in touch with us, via the website www.peacepromise.org.nz or email office@peacepromise.org.nz or phone us on 0272 773 223 or 0800 765 837. We would love to hear from you.

I encourage you all to share with us at Peace Promise your experience as peacemakers so that others may be continually encouraged by true stories, from people in real situations.

Here at Peace Promise we thank you for your support. Please stay in touch with us. Your stories encourage us and remind us that God answers our prayers all the time.

Your servant in Christ

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