

Special Issue

Religion and Restorative Justice

Message from the Guest Editor

Religion has long shaped social control and governance, influencing the evolution and reform of criminal justice systems. In the U.S., the history of justice cannot be written without reference to religion—from the penitentiary system to the restorative justice movement of the 1960s. Religious institutions also respond to crime through prison ministries, family and victim support, and advocacy when laws are deemed unjust. This Special Issue of *Religions* invites articles, essays, and reviews on **Religion and Restorative Justice**. We aim to explore how religion and religious institutions inform restorative justice and to assist scholars, professionals, and policymakers with best practices. Possible topics include:

- Religion and the development of restorative justice
- Religious/philosophical anthropology and justice
- Religion, restorative justice, and at-risk youth
- Theology, public policy, and restorative justice
- Religion in rehabilitation and reentry

We seek contributions that advance humane justice practices and highlight religion's role in the public sphere.

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