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SUPPORT LETTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

In 2013 I was delighted to be asked to chair the very first Restorative Justice conference here in Cornwall at Bodmin. We were privileged to hear about restorative justice from Lionel Morrison (imprisoned along with Nelson Mandela) and Barbara Tudor - one of the most experienced RJ facilitators and trainers here in the UK and an advocate of restorative justice for most crime and conflict situations – even very serious crime.

I was particularly interested to hear the Balanced Model of RJ presented. This model, in use in Northern Ireland for many years, places harm at the centre of things and works with the victim, the offender and the community. Through restorative conferencing, communities can be restored, the victims of crime can be heard and offending significantly reduced.

Some areas of the UK have become '*Restorative*' cities and regions – it would be wonderful to see a '*Restorative Cornwall*'. The Diocese of Truro fully supports RJ WORKING Community Interest Company in their efforts to work collaboratively with all organisations across the communities of Cornwall to support the development of Restorative Justice in this County.

With greetings and all good wishes

Yours sincerely

