

A Peacemaking Team in Action

Hi Ken,

I would like to give you a quick update on the fantastic work the Lord is doing through our Peacemaking Team to build a culture of peace at Christ Our Hope Church (PCA).

Our team formed just eighteen months ago, and we have already has seen several fantastic transformations. After Robin and I gave our testimony in front of the congregation, six more couples have shared their testimonies of transformation after applying the principles learned in the Peacemaker Small Group Study. Here are some excerpts:

1. A member's five-year bitter conflict with a pastor of another church has been reconciled, with both of them asking for and granting forgiveness. They are now unified in advancing and living out the gospel in our community.
2. A single mother has reconciled with the father of her two children after 8 years of a turbulent dating relationship with him. They each repented and turned from their sinful lifestyles, and they are now married. Their children, ages 7 and 2, can now grow up in a loving household with their mom and dad!
3. A married couple with three young children were on the brink of divorce. The woman had decided to separate from her husband. They are now reconciled, and their relationship has been completely transformed! Their testimony has inspired many other marriages within our body.
4. A young woman who had a bitter and seemingly hopeless relationship with her sister is now reconciled to her. They sing together in a band now!
5. A woman had a cold relationship with her stepdaughter for 35 years. They refused to even talk to each other. Earlier this year, convicted of her own behavior, she went to her stepdaughter to ask for forgiveness and gave her the Peacemaker brochure in hopes that it might make a difference. They were reconciled that very night! Now they talk on the phone all the time and enjoy a relationship filled with unity and joy.
6. A woman threatened her husband with divorce several times and began talking about leaving him, taking their children, and moving in with her parents. He reacted by going to her best friend to try to start a romantic relationship with her. The couple began to go through the Peacemaker material, and after only four months, they were reconciled. They now have a marriage that glorifies God, and they are helping to heal other marriages. They also completely reconciled with the woman's best friend!

Ken, there are many more testimonies I can share with you. It has been absolutely amazing to see the fruits of having a Peacemaking Team at our church. It's only been a year and a half! We are now beginning to meet with other PCA churches in our area to share our testimonies and help to plant more teams throughout our community.

I hope that this report is an encouragement to you. You are welcome to share these testimonies with others. There is no way I could thank you enough for your ministry. The Holy Spirit is working mightily!

Peace in Christ,
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