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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Recommendation of AVP

In 1998 the Dominican Order in South Africa made use of the services of the Alternatives to Violence Programme (AVP). We were very happy with the results.

The need we had identified was for reconciliation not only between different races but also between younger and older Dominicans and between those in authority and those who were not.

AVP's two day programme for 30 of us was remarkably helpful. We learnt to appreciate one another's point of view and feelings. The exercise of role-playing when we had to act out the other person's role was particularly valuable. The programme did not solve all our problems immediately but it set us on the road to reconciliation as nothing else had been able to do.

I believe it would be of great value in our parishes not only to assist with reconciliation where that made be necessary but also to enable people to reflect on their values, relationships of domination and servility, unrealistic expectations, tolerance and encourage a spirit of cooperation.

I can recommend the AVP without hesitation.

Yours truly

Albert Nolan OP

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