The event is presented in partnership with the University of Maine Peace and Reconciliation Studies, Restorative Justice Studies Project and the UMaine Hutchinson Center.

Peace and Reconciliation Studies
The mission of the University of Maine Peace and Reconciliation Studies Program is to guide students to an understanding of the underlying spiritual processes involved in the creation of the individual who is a peacemaker and in the creation of a culture of peace. For millennia, there have been traditions of peace articulated through esoteric and spiritual traditions and in the world wisdom traditions of the indigenous peoples of the world.

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Restorative Justice Project
The mission of the Restorative Justice Project is to promote fundamental change in the justice system and schools. Our responses to crime and wrongdoing seek renewal and safety for the community, support and healing for victims, and accountability and reintegration for the offender into the community.

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University of Maine Hutchinson Center
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Our Distinguished Panel

Judith Josiah-Martin, UMaine School of Social Work Faculty
Judith Josiah-Martin is Director of the Office of Multicultural Program at the University of Maine and a doctoral student at the Smith College School of Social Work. She has over 25 years of experience as a clinical social worker and was Director of Clinical Services at substance abuse and mental health programs in Antigua for many years. Areas of specialization include cultural diversity in the workplace, women and substance abuse, and social work practice with marginalized populations.

Kevin Martin, University of Maine Student and Justice Activist
Kevin Martin is a 28-year-old Mainer who is pursuing his bachelor’s degree in human rights and advocacy at the University of Maine at Augusta. His goal is to create and implement a curriculum for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people that will allow individuals to seek liberation from the revolving door of incarceration. Kevin’s research focuses on archetypal psychology, liberation psychology, the Dislocation Theory of addiction and contemplative practices.

Margaret Micolichek, MPA, Restorative Justice Consultant
Margaret Micolichek consults on Restorative Justice throughout the state of Maine and is a trainer with the Restorative Practices Collaborative of Maine, training teachers statewide in restorative school practices. In 2014, Margaret received a Rotary International Fellowship to study conflict resolution and peace at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. The fellowship provided the opportunity to connect her work with restorative justice to the global peace movement.

Jeffrey Trafton, Chief Sheriff, Waldo County
After graduating from the Pisgah Community High School, Jeffrey Trafton spent four years on active duty with the United States Marine Corp. Upon returning to Maine, he joined the Maine State Police. Over the next 21 years, he served as a rural Patrol Trooper and Patrol Sergeant, and finished his career as the Mid-Coast Tnpo Commander. In 2014, after serving over six years as the Belfast Chief of Police, he was elected to his current post as the Waldo County Sheriff.

Jon Wilson, Director of Just Alternative
Jon Wilson is the Director of JUST Alternatives, a national non-profit organization committed to crime victim/survivor support and advocacy, and to victim-centered corrections policy and practice. Jon is a Victim Offender Dialogue (VOD) facilitator in crimes of severe violence and violation. As a trainer of VOD facilitators, he has provided over 35 trainings for corrections-based victim service agencies and allied professionals around the country. Jon has also been trained in the areas of predatory and extremely violent crime victimization with former FBI Profiler Ray Hazelwood and noted criminal psychologist Dr. Anna Salter.

Program

When We Cry for Justice, What Do We Really Mean?

8:30–9 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
9–9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Patricia Libby, Interim Director University of Maine Hutchinson Center
Lorraine Brown, Executive Director The Restorative Justice Project
Reade Brower, Publisher Entrepreneur and Restorative Justice Advocate

9:15–10:15 a.m. Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Judge Nancy Torresen Q & A, Discussion

10:15–10:25 a.m. Break

10:30–11:20 a.m. Panelists Introductions

11:20–11:55 a.m. Panel Q & A and Discussion

11:55 a.m. Closing Remarks: The Honorable Judge Nancy Torresen

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Judge Nancy Torresen was raised in Muskegon, Michigan, and graduated from Hope College in 1981 and the University of Michigan School of Law, where she served as executive editor of the Michigan Law Review, in 1987. Following law school, Judge Torresen completed a clerkship in the Bangor Chambers of U.S. District Court Judge Conrad K. Cyr, 1987–88, and then worked at the law firm of Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., from 1988–90.

Judge Torresen returned to Maine in 1990 and spent the next 21 years working for the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Maine Attorney General’s Office, handling both civil cases and criminal prosecutions.

President Barack H. Obama appointed Judge Torresen to become a U.S. District Court Judge on Oct. 11, 2011, and she became the first woman to sit as an Article III Judge in the District of Maine since the Court was established in 1789.

In January 2015, Judge Torresen became the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine. Judge Torresen serves on the Judicial Council for the United States Courts of the First Circuit and is a member of the State-Federal Judicial Council.

Since 2012, Judge Torresen has led a federal drug court program called SWITCH (Success with the Court’s Help), which brings together the United States Attorney, the Federal Defender, treatment providers and the court in an attempt to help high-risk, high-needs offenders re-enter their community, conquer their addiction and become productive members of society.