

## School of Reconciliation

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**Location:** Kigali, Rwanda

**Dates:** January 30 to March 9 2012  
Practicum March 12– 30, 2012

**Cost:** Great Lakes Region Nationals\*: \$500†USD  
Others\*: \$1000† USD Practicum \$800

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\* "Nationals" are citizens from countries in Great Lakes Region sent by churches or a locally registered NGO. Limited scholarships are available.

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† Cost does not include transportation to Kigali, Rwanda.



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In 1994 Rwanda experienced a horrific genocide; a dark event which has been woven into the identity of the nation. But out of the darkness there is also light and hope. Individuals have risen above the trauma to become peace practitioners in their communities. Their stories of pain and loss have become testimonies of healing and hope; they have become voices of reconciliation; they have become mediators of truth and justice.

With over 17 years experience working 12 different nations, Le Rucher Ministries is combining the healing and reconciliation workshop and community development course into a six week training with an optional 3 week practicum. This training will offer concentrated teaching on principles for heart change, healing and reconciliation for situations of ethnic conflict, skills and models for holistic community transformation, and a deeper understanding of the dynamics and practice of conflict transformation. The location in Rwanda, regional and international trainers and participants will provide a rich and diverse learning experience.



## Healing and Reconciliation

The workshop *Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict* was developed in response to pastors' and church leaders' needs following the genocide in Rwanda. Through the sequence of teachings on God's character, the role of the church, Jesus as our Pain Bearer, and the power of forgiveness and repentance, people's lives have been transformed, communities have been changed, and churches have taken steps forward becoming agents of healing and reconciliation.

## Community Transformation

Reconciliation becomes sustainable as tensions and conflicts that arise from lacks and needs within communities are creatively addressed through local community development initiatives. The focus of the Community Development training is to help communities discover the roots of their problems and design initiatives that address the felt-needs of the community, build and strengthen relationships, restore dignity, and promote equality within the community.

## Formation of the Peace Practitioner

A ministry of reconciliation and community transformation can be very demanding. The emotional and spiritual health and growth of the peace practitioner is essential for him or her to remain fruitful. Learning ways to care for oneself, developing one's character and leadership and learning to cultivate healthy relationships with God and others are necessary aspects of maintaining a vibrant, growing ministry.

## Course Content

The school is divided into two lecture phases exploring principles of Reconciliation, Community Development, Self-Care and Leadership Development; and an optional practical phase, giving the participant an opportunity to gain field exposure and experience teaching the material just learned.

### Phase 1 (Jan 30 – Feb 17, 2012)

- Principles and design for teaching the *Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict* Workshop.
- Cross-cultural and Multi-cultural considerations and practices.
- Maintaining emotional health while ministering to others in great pain.
- Empowering healed people express their reconciliation in practical ways in their communities.

### Phase 2 (Feb 20 – March 9, 2012)

- Strategies for self-care and stress management.
- Principles of leadership development and spiritual formation for the peace practitioner.
- Dynamics of conflict, theories of change and strategies of peacebuilding.
- Redemptive responses to Conflict.

### Phase 3 (optional March 12 – April 30, 2012)

- Practical outreach — students will join current training opportunities in targeted communities in Africa's Great Lakes Region.

