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Additions and Changes to VOMA Training Institute & Conference Brochure

as of August 5, 2002

Early Registration Deadline extended until August 29.

Training Institute:

Training B: **Developing and Managing Mediation Centers in Your Community** (2 days) – *NAFCM Training*. Cost of \$100 includes lunch and refreshments.

Training E: **Alternatives to Violence Project** (3 days). Training ends at 5:30 pm each day. Change of trainers: Dwayne Walker replaces Jack Glover. Expanded description: Alternatives to Violence Project was started in a maximum security prison in New York state in 1975 by a small group of inmates and Quakers. It has now spread to prisons, schools, and communities in over 30 states and 25 foreign countries. This session explores the issues that tend to make conflict more violent, and that often make its resolution so difficult. Communication and cooperation skills are improved, and sensitivity to the “other,” be it victim or offender, is enhanced. The exclusive use of participatory learning methodology including games, group exercises, brainstorming, and role plays provides deep learning and makes the training fun.

Conference:

Conference Opening and Welcome

by Honorable Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead, Supreme Court of Florida

Opening Plenary

Participants: *Moderator:* **Sharon D’Eusanio**, Assistant Director for the Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs – Office of the Florida Attorney General

Panelists to include:

Honorable Barbara Pariente, Justice – Florida Supreme Court

Honorable Ronnie Earle, District Attorney, Austin, Texas (*pending confirmation*)

Dr. Gordon Bazemore, Director, BARJ, Department of Justice, OJJDP, Florida Atlantic University

Francisco “Frank” Alarcon, Deputy Secretary, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Bill Berger, Chief of Police, North Miami Beach Police Department

Tamara Gray, Assistant Public Defender, 11th Judicial Circuit

Michael W. Moore, Secretary, Florida Department of Corrections

Workshop 20: **Restorative Justice: Lost Gem in Kenya?**, Friday, September 27.
Time shifted from 8:45 am. Now offered 10:30 am – Noon.

Workshop 24: **Why Did This Happen? Victimization and Healing: A Spiritual Perspective**
Expanded title.

Workshop 28: **Restorative Justice in Europe** CANCELLED.
Replaced with:

Listening Project – *Mary Achilles/Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz*

Restorative justice promises to be good news to victims. But is it keeping this promise? This workshop will focus on the findings from a project where teams of victim advocates and restorative justice advocates listened to victims and advocates in seven states talk about their experience with restorative justice. The final report from that project will be presented and discussed with participants looking at how this report can impact the work of restorative justice.

Fri. Sept. 27: **Lunch cancelled. Breakfast added.**

In order to accommodate limitations in schedule of airline flight departures, closing lunch is cancelled. Instead, please join us for a closing breakfast at 7:30 am.

Bios:

Francisco “Frank” J. Alarcon, Deputy Secretary, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, is the second-in-command of one of the largest juvenile justice systems in the nation. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is responsible for the entire juvenile justice continuum -- from prevention, early intervention and court services, to home and secure detention, probation, day treatment, residential and correctional facilities, and post-commitment supervision and aftercare. Over the past two years under the leadership of Florida’s Secretary Bill Bankhead and Mr. Alarcon, the Department has increased residential capacity, expanded mental health and substance abuse treatment ten-fold, secured passage of legislation to improve education services for juvenile offenders, expanded community partnerships and volunteerism in needy neighborhoods, and established an office to provide services to victims of juvenile crime. The latest statistics from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement indicate that juvenile crime and recidivism in Florida have dropped to their lowest levels in nearly 30 years.

Frank has, and continues to be, an active member of national corrections and juvenile justice professional organizations. He is currently serving on the standards, juvenile corrections and substance abuse committees of the American Correctional Association and previously served on the nominating committee. He is a former member of the executive committee for the National Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) and continues to serve CJCA as chairman of its substance abuse committee. Mr. Alarcon is the only juvenile justice administrator appointed to the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technical Advisory Committee, a planning and advisory group to the National Institute of Justice and the Office of Science and Technology. Frank has served on numerous other state and national commissions and task forces.

Hon. Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court August 29, 1994, by Governor Lawton Chiles. Prior to becoming a judge, Justice Anstead was a leader in community and civic affairs as well as local and statewide bar activities. After 13 years as a trial and appellate lawyer, he was elected to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in 1976 and served there until his appointment to the Supreme Court. During his tenure, he served as chief judge of the district court and also as an acting circuit and county judge. Justice Anstead has published numerous articles relating to legal education, constitutional law, appellate practice, and various other topics. He has been active in judicial administration and education on both the state and national levels. He served on the Supreme Court Commission on the Structure of Florida's Courts and for 12 years was an active member and vice chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Civil Jury Instructions. He has been a lecturer on various subjects at a number of law schools and has served on the board of governors of Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University and St. Thomas University Law School. He has served on the Florida Bar's steering committee for its continuing legal education (CLE) publications on numerous topics. He served as the first chair of the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. He has consistently received the highest approval ratings among Supreme Court Justices and appellate judges in the statewide judicial polls of Florida lawyers.

Justice Anstead was a founder and leader of the Urban League of Palm Beach County, the Beautiful Palm Beaches, Inc., and the American Inns of Court, as well as being a leader in numerous other civic and charitable organizations in his community.

Michael W. Moore, Secretary, Florida Department of Corrections, has been a correctional professional for 35 years. A native of Houston, Texas, Moore served as Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections from 1995 until he came to Florida. Before joining Corrections in South Carolina, Moore worked for more than two decades in the Texas prison system where he rose from correctional officer to regional director. During his Texas tenure, Moore also served as a personnel and training lieutenant, industrial supervisor, lieutenant, captain, and major. He also served as warden of a maximum security prison.

In 1995 and 1997, Moore received the Watchdog for the Taxpayers Award from the Office of the South Carolina State Treasurer. In 1997, he received the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, and the Silver Scales of Justice Award from the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network.

Hon. Justice Barbara J. Pariente was appointed as the 77th Justice of the Florida Supreme Court in 1997. Prior to her Supreme Court appointment, after numerous years in private law practice, Justice Pariente was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in September, 1993. While on the appellate court, she served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Bar Foundation and was selected by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court to participate in the 21st Century Justice Conference, a forum for envisioning and planning for the court system's future in the next century. Justice Pariente serves as liaison to the Supreme Court's Family Court Steering Committee. She is also a member of the Access to Justice Task Force, which addresses the issue of improved access to the courts for pro se litigants. For the past three years, she has served as the liaison to the Supreme Court's Drug Court Steering Committee and she organized the first statewide conference on drug courts. Justice Pariente also is a member of the National Judges' Advisory Committee for the Balance and Restorative Justice Project of the Department of Justice and she organized the first statewide conference on Restorative Justice in June 1999.