

If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church! I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? But instead, one brother goes to law against another—and this in front of unbelievers!

1 Corinthians 6:1-6

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Mission Statement

The mission of Resolve is to *equip and assist Christians and their communities to respond to conflict biblically*. We prepare church leaders, adults, and children for peacemaking through educational resources, seminars, and training. We also provide conflict coaching, mediation, and arbitration services to resolve church and ministry disputes, lawsuits, family divisions, and business conflicts.

Resolve works with churches and Christian organizations to provide them with the resources and training they need to equip and assist their people to be peacemakers.

Internationally, Resolve works closely with Peacemaker Ministries and its Institute for Christian Conciliation.

What is mediation?

Mediation is the process whereby disputing parties, assisted by a skilled mediator, come to an understanding of how the dispute arose and, on the basis of that understanding, seek to discover the best way to resolve their differences.

How does mediation work?

The parties meet with the mediator to:

- listen to each other's views to gain better mutual understanding
- clarify and isolate the themes and issues
- develop and negotiate proposals for the future

What happens if mediation fails?

The parties can then meet with an adjudicator who can make a binding decision to settle the dispute.

Training Programmes Offered

The Peacemaker Seminar

The Peacemaker Seminar teaches the biblical principles of personal conflict resolution and provides practical applications for family, business, church, and legal conflicts. Since all Christians are called to be peacemakers, this seminar is appropriate for every Christian. Church leaders who assist others in their conflicts and who teach others will find this seminar especially helpful for leading their people to respond to conflict in a biblically faithful manner. Lay Christians will also learn how to resolve conflict in their own lives using biblical principles.

Reconciler Training

The reconciler training programme is designed to equip you to intervene in other people's conflicts and help them resolve their differences in a way that honours God by demonstrating the reconciling power of Jesus Christ.

The training will give you a solid framework as you read the extensive 90 page manual. In addition there are a series of teaching tapes which will inspire and equip you prior to the practicum training.

The training is brought together when you attend a 2 day practicum where you will put peacemaking theory into practice. You will work through a mediation using biblical principles step by step. You will gain experience by participating in mediations based on actual cases. You will build confidence in what God can do through you to help people in conflict. You will be able to offer help and hope to people in conflict.