

I am sure you have been wondering if another VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR NEWSLETTER was ever going to grace your mailbox again! Well, here it is! It has been awhile since the last one, so let me fill you in on what's happening!



Hmm...I wonder why I haven't gotten a VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR NEWSLETTER lately? I hope it didn't get lost in the mail!!!!

VORP MEDIATOR SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Nov. 8 AT 7pm

at the College Community Church
2529 Willow Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612

This is an informal time where you and other VORP mediators can share case experiences, learn new skills, be informed on various issues related to you as a VORP mediator (and VORP in general), ask questions and enjoy the fellowship of others who are also mediators!!

If you would like more information about this monthly meeting please call Elaine or Beth at the VORP office.

CLARIFICATION OF WHAT RON REALLY DOES:

There are probably some of you who have heard that Ron Claassen, who is the VORP Director, is also now employed by Fresno Pacific College. Or possibly you heard he will be teaching a course at the Mennonite Brethren Seminary one week in January or is developing conflict manager programs in schools. All of these statements are true, but might be a bit confusing also.

So, we asked him, "Ron, what do you really do?" And this was his response:

"I am now employed full time by Fresno Pacific College as Co-Director of the Center for Conflict Studies and Peacemaking (CCSP). VORP contracts with CCSP for two days a week of my time (same time and cost as before) to continue as Director of VORP. My other priorities are: 1) training and program development for conflict manager programs in schools, 2) training for leaders in churches (January 14-18 at the Mennonite Brethren Seminary) and 3) involvement as mediator in a variety of conflict situations. There is no change in my time devoted to VORP."

Thanks for the clarification Ron!

WHAT?! NO TIME TO TAKE A CASE!? Would rather volunteer for VORP in a way besides mediating cases?! Well, there is an opportunity for you to help the VORP program in a very important way!! Being a non-profit organization, VORP relies on contributions from individuals for financial support. The evenings of December 3 & 10, we will be having a PHON-A-THON. The VORP board, staff, VORP financial contributors and HOPEFULLY mediators will be phoning over 1,200 homes in Fresno and the surrounding area that are already receiving the monthly VORP Newsletter, requesting a pledge. These are people who know about VORP and have asked to receive the VORP Newsletter, so you would be calling homes that already have an interest in VORP. If you would be willing to help for at least an hour on one or both of the nights of December 3 & 10 please call the VORP office to sign up or receive more information!

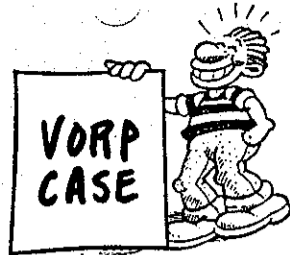


The VORP phone numbers are 291-1120 or 292-8205.

NEW!

JUST ARRIVED!!

ALL MUST GO!!!



There are some great cases waiting in the VORP office to be picked up by some able bodied volunteer mediator (that's you)!!

It is important that we give these cases to a mediator within the next week. If

you haven't taken a case for a while or have been taking cases and have time, PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A CASE!! You may stop by the VORP office and select one or if you would rather have a case mailed to you that can be arranged also.

So, why not call Elaine or Beth TODAY! They will be happy to give you a case. The VORP phone numbers are 291-1120 or 292-8205.



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Victim Offender Reconciliation Program

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