

The Authors



Roxanne Claassen M.A. taught for 20 years at Raisin City Elementary, a diverse K-8 school in rural Fresno County, California. Roxanne has served as a mentor teacher, a beginning teacher support provider, and peer mediation coordinator. Roxanne and Ron co-authored a training book, *Making Things Right*, with 32 activities that teach conflict resolution and mediation skills. Roxanne has trained more than two hundred teachers to use *Discipline that Restores* in their classrooms and to initiate and administer student mediation programs in their schools. Roxanne honestly says that discipline is one of her favorite parts of teaching. Her Master's Degree in Conflict and Peacemaking enabled her to introduce and implement restorative discipline practices in her school. Roxanne uses cooperative structures and mediation to handle most discipline problems.



Ron Claassen M.A., M.Div., D.Min., is the co-founder (1990) and Director Emeritus of the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies at Fresno Pacific University. Ron teaches in the MA Peacemaking and Conflict Studies Program at Fresno Pacific University. Ron also provides training, consultation, and intervention services in the community. Ron was the founder and former director (1982-1999) of the Fresno County Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP), the first in California. He has extensive experience in both civil and criminal mediation and has trained thousands in restorative justice, conflict resolution, peacemaking and mediation. He is the author of numerous articles and training manuals including "Restorative Justice Fundamental Principles" adopted by the UN Working Party on Restorative Justice (1996) and *Making Things Right* a curriculum for Schools co-authored with his wife, Roxanne. He was the recipient of the 2007 Carl and Esther Robinson Outstanding Advocate for the Common Good Award. In addition to

consulting with many school districts Ron initiated and helped implement the Restorative Discipline policy at Fresno Pacific University.