



Dear Fellow Prison Reformers & Human Rights Defenders,

CURE International¹ in collaboration with GNPDR- Good News of Peace and Development for Rwanda² invites you to participate in the 8th International Conference on Human Rights and Prison Reform, to be held in Kigali, Rwanda from May 21-25, 2018.

The conference will explore reconciliation, restorative justice practices, alternatives to imprisonment, and other issues in the criminal justice context, while taking an up-close look at the Rwandan experience of post-genocide reconciliation, especially through the “Grass Courts.” In addition, we will be sharing experiences and knowledge of recent advances and trends in the area of human rights and prison reform.

The schedule will include plenary speakers and break-out groups, as well as visits to a Rwandan prison, to the genocide memorial in Kigali, and to a village of reconciliation to learn about the post-genocide reparations process.

CURE works to make its conferences financially accessible for all participants. Pre-registration for the conference is US\$25 if completed in January, with a US\$10 increase per month (US\$35 in February, US\$45 in March, etc). Registration can be completed on-line on the CURE website (<http://internationalcure.org/>). An additional US\$75 will be collected upon arrival at the conference, and participants are responsible for their own travel expenses to Kigali.

4 nights in shared (double) rooms at the hotel, meals, transportation to conference activities and other conference costs are included in this fee. Private rooms are available if participants pay the difference in cost from a double room.

Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation as well as more detailed information about Rwanda and about the conference. We will also make available information regarding parks and other places of interest in Rwanda for anyone interested in arriving early or staying after the conference (as well as the costs for additional nights and local transportation). The conference begins at 1PM on May 21st and finishes at 11:30AM on May 25th.

For more information, please write to either Pius or Heidi. We look forward to welcoming you in Kigali and working for a better and more just world together.

Best regards,

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¹ Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) is a grassroots organization dedicated to the reduction of crime through the reform of the criminal justice system (especially prison reform.). <http://internationalcure.org/index.php>

² Good News for Peace and Development for Rwanda (GNPDR) Just over 2 decades on from the horrors of the Rwandan genocide, GNPDR works for restoration and development in a nation that was crippled by tragedy, and continues to recover.