



THE PACE PROGRAM

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PDF with live links at rw360.org/pace

The goal of this program is to provide Christians with resources they can use to teach the principles of relational wisdom (enhanced emotional intelligence) and peacemaking to secular audiences throughout their communities. One of the primary goals of this training is to help entire communities develop skills that build healthy relationships, reduce conflict, encourage civil dialogue, promote business productivity and improve people's ability to find common ground on controversial issues.

This training is also designed to create opportunities for people to clarify their value systems by comparing a Christian worldview to competing worldviews and to learn how the gospel of Christ can transform lives and promote peace and reconciliation.

In biblical terms, this program is designed to equip Christians to live out Jeremiah 29:7:

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

CUSTOMIZED MATERIALS

The initial teaching in this program is delivered through live, 1-hour introductory seminars that are customized for eight specific audiences:

1. [Workplace \(Articles\)](#)
2. [Public Servants \(Articles\)](#)
3. [Attorneys \(Articles\)](#)
4. [Nurses/Health Care \(Articles\)](#)
5. [Teachers \(Articles\)](#)
6. [Law Enforcement \(Articles\)](#)
7. [Military \(Articles\)](#)
8. [College \(Articles\)](#)

PROFESSIONAL CONTENT ENHANCED WITH FAITH-BASED VALUES

Each of these seminars is designed to provide professional quality training on emotional intelligence and conflict resolution that is relevant to all professions and vocations, regardless of students' worldviews or faith backgrounds.

After presenting information on the benefits of emotional intelligence, the seminar transitions to a description of “relational wisdom” (RW), RW360's emotional intelligence paradigm, which is enhanced by incorporating individuals' worldviews and personal values. We first present our “[values-based \(secular\) RW paradigm](#)”, which is compatible with [all worldviews and faiths](#), and then describe our “[faith-based RW paradigm](#)”, which is compatible with a [Christian worldview](#).¹

¹ RW360's values-based resources have been taught in variety of secular settings, including businesses, hospitals, law firms, police departments, military bases, the Pentagon, the Montana State Legislature and to congressional staff on Capitol Hill.

The seminar then transitions to ways that our worldviews and values guide our [approach to conflict resolution](#). We show that the three most common religions in the U.S. (Islam, Judaism and Christianity) have well established and legally respected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) systems for resolving conflict. Christian conciliation, the Christian ADR system, is described in detail and is illustrated by a case that describes the transforming power of the gospel ([A Stolen Baby, a \\$200M Lawsuit and an Astonishing Reconciliation](#)).

At the end of the seminar, students are offered scholarships for free access to either of RW360's 8-hour online RW courses on relational wisdom ([values-based](#) or [faith-based](#)), which normally cost \$49 each.

By including secular studies on the benefits of emotional intelligence in diverse professions, describing both Christian and non-Christian worldviews, mentioning the conflict resolution systems of other faiths and offering both secular and faith-based versions of RW360's training, the seminar provides a balanced perspective to diverse audiences, as well as an introduction to a Christian worldview and the gospel of Christ. As a result, this training has been warmly received in a variety of secular settings.

DOUBLE BENEFIT OF EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING

This training taps into modern society's growing interest in emotional intelligence (EI), which is being promoted in all kinds of corporate, academic and professional venues ([articles](#)). As shown by the studies cited in this article, [Relational Wisdom Strengthens Both Families and Businesses](#), this type of training provides major benefits for both employers and employees because these skills can strengthen relationships both at home and in the workplace. This proven "double benefit" makes it easy for employers to view our seminars as a valuable form of professional development training.

PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHURCHES

One of the best ways to carry out this type of ministry is through [Peace Sower Teams](#) established in churches or ministries that have a passion for evangelizing their communities and are able to host follow up Sunday school classes and small group studies on relational wisdom and peacemaking. In addition to helping people deepen their relational skills and strengthen their marriages, these study groups can be used by God to open hearts to the gospel and draw people into his church. For an example of a church that has used RW360's resources for robust community engagement and church growth, see [Using RW for Outreach and Evangelism](#).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

For more detailed information on how your church could participate in this program and use it for community engagement and evangelism, see [PACE Program: FAQs](#).