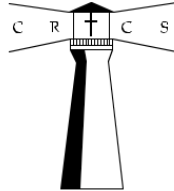


**Conflict Resolution
& Conciliation Services**



*“Guiding People
Through Conflict to Peace”*

FALL QUARTER 2008

PEACE NOTES



Focus on Service

Addressing accountability is inherent in how we assist many of our clients in conflict coaching and mediation. We assist our clients in finding concrete methods to take responsibility for themselves and be accountable for their choices.

Personal accountability allows one to move away from a mindset where things happen in your life without your consent or influence, and instead embrace one's role in the way their life is shaped by taking control of and responsibility for one's actions. Helping people recognize/remember that the battle has already been won on Calvary and that they are not powerless in responding to what life brings is often key to a change of mindset.

Setting appropriate goals and expectations are crucial to following through on one's commitment. We encourage and facilitate results oriented goals that are aligned with the overall objective clients want to achieve. Maintaining accountability in the pursuit of the objective can take many forms; some may be best assisted by:

- a formal contract or informal agreement
- establishing accountability relationships with others, including CR†CS
- follow-up calls, emails, letters, or meetings

At CR†CS, it is our role as His ambassadors to glorify God in how we approach applying biblical accountability principles in resolving conflict.

Underscoring and guiding all of this is our accountability to God - Romans 14:12.

Abounding Grace

During the past quarter we have been blessed with a greater number of opportunities than in previous quarters to serve, both in conciliation and teaching, and to watch the Holy Spirit at work in people's hearts.

One of the teaching opportunities was at a church in Maryland actively in the process of establishing a peacemaking team within the church. They also seek to work with us and other churches in establishing a peacemaking church network in the Metro DC region. At another church, a couple we served in crisis is now teaching peacemaker principles at their own church. We are so blessed to see the multiplication of our efforts to foster a culture of peace through those we have served.

We were also blessed with some significant donations during this quarter. As we approach the end of the year our shortfall has decreased, but it is still significant at near \$16,000. We are facing for the first time the prospect of reducing rather than increasing our ministry budget for next year.

Please prayerfully consider helping at this time with a donation. A gift now in any amount or a pledge for the coming year would be a great blessing. We would be most grateful for your prayers and any help you may choose to provide.

We continue to trust in God and his abounding grace in sustaining this ministry.

Romans 15:13

Charitable Service Highlight of the Quarter

This quarter, we had the opportunity to assist a couple married over 40 years on restoration of their relationship. The wife had come in seeking a separation, grieving over losing her husband to pornography and having lost all hope that she would ever matter to him. The husband came in grieving over his wife's choice to leave, hoping she would have a change of heart. In their time with us the Holy Spirit's work in their hearts was evident as they came to recognize how they had turned away from God and each other in ways that damaged the relationship and embrace repentance. Together they made a plan of reengagement to build Christ-centered, relational intimacy, including establishing accountability with others for their choices in overcoming the sinful habits they had fallen into.

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