

COME HEALING!

At a symposium on Criminal Justice in China in 2003, Judge Stan Thorburn referred to the harsh and violent images of prison as a metaphor for the 'inner prisons' which exist within our human realities.

'In the world of criminal justice prison walls are overwhelming realities. Within these walls of concrete and razor ribbon, we keep people locked up out of fear, pointing fingers of blame and shame, guarding others from them. But the outer walls of prison are mirrored by inner prisons. Within each prisoner and within each victim, and within each of us, there are parts of ourselves that we keep locked up in segregation, pointing fingers of blame and shame, guarding these parts from others. All of us have traumas; all of us have inner wounds, parts of our personalities that we hide. We are apt to sentence these parts to life without parole. We all need healing.'

There is the voice of a 'critical judge' within each of us. Judge Thorburn is inviting liberation.

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- Cathy Harrison

THE PERSON BEHIND OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

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A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

- Pope Francis