Beginning in 2015, the contributors of this volume took part in a series of dialogues sponsored by the Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice (Eastern Mennonite University), exploring the contours of the restorative justice movement. Each one writes from the burgeoning edges of their own context, inviting readers to consider the fidelity and integrity of the movement’s growth. As a cadre, the authors highlight new locations of restorative justice application: race, pedagogy, ecology, youth organizing, community violence reduction, and more. These diverse voices put forward a hard-hitting glimpse into the pulse of restorative justice today and what it may look like tomorrow.

―from the Foreword by FANIA E. DAVIS

“A new pattern has emerged within the restorative justice community over the last years; many now view restorative justice as both an intervention to transform individuals and a movement to transform society. This emerging pattern of seeing ourselves as both social service providers and social movement participants was not imposed by a top down directive. Self-organizing, it arose ground-up from internal interactions and transforming exchanges among diverse practitioners. . . . Listening to the Movement is the first book dedicated to exploring the idea of restorative justice as a social justice movement.”

—BARB TOEWS, University of Washington Tacoma

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—TEIAHSHA BANKHEAD, Director of RJOY Oakland

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