



*He restores my soul.  
Moments of Recognition*

Dear Friends,

Every September in Restoration Ministries is a time of new beginnings for us, but this year more so than ever. Our special service on June 21<sup>st</sup> where we remembered the past, celebrated the present and looked forward to the future with hope was a very definite marker for us. We have entered a new era in the political sphere, one that until recently would have seemed light years away to us. What we vaguely and rather apprehensively referred to since 1998 as the Peace Process has now become earthed, is a living reality. What we have is not perfect, but it is definitely a new and very positive stage in our story. It seems to me rather sad that we in the churches did not call our people together for a time of collective thanksgiving to God for his overwhelming generosity in giving us, yet again, such an amazing opportunity to build something good and true and just and to become an icon of hope and encouragement to other places of conflict in the world.

What we are living today is not just peacemakers. It is the result of all fered both from Ireland and around years. Prayer, I believe, has cre- all these other things possible. keep on praying and never give up, ahead that needs to be prayed in as mains central to our calling here in listening ministry but so too does



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the work of the politicians and the the faithful prayer that has been of- the world for the last thirty eight ated the seismic shift that has made Since that is so, then the call is to because there's so much more up well as worked for. So prayer re- Restoration Ministries as does our prayer motivated action.

This year Faith and Friendship, a spired by Jean Vanier, has come in under the umbrella of Restoration Ministries. We are excited about this step because we believe that this little movement has been and will increasingly be a very effective tool in building the peace at the grass roots level. Our vision would be to expand from the current six groups to having a group operating in every town in Northern Ireland – and beyond! Faith and Friendship gives people who are already well rooted in their own faith tradition an opportunity to meet together across religious divides and share their faith in an atmosphere of friendship. They do this by meeting monthly and following the guidelines for the year which are user friendly and are prepared by myself! These take the form of reflections on scripture followed by suggestions for sharing and doing. Through this experience relationships are strengthened and deepened, new understanding of one another emerges and difference is celebrated rather than feared. If you would be interested in starting a group in your area, please contact us here at Restoration House and we will facilitate you in any way that is possible. For our overseas friends, be encouraged by the fact that a group has already started in the Philippines and interest has been expressed from both Sweden and Denmark. The theme for this year is 'Moments of Recognition.' As we journey together this year may we grow in friendship with Jesus and with each other and may our moments of recognition strengthen us in the call to peacemaking and restoration that is at the heart of the gospel.

Ruth

## Monthly Meeting

Our monthly networking gatherings are a vital way of keeping people connected. This year we will be taking as our theme 'Moments of Recognition.' Looking forward to seeing old and new friends on -

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24 @ 8PM IN RESTORATION HOUSE.**

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## Power In Prayer

Are you someone who knows that listening to God is important?

Are you someone who believes in the power of prayer - and that prayer really does change things?

On Wednesday between the hours of 12noon and 2pm at Restoration House there will be time to pray, time to share and time to be quiet.

Come and join us.

NB: Wherever you are on the last Wednesday of each month, would you join with us as we observe a day of prayer not only for the work of Restoration Ministries but for all those working for healing and peace in Ireland and around the world?

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We have been greatly saddened by the deaths of two friends of Restoration Ministries within the last weeks. Rosaline Hillock, who attended many of our gatherings here died on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Rev Tom Priestly, Church of Ireland rector of Dunmurry, good friend and pastor to many, died on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends and we will hold them in prayer in the months ahead.

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and prayerfully consider joining up for prayer.**